



**THIRD SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION OF
PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY
30 DAY EXTENSION**

**IN ACCORDANCE WITH PART B OF CHAPTER 3-355 OF THE HARRISBURG
PUBLIC SAFETY CODE**

**PROHIBITING FOR A PERIOD OF 30 DAYS HEREFROM
UNDER PENALTY OF FINE AND IMPRISONMENT**

**ANY AND ALL EVICTIONS, EJECTMENTS OR DISPOSSESSIONS IN THE
CITY OF HARRISBURG OF ANY PERSON FROM ANY RESIDENTIAL
DWELLING UNIT OR ROOMING HOUSE, OR ANY PART THEREOF,
INCLUDING ANY EFFICIENCY, APARTMENT, HOUSE, INN, BOARDING
HOUSE, OR ROOM FOR RENT UNDER ANY FORM OF ORAL OR WRITTEN
AGREEMENT, EXCEPT ONLY AS PROVIDED IN PART B**

WHEREAS, a Mayoral Declaration of Public Health COVID-19 Disaster Emergency was issued on the 16th day of March, 2020, pursuant to the provisions of Section 7501 of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Services Code, 35 Pa. C.S. § 7501 and now remains in full force and effect nine (9) months later; and

WHEREAS, on the basis of the ongoing daily reports of the Pennsylvania Department of Health, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), and other reporting agencies, in recent weeks the spread of COVID-19 has once again escalated and, if left unchecked, presents a substantial risk for severe negative impacts on the social, economic, and overall quality of life of the residents of the City; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the grant of temporary supplemental emergency powers in the Office of Mayor under Part B of Chapter 3-355 of Harrisburg Public Safety Code, *I hereby find and determine that there currently exists a public health hazard within the City of Harrisburg that requires extraordinary steps to mitigate or slow contagion of COVID-19, a communicable virus that has brought about a worldwide pandemic*; and

WHEREAS, recognizing the need to prevent actions that may further accelerate contagion, I hereby find that the movement and displacement of individuals at this time by eviction, ejectment or dispossession of any residential dwelling unit, room, set of rooms, efficiency, inn, boarding house, or other place of abode that now is or hereinafter may be rented, leased or subject to an oral or written agreement for residential occupancy within the City creates an immediate threat of exacerbating the negative impacts of the pandemic throughout the City; and

WHEREAS, commencing on March 16, 2020, the President Judge for the Dauphin County Court of Common Pleas, issued a series of Emergency Declarations and Administrative Orders, which included at least four (4) Orders addressing the judicial administration of eviction proceedings in the course of this public health emergency, which included therein the residential evictions from real property situated in the City of Harrisburg; and

WHEREAS, on September 4, 2020, the CDC issued an Agency Order for a “temporary eviction moratorium to prevent the further spread of COVID-19” that was made effective until December 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on September 8, 2020, applying the September 4 CDC Agency Order to those eviction actions governed by that Agency Order, the President Judge of the Court of Common Pleas for Dauphin County entered an Order continuing the prohibition against evictions for the CDC qualifying categories of eviction matters until December 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, in the absence of federal or State action to further prevent the displacement of families, households and individuals through forcing the dispossession of property where they live, there exists an increasing daily risk to the lives and safety of all people from the sudden movement, displacement and dispossession of potentially hundreds of people in the City, should these residents be quickly evicted or ejected as the current moratoriums conclude at a time when the pace and severity of contagion is on the rise; and

WHEREAS, on December 16, 2020, I, Eric Papenfuse, found out of necessity to enact a local eviction moratorium, on an emergency basis, under the newly enacted Part B of Chapter 3-355 of the Public Safety Code for a period of thirty (30) days.

WHEREAS, on January 16, 2021, I, Eric Papenfuse, found out of necessity to extend the local eviction moratorium, on an emergency basis, under the enacted Part B of Chapter 3-355 of the Public Safety Code for an additional period of thirty (30) days.

WHEREAS, on February 12, 2021, I, Eric Papenfuse, found out of necessity to extend the local eviction moratorium, on an emergency basis, under the enacted Part B of Chapter 3-355 of the Public Safety Code for an additional period of thirty (30) days

WHEREAS, I, Eric Papenfuse, do hereby find the continuing necessity of the local eviction moratorium to stem the substantial risk of more severe negative impacts on the social, economic, and overall quality of life of the residents of the City.


NOW, THEREFORE, I, Eric Papenfuse, the undersigned Mayor of the City of Harrisburg, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, pursuant to and in furtherance of the Declaration of Public Health COVID-19 Disaster Emergency and the temporary emergency authority vested in this office under Part B of Chapter 3-355 of the Public Safety Code, do hereby *immediately extend* the Supplemental Declaration of Public Health Emergency issued December 16, 2020, extended on January 16, 2021, and extended further on February 12, 2021, collectively attached hereto as Exhibit A, for the suspension on evictions, ejections or displacements of residential tenant(s) or occupant(s) throughout the City of Harrisburg for the next thirty (30) days.

FURTHER, this Declaration is subject to revision, modification and re-issuance as facts and circumstances may warrant.

FURTHER, nothing in this Declaration shall be construed to affect any schedule of rent or payment that is due.

This Proclamation shall take effect immediately.

**Given under my Hand and Seal this
Twelfth Day of March,
Two Thousand Twenty One, in and for
The City of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.**



Mayor Eric Papenfuse