

ORDINANCE NO. 17-20

ORDINANCE: To extend the temporary suspension of the requirement that current tenants of rental MPDUs recertify their eligibility to participate in the City's MPDU program before renewing leases through December 31, 2020, which date may be further extended by the City Manager in up to three month increments through July 31, 2021

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND as follows:

SECTION I.

WHEREAS, on May 4, 2020, the Mayor and Council of Rockville adopted Ordinance No. 7-20, which:

- (1) Suspended the MPDU program eligibility requirements for all households renting MPDUs in the City that would be subject to eligibility recertification during the pendency of Ordinance No. 7-20; and
- (2) Directed the City Manager or his designee to promptly inform all owners, managers, and leasing agents of MPDUs in the City that:
 - a. During the pendency of Ordinance No. 7-20, an owner, manager, or leasing agent may renew the lease of a current MPDU tenant under the terms of the MPDU program, including, but not limited to, MPDU rent limits, for up to one (1) year without recertifying the eligibility of that tenant to participate in the MPDU program;
 - b. During the pendency of Ordinance No. 7-20, an owner, manager, or leasing agent must not send any MPDU tenant a notice to vacate an MPDU due to a failure to submit information necessary to recertify MPDU program eligibility or due to the tenant's ineligibility to participate in the MPDU program; and
 - c. Within fourteen (14) days of the date of enactment of Ordinance No. 7-20, all owners, managers, and leasing agents must revoke, in writing, any outstanding notice to vacate an MPDU due to a failure to submit information necessary to

recertify MPDU program eligibility or due to the tenant's ineligibility to participate in the MPDU program; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 7-20 expires on October 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, due to the continuing impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Mayor and Council wishes to extend the suspension of the MPDU program eligibility requirements for all households renting MPDUs in the City that would be subject to eligibility recertification through December 31, 2020, which date may be further extended by the City Manager in up to three-month increments through July 31, 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE, under its authority under Article IV, Section 1 of the Rockville City Charter to pass ordinances for the protection and promotion of the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the City, the Mayor and Council of Rockville hereby:

- (1) Suspends the MPDU program eligibility requirements for all households renting MPDUs in the City that would be subject to eligibility recertification until December 31, 2020; and
- (2) Authorizes the City Manager to further extend, in up to three-month increments, the suspension of the MPDU program eligibility requirements for all households renting MPDUs in the City that would be subject to eligibility recertification through July 31, 2021; any extension authorized by the City Manager under this Ordinance must be in writing; and
- (3) Directs the City Manager or his designee to promptly inform all owners, managers, and leasing agents of MPDUs in the City that:
 - a. Through December 31, 2020, and as may be further extended by the City Manager under this Ordinance, an owner, manager, or leasing agent may renew the lease of a current MPDU tenant under the terms of the MPDU program, including, but not limited to, MPDU rent limits, for up to one (1)

year without recertifying the eligibility of that tenant to participate in the MPDU program; and

- b. Through December 31, 2020, and as may be further extended by the City Manager under this Ordinance, an owner, manager, or leasing agent must not send any MPDU tenant a notice to vacate an MPDU due to a failure to submit information necessary to recertify MPDU program eligibility or due to the tenant’s ineligibility to participate in the MPDU program.

SECTION II – This Ordinance will expire on August 1, 2021.

SECTION III – All leases entered into in accordance with this Ordinance will remain valid after the expiration of this Ordinance.

SECTION IV - This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of an Ordinance adopted by the Mayor and Council of Rockville at its meeting of September 14, 2020.


 Sara Taylor-Ferrell
 City Clerk/Director of Council Operation

