

IN THE SIXTH DISTRICT COURT OF MARYLAND FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
STAY OF EVICTIONS AS A RESULT OF COVID-19

TO THE SHERIFF OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND:

WHEREAS, Governor Lawrence Hogan has issued a “Proclamation and Declaration of State of Emergency and Existence of Catastrophic Health Emergency - COVID – 19”;

WHEREAS, Governor Lawrence Hogan has issued Order Number 20-03-30-01 requiring all persons to stay at home

WHEREAS, The World Health Organization (“WHO”) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) have declared the COVID-19 outbreak a “public health emergency of international concern”;

WHEREAS, The Montgomery County Health Department has elevated its recommendations to be consistent with those of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) and is recommending social distancing within Montgomery County;

WHEREAS, the global pandemic COVID-19 poses an imminent risk to the health, safety, and welfare of Montgomery County residents;

WHEREAS, The Court finds that the Governor’s Proclamation, the declaration of the WHO, the declaration of the CDC, and the directive from the Prince George’s County Health Department combined with the extraordinary public health emergency presented satisfies the certification requirements of Maryland Real Property Code Ann, Section 8-401(c)(4);

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020 the Court of Appeals of Maryland issued an Administrative Order On Suspension of [residential] Foreclosures and Evictions;

WHEREAS, the Court finds that light of the Governor’s Proclamation, the declaration of the WHO, the declaration of the CDC, and the directive from the Montgomery County Health Department that the surrender of any premises will endanger the health or life of the tenant or any other occupant of any premises, and will be inconsistent with the above-identified actions and public safety protocols arising therefrom.

It is hereby **ORDERED** this 30th day of March 2020 that **All eviction orders in Montgomery County not already stayed by the March 13, 2020 Administrative Order of the Court of Appeals are STAYED for an initial period of 15 days, (subject to renewal in 15-day increments) and further subject to the discretionary emergency relief authorized in section (g) of the Court of Appeals March 25, 2020 Administrative Order Extending the Length of Statewide Judiciary Restricted Operations Due to the Covid-19 Emergency, until further notice from this Court.**

Patricia Mitchell, Administrative Judge

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Associate Judges of the District Court