



City of Harrisburg  
Office of the Mayor

**Mayoral Executive Order No. 4 – 2021**

**EXECUTIVE ORDER  
OF ERIC PAPENFUSE, IN HIS  
OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS MAYOR OF CITY OF HARRISBURG**

**WHEREAS**, I, ERIC PAPENFUSE, Mayor of the City of Harrisburg, situated in Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, having been duly vested with full Executive powers and authority for and on behalf of the City of Harrisburg, state and declare the following:

**WHEREAS**, as a direct response to the COVID-19 health crisis and consistent with the declarations and invocations of emergency powers by the President of the United States and the Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, on March 16, 2020, this Office issued a Mayoral Declaration of Public Health COVID-19 Disaster Emergency in accordance with the Emergency Management Service Code, 35 Pa. C.S. § 7501, et seq., and now remains in full force and effect thirteen (13) months later; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to 35 Pa. C.S. § 7503 (4), the City is obligated to organize and coordinate “all locally available equipment, facilities and services necessary for disaster emergency readiness, response and recovery”; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Chapter 3-355 of the Codified Ordinances of Harrisburg, I have the authority to issue a declaration prohibiting the displacement of individuals, families, or households from any residential rental unit, dwelling unit, or rooming house; and

**WHEREAS**, I issued a Supplemental Declaration of Public Health Emergency on December 17, 2020, which, among other things, suspended evictions due to non-payment of rent, and extended the same on January 16, February 12, and March 12, and April 14; and

**WHEREAS**, on the basis of the ongoing daily reports of the Pennsylvania Department of Health, the Centers for Disease Control, and other reporting agencies, in recent weeks the spread of COVID-19 continues to present a substantial risk for severe

negative impacts on the social, economic, and overall quality of life of the residents of the City; and

**WHEREAS**, I find that residential water shut-offs increase the threat to public health, cause displacements of individuals, families, or households prohibited by the Supplemental Declaration of Public Health Emergency, and increase the threat to public safety personnel; and

**WHEREAS**, the water system serving the residents of the City of Harrisburg constitutes a locally available facility or service necessary for disaster emergency response and recovery pursuant to 35 Pa. C.S. § 7503(4); and

**WHEREAS**, in order to avoid unnecessary risks to health and disruption in this time of remediation of a public health crisis, I hereby find it is necessary and prudent to prohibit water residential shut-offs within the City for delinquency, non-payment, or a violation of any payment plan.

**AND SO NOW**, I DO HEREBY ORDER AND DIRECT THE FOLLOWING:

All residential water shut-offs within the City of Harrisburg are strictly prohibited for delinquency, non-payment, or a violation of any payment plan.


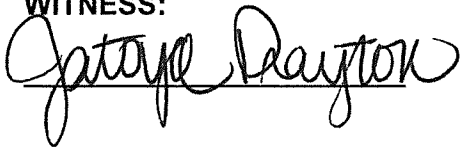
All appropriate City personnel are hereby ordered and directed to take all actions necessary to effectuate the foregoing.

Nothing in this Executive Order shall be construed to require forgiveness of any outstanding payments that are due, or payments that become due during the period in which this Executive Order is in effect.

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately and run coterminous with the Declaration of Emergency under Chapter 3-355 of the City of Harrisburg Public Safety Code and its Supplemental Declarations of the same issued thereafter ("Eviction Moratorium Ordinance").

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I, **ERIC PAPENFUSE**, **MAYOR OF CITY OF HARRISBURG** have hereunto set my hand and seal this 19<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021.

**WITNESS:**

  
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**ERIC PAPENFUSE**  
**MAYOR OF CITY OF HARRISBURG**