CITY COUNCIL ATLANTA, GEORGIA

20-O-1297

AN ORDINANCE BY COUNCILMEMBER ANDREA L. BOONE TO RATIFY MAYOR KEISHA LANCE BOTTOMS' EXECUTIVE ORDER 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; TO DECLARE THAT THIS MORATORIUM SHALL REMAIN IN EFFECT FOR A PERIOD OF SIXTY (60) DAYS; 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, the Center for Disease Control (CDC) has issued guidance on the emerging and rapidly evolving situation of the COVID-19 pandemic, including how to protect oneself from this illness; and

WHEREAS, social distancing is recommended by the CDC to prevent the continued spreading of this illness in the community; 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, Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms 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, the ability of residents to remain in their homes contributes directly to the community's efforts to prevent the further exposure to and spread of COVID-19 in response to the emergencies declared at the federal, state and city levels; and

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WHEREAS, in light of this, governmental 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, the Mayor may issue executive orders which apply to events of short duration and which expire 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 financial impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, Mayor Bottoms issued an executive order via which governmental and quasi-governmental entities, to which the Mayor 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 is applicable to 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; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Bottoms has reissued this order as necessary through the date of the approval of this Ordinance in accordance with Section 2-182(2) of the City of Atlanta Code of Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2020 Mayor Bottoms declared there to be the existence of an emergency within the City of Atlanta, which has been re-issued no later than every 72 hours thereafter through the date of the approval of this Ordinance in accordance with Section 2-181 of the City of Atlanta Code of Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, on April 2, 2020, Governor Kemp signed an executive order to Ensure a Safe and Healthy Georgia (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, including a directive requiring all persons in the State of Georgia to shelter in place within their homes or places of residence, effective beginning at 6:00 P.M. on Friday, April 3, 2020 and expiring at 11:59 P.M. on Monday, April 13, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on April 8, 2020, Governor Kemp signed an executive order (Executive Order 04.08.20.02) extending the duration of Executive Order 04.02.20.01 such that it shall not expire until April 30, 2020 at 11:59 P.M.; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Executive Order 04.08.20.02, Governor Kemp also extended the public health state of emergency for the State of Georgia through May 13, 2020; and

WHEREAS, due to the continued state of emergency resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, 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 the desire of the Atlanta City Council to ratify the Mayor's executive order calling upon governmental and quasi-governmental entities, to which the Mayor has appointment authority, and which provide subsidies for the development and provision of housing opportunities to institute a temporary moratorium on residential evictions and filings.

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Atlanta City Council that this moratorium shall remain in effect for 60 days from the date of the approval of this Ordinance.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA, HEREBY ORDAINS, AS FOLLOWS:

<u>SECTION 1.</u> Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms' Executive Order via which governmental and quasi-governmental entities, to which the Mayor 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, is hereby ratified.

<u>SECTION 2</u>. Pursuant to this ratification, 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 shall institute a temporary moratorium on residential evictions and filings in sponsored and funded housing units and housing developments and shall not permit the issuance notices of termination or initiate evictions for non-payment of rent, and shall not permit the imposition of late fees or other charges due to late or non-payment of rent during the term of this Ordinance.

<u>SECTION 3</u>. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon approval and shall remain in effect only sixty (60) days from the date of approval.

<u>SECTION 4</u>. All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby waived to the extent of the conflict, only.

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Foris Webb III Municipal Clerk ADOPTED by the Atlanta City Council APPROVED by Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms

MAY 04, 2020 MAY 11, 2020

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Workflow List:

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04/20/2020 1:00 PM
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HISTORY:

04/20/20 Atlanta City Council REFERRED WITHOUT OBJECTION

REFERRED TO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE WITHOUT OBJECTION

RESULT: REFERRED WITHOUT OBJECTION

04/28/20 Community Development/Human Services Committee FAVORABLE

RESULT: FAVORABLE [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Carla Smith, District 1

SECONDER: Joyce M Sheperd, District 12

AYES: Westmoreland, Smith, Farokhi, Brown, Archibong, Sheperd

EXCUSED: Michael Julian Bond

05/04/2020 Atlanta City Council ADOPTED

RESULT: ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Carla Smith, Councilmember, District 1

SECONDER: Andre Dickens, Councilmember, Post 3 At Large

AYES: Bond, Westmoreland, Dickens, Smith, Farokhi, Brown, Winslow, Archibong, Ide,

Shook, Matzigkeit, Hillis, Boone, Overstreet, Sheperd

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□ DEFERRED	ANDRE DICKENS	SECONDER	U			
□ RECONSIDERED	CARLA SMITH	MOVER	U			
□ FILED	AMIR R FAROKHI	VOTER	U			
☐ ADOPTED AS AMENDED	ANTONIO BROWN	VOTER	O			
□ AMENDED	CLETA WINSLOW	VOTER	U			
□ ACCEPTED	NATALYN MOSBY ARCHIBONG	VOTER	U			
□ SUBSTITUTED	JENNIFER N. IDE	VOTER	O			
☐ AMENDED SUBSTITUTE	HOWARD SHOOK	VOTER	U			
☐ FILED BY COMMITTEE	J. P. MATZIGKEIT	VOTER	U			
☐ REFERRED TO ZRB AND ZC	DUSTIN HILLIS	VOTER	U			
☐ REFERRED WITHOUT OBJECTION	ANDREA L. BOONE	VOTER	U			
☐ ADOPTED ON SUBSTITUTE	MARCI COLLIER OVERSTREET	VOTER	U			
ADOPTED SUBSTITUTE AS AMENDED	JOYCE M SHEPERD	VOTER	U			
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☐ REFER TO ZRB AND ZC W/O OBJECTION

[Unanimous]

Certified by Presiding Officer

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5/4/2020
ATLANTA CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Mayor's Action

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