

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MARYLAND
FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY DISTRICT EIGHT
ORDER ON THE STAY OF EVICTIONS DUE TO HEALTH
EMERGENCY**

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

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

WHEREAS, The Court finds that the Governor’s Proclamation and the declarations of the WHO and the CDC, combined with the extraordinary public health emergency presented satisfies the certification requirements of Maryland Real Property Code Annotated, Section 8-401(c)(4);

WHEREAS, The Court finds that in light of the Governor’s Proclamation and the declarations by WHO and the CDC, the surrender of any premises would endanger the health or life of the tenant or any other occupant of the premises and would be contrary to the aforementioned Proclamation and declarations;

WHEREAS, The global pandemic COVID-19 poses an imminent risk to the health, safety, and welfare of Baltimore County residents; it is hereby,

ORDERED this 16th day of March, 2020 that all evictions in Baltimore County shall be **STAYED** beginning **March 16, 2020** through **April 3, 2020** and shall be **subject to renewal as circumstances warrant**.

/s/ Dorothy J. Wilson
Dorothy J. Wilson
Administrative Judge
District Court of Maryland for
Baltimore County District Eight