

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Legislative Session 2020, Legislative Day No. 25

Resolution No. 30-20

Introduced by Ms. Rodvien

By the County Council, July 20, 2020

1 RESOLUTION requesting that the State of Maryland extend the moratorium on
2 evictions and continue to offer resources to renters

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4 WHEREAS, the 120 day eviction moratorium for covered properties under the
5 Federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act officially
6 ends as of July 25, 2020; and

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8 WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020 Governor Hogan issued an Executive Order that
9 prohibits Maryland courts from ordering the eviction of any tenant who can
10 demonstrate that the tenant suffered a substantial loss of income resulting from
11 COVID-19 and the related proclamation of a state of emergency and catastrophic
12 health emergency; and

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14 WHEREAS, while the prohibition against evictions in place as a result of the March
15 16, 2020 Executive Order is an important part of ensuring protections are in place
16 for renters in Maryland and Anne Arundel County, there currently exists a lack of
17 funding to do this effectively; and

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19 WHEREAS, while Anne Arundel County and other jurisdictions have taken the
20 lead on directly addressing the housing crisis within their respective areas, many
21 programs will become ineffective without continued State assistance; and

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23 WHEREAS, Maryland courts have also acted to phase reopening of Maryland's
24 courts and will allow the district courts to begin to hear "failure to pay rent" cases
25 on August 31, 2020; and

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27 WHEREAS, renters in Anne Arundel County are an important part of our
28 communities and work force; and

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30 WHEREAS, in 2018, the Community Foundation of Anne Arundel County's
31 "Poverty Amidst Plenty" report found that renters accounted for 26.4% or 52,948
32 of the 203,336 households in Anne Arundel County; and

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34 WHEREAS, the 2018 report further found that of the renters in the County, an
35 astounding 45% are overburdened, meaning that they pay more than 30% of their
36 gross income for rent; and

1 WHEREAS, Arundel Community Development Services' Eviction Prevention
2 Program has received approximately 1,161 calls for assistance, has helped 1,128
3 households, and has processed 292 payments; and

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5 WHEREAS, the biggest challenge facing the Eviction Prevention Program today is
6 making sure tenants have a solid plan for paying future rent due after all back rent
7 has been paid; and

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9 WHEREAS, appropriate protections that involve prohibitions and funding are vital
10 to preventing unfair and undue evictions in Maryland and keeping the families of
11 Anne Arundel County safe; now, therefore, be it

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13 *Resolved by the County Council of Anne Arundel County, Maryland,* That it hereby
14 requests the State of Maryland to take steps to ensure that all residents are protected from
15 evictions during the COVID-19 related proclamation of a state of emergency and
16 catastrophic health emergency; and be it further

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18 *Resolved,* That a copy of this Resolution be sent to Governor Larry Hogan; Delegate
19 Kumar Barve, Chairman, Environment and Transportation Committee; Delegate Dana
20 Stein, Vice Chairman, Environment and Transportation Committee; and County Executive
21 Steuart Pittman.

READ AND PASSED this 20th day of July, 2020.

By Order:



JoAnne Gray
Administrative Officer

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT RESOLUTION NO. 30-20 IS TRUE AND CORRECT AND DULY
ADOPTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY.



Allison M. Pickard
Chair