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SUBJ: Evictions in Extreme Weather Conditions

Section 8-401 (f) (2) (i) of the Real Property Article of the Maryland Code states: "The administrative judge of any district may stay the execution of a warrant of restitution of a residential property, from day to day, in the event of extreme weather conditions."

Extreme weather conditions may apply to rain and/or snow as well as freezing temperatures.

Since evictions are scheduled by the Sheriff's Department for each county respectively, I hereby authorize the Sheriff of each county to stay the execution of warrants of restitutions in cases where evictions have been scheduled based on the following criteria:

1. If the weather forecast for the following day is that the temperature throughout the following day will not exceed 32, all evictions scheduled for that day should be canceled.
2. If on the other hand the temperature will, at some time during the next day, exceed 32, evictions scheduled for that day should be carried out.
3. If on the scheduled day of the eviction or at the time of the eviction there is a severe snow storm or severe rain storm the eviction should be postponed until better weather conditions prevail.

Priority in rescheduling execution of warrants of restitution shall be given to those warrants where execution has been stayed because of extreme weather conditions.

Melvin J. Jews, Administrative Judge

Cc: Connie Hurley, Administrative Clerk