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Executive Order
Office of the Mayor
City of Atlanta

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 2020-131
BY THE MAYOR**

CALLING ON THE ATLANTA HOUSING AUTHORITY, ATLANTA BELTLINE INC., FULTON COUNTY/CITY OF ATLANTA LAND BANK AUTHORITY, INVEST ATLANTA, PARTNERS FOR HOME, AND THE CITY OF ATLANTA'S DEPARTMENT OF GRANTS AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TO INSTITUTE A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON RESIDENTIAL EVICTIONS AND FILINGS WHICH SHALL REMAIN IN PLACE THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 2020; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, like much of the world the United States, the State of Georgia, and the City of Atlanta are currently responding to an outbreak of respiratory disease caused by a novel coronavirus named "SARS-CoV-2" and the disease it causes named "coronavirus disease 2019" (abbreviated "COVID-19"); and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020 the World Health Organization declared the COVID-19 outbreak a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020 the President of the United States announced a national emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, which included two emergency declarations: one under the National Emergencies Act and one under the Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act; and

WHEREAS, on March 14, 2020 Governor Brian Kemp signed a public health state of emergency to address the COVID-19 pandemic through assisting health and emergency management officials across Georgia by deploying all available resources for the mitigation and treatment of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, on March 15, I declared there to be an emergency in existence within the City of Atlanta pursuant to Section 2-181(a) of the City of Atlanta Code of Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2020 I declared there to be the existence of an emergency within the City of Atlanta and issued a Stay at Home Order under my emergency powers and which I have reissued in accordance with Section 2-181 of the City of Atlanta Code of Ordinances no more than every 72 hours thereafter; and

WHEREAS, on April 2, 2020, Governor Brian Kemp signed an Executive Order to Ensure a Safe and Healthy Georgia (Governor's Executive Order 04.02.20.01) to address the COVID-19 pandemic by implementing temporary actions necessary and appropriate to protect the health, safety, and welfare of Georgia's residents and visitors, which the Governor has continued to extend during the pendency of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, as a result of these emergency orders, the economy of the City of Atlanta has been severely impacted; and

WHEREAS, even a few lost days of wages because of COVID-19 could mean not being able to buy food, pay rent, or pay utilities; and

WHEREAS, nearly half of Atlantans spend more than one-third of their income on rent and are housing cost-burdened; and

WHEREAS, the ability of residents to remain in their homes contributes directly to the community's efforts to prevent the further exposure and spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, government entities around the world are implementing eviction prevention measures to increase housing stability for residents being financially impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 2-182 of the City of Atlanta Code of Ordinances, I may issue an executive order which applies to events of short duration and which expires at the next meeting of the Atlanta City Council subsequent thereof unless ratified by a majority vote of the members present and voting; and

WHEREAS, in response to the need to implement eviction prevention measures to increase housing stability for residents being financially impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, I issued an executive order via which governmental and quasi-governmental entities, to which the mayor of the City of Atlanta has appointment authority, and which provide subsidies for the development and provision of housing opportunities were called upon to institute a sixty (60) day moratorium on residential evictions and filings; and

WHEREAS, this executive order was applicable Atlanta Housing Authority, Atlanta Beltline Inc., Fulton County/City of Atlanta Land Bank Authority, Invest Atlanta, Partners for Home, and the City of Atlanta's Department of Grants and Community Development; and

WHEREAS, the Atlanta City Council ratified this Executive Order via Ordinance 20-O-1297; and

WHEREAS, the moratorium on residential evictions and filings issued pursuant to 20-O-1297 expired on July 10, 2020; and

WHEREAS, due to the persistence of the COVID-19 pandemic crisis, as of July 10, 2020, there remained a need to maintain eviction prevention measures to increase housing stability for residents being financially impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, I therefore issued Executive Order 2020-112 ordering that beginning on July 10, 2020, that the moratorium on residential evictions and filings issued pursuant to 20-O-1297 shall continue and shall remain in place through August 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Atlanta City Council ratified this Executive Order via Ordinance 20-O-1484; and

WHEREAS, the moratorium on residential evictions and filings issued pursuant to 20-O-1484 shall expire on August 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, due to the persistence of the COVID-19 pandemic crisis, many are still being financially impacted by the necessary response thereto; and thus, there remains a need to maintain eviction prevention measures to increase housing stability for residents being financial impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, it is therefore my desire that beginning on August 31, 2020 that the moratorium on residential evictions and filings issued pursuant to 20-O-1484 shall continue and shall remain in place through October 31, 2020.

NOW THEREFORE, I, KEISHA LANCE BOTTOMS, AS MAYOR OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, HEREBY AUTHORIZE, ORDER AND DIRECT AS FOLLOWS:

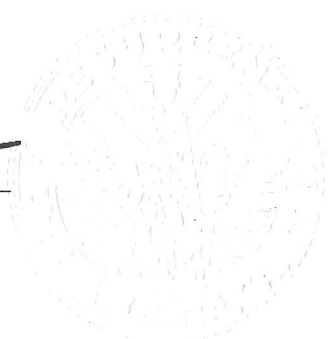
SECTION 1: Beginning on August 31, 2020, that the Atlanta Housing Authority, Atlanta Beltline Inc., Fulton County/City of Atlanta Land Bank Authority, Invest Atlanta, Partners for Home, and the City of Atlanta's Department of Grants and Community Development are called upon to institute a temporary moratorium on residential evictions and filings in sponsored and funded housing units and housing developments, which shall remain in place through October 31, 2020.

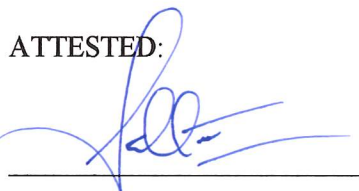
SECTION 2: The entities subject to this order are instructed not to permit the issuance notices of termination or initiate evictions for non-payment of rent, and not to permit the imposition of late fees or other charges due to late or non-payment of rent during the term of this order.

SO ORDERED this 28th day of August, 2020.



Keisha Lance Bottoms
Mayor



ATTESTED:


Municipal Clerk
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Municipal Clerk