

Resolution No.:	<u>19-555</u>
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**COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

Lead Sponsor: County Council

SUBJECT: To Urge the Governor to Extend His Executive Order Limiting the Eviction of Tenants Who Lost Income Due to COVID-19

Background

1. Governor Hogan proclaimed a state of emergency and catastrophic health emergency on March 5, 2020 to control and prevent the spread of COVID-19 within the State.
2. COVID-19 is a respiratory disease that spreads easily from person to person that may result in serious illness or death and has been confirmed throughout Maryland.
3. On March 16, 2020, Governor Hogan issued a temporary Executive Order prohibiting the eviction of tenants suffering substantial loss of income due to COVID-19.
4. On April 3, 2020, Governor Hogan extended the temporary prohibition on the eviction of tenants suffering substantial loss of income due to COVID-19 until the state of emergency is terminated and the proclamation of the catastrophic health emergency is rescinded, or until the April 3 Order is rescinded, superseded, amended, or revised by any subsequent order.
5. The Federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act created a national 120-day eviction moratorium for covered properties that officially ended on July 25, 2020.
6. It is anticipated that nationally 20-28 million people will face eviction between now and September. That is 3-4 times as many people who lost their homes during the last financial crisis from 2007-2016.
7. The shutdown of certain businesses to lessen the spread of COVID-19 has resulted in a record number of County residents becoming unemployed or underemployed.
8. The Emergency Housing and Protections and Relief Act of 2020 passed the U.S. House of Representatives with not one Republican vote. This bill is now stuck in the U.S. Senate.

9. It is critical to keep County residents housed for their health and safety and the general safety of all County residents during this catastrophic health emergency. An extension of the prohibition on eviction of tenants who suffered substantial loss of income due to COVID-19 would provide time to plan to prevent a flood of new eviction proceedings and return County residents to work and continue to pay rent and any overdue rent.

Action

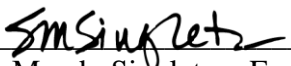
The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland approves the following resolution:

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The Council finds that extending the moratorium on evictions is an emergency.

The Council urges Maryland Governor Hogan to extend his current Executive Order prohibiting the courts from ordering the eviction of any tenant who can demonstrate, through objectively verifiable means, that the tenant suffered a substantial loss of income resulting from COVID-19 or the related proclamation of a state of emergency and catastrophic health emergency until January 31, 2021.

This is a correct copy of Council action.



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