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|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------|----------|--------------|--|------------------|----------|--|---------------------|
| Mary Dadone | 3905 Rhode Harbor Rd | Edgewater | 21037 | No | Anne Arundel County Human Relations Commission | Bill 46-20 | Support | CONTACT: Georgia Noone-Sherrod, Chairperson, Anne Arundel County Human Relations Commission georgia@aacrc.info SUBJECT: Bill 46-20 Residential Rent Increases during the Catastrophic Health Emergency TESTIMONY: The Human Relations Commission (HRC) believes that unconstrained increases in residential rents during the COVID-19 pandemic will contribute to housing discrimination based on occupation, disability, and source of income. The HRC believes the following protected classes are disproportionately at risk of losing rental housing in the face of rental price gouging during the COVID-19 pandemic and resulting economic downturn: *Persons in occupations experiencing high job loss and/or reduced hours *Persons who have become ill and are waiting for unemployment, health insurance, and/or CARES payments. Disbursements from unemployment insurance and the CARES Act have been routinely delayed through administrative difficulties. *Persons experiencing delayed payments in any of their sources of income, including delayed and reduced wages, delays in unemployment insurance, and delays in CARE disbursements. Rental price gouging at this time will exacerbate housing discrimination by further reducing affordable housing in Anne Arundel County. The unplanned financial burden of relocation will set at-risk families further behind. The financial and mental health impacts of the stress of these situations can contribute to the separation of families, increased crime and domestic violence, and overcrowding that can itself contribute to the spread of COVID-19. From a housing discrimination perspective, from a mental health perspective, from an affordable housing perspective, and from a public health perspective, the HRC requests this body vote favorably for Bill 46-20. | Yes |
| Aaron Greenfield | 11155 Dolfield Blvd., Suite 200 | Owings Mills | 21117 | No | Maryland Multi-Housing Association | Bill 46-20 | Support | MMHA supports with one amendment. Kindly see attached. | Yes |
| Colonel John Russo US Army (ret) | 8142 Danners Dr | Millersville | 21108 | Yes | none | Bill 52-20 | Support | I have know the owner for about 10 years and Mr Loane has been an strong advocate for law enforcement. I believe his move would benefit the Pasadena business community | |
| Rebecca Copley | 706 Clubhouse Drive | Pearl | 39208 | Yes | | Bill 52-20 | Support | | Yes |
| Bishop Gregory Copley | 706 Clubhouse Drive | Pearl | 39208 | Yes | | Bill 52-20 | Support | | Yes |
| Steven James | 204 Pasadena Road | Pasadena | 21122 | Yes | | Bill 52-20 | Support | Ive been a county resident for 40 years & I have served in law Enforcement for 20 years. I have never seen an issue that a 210 feet distance would cause with a pawn shop vs 300 feet to a door to a residence. The pawn shop currently located in our district (Pasadena Gun and Pawn) is a prime example of what a Pasadena business should be. It's trouble free, owned and operated by professional staff, which fulfills a genuine need for the citizens of the county with their pawn needs if any, shopping for pawned goods as well as guns/ammo. I've followed this pawn shop since it opened and would say it's never had an issue that would leave me concerned with allowing it to be within 210 feet of residence in the district. This business will bring nothing to the proposed area that would be a threat to any of the homes in the area within 210 feet than what's already there now within 210 feet. Most of these homes are in an area that are close to businesses and citizens knew that moving it, it's always been like that. We shouldn't allow 210 feet in this case restrict a good local business from relocating just because it's a pawn shop. I see no issues it would bring the residence (s) being within the current guidelines. If traffic is a concern it should be they always had an acceptable reasonable flow which never hindered anyone. I would say this should not be the case in all locations as I would not want one opening in an area not designated for commercially zoned use such as a residential community out of a home. For the Pasadena Gun and Pawn & the area they seek to do this is set up perfectly for this type of business. Thank you. | |
| William belt | 5751 PINDELL rd | Lothian | 20711 | Yes | | Resolution 19-20 | Oppose | | |

CONTACT:

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SUBJECT:

Bill 46-20 Residential Rent Increases during the Catastrophic Health Emergency

TESTIMONY:

The Human Relations Commission (HRC) believes that unconstrained increases in residential rents during the COVID-19 pandemic will contribute to housing discrimination based on occupation, disability, and source of income.

The HRC believes the following protected classes are disproportionately at risk of losing rental housing in the face of rental price gouging during the COVID-19 pandemic and resulting economic downturn:

- Persons in occupations experiencing high job loss and/or reduced hours
- Persons who have become ill and are waiting for unemployment, health insurance, and/or CARES payments. Disbursements from unemployment insurance and the CARES Act have been routinely delayed through administrative difficulties.
- Persons experiencing delayed payments in any of their sources of income, including delayed and reduced wages, delays in unemployment insurance, and delays in CARE disbursements.

Rental price gouging at this time will exacerbate housing discrimination by further reducing affordable housing in Anne Arundel County. The unplanned financial burden of relocation will set at-risk families further behind. The financial and mental health impacts of the stress of these situations can contribute to the separation of families, increased crime and domestic violence, and overcrowding that can itself contribute to the spread of COVID-19.

From a housing discrimination perspective, from a mental health perspective, from an affordable housing perspective, and from a public health perspective, the HRC requests this body vote favorably for Bill 46-20.



TO: Anne Arundel County Council

FROM: Maryland Multi-Housing Association

SUBJECT: Bill No. 46-20

DATE: June 15, 2020

POSITION: Favorable with Amendment

This testimony is offered on behalf of Maryland Multi-Housing Association (MMHA). We are a professional trade association established in 1996, whose members consists of owners and managers of more than 210,000 rental housing homes in over 870 apartment communities. Our members house over 556,000 residents of the State of Maryland and we have 250 associate member companies who supply goods and services to the multi-housing industry. Lastly, MMHA members manage 114 apartment communities with over 30,590 units in Anne Arundel County.

While Bill No. 46-20 applies prospectively, a landlord may not increase rent by more than 3% upon the renewal of a lease that includes at least one tenant who was a party to the lease prior to renewal. The bill remains in effect until 120 days following the expiration of the emergency declared by the Governor. After that time, the bill is repealed without the necessity for action on the part of the County Council.

MMHA supports the goal of this legislation and fully understands that COVID-19 is not just compromising public health; it also threatens the financial viability of individuals and businesses, including renters and housing providers. This is an extremely difficult time. We recognize that renters are not immune from facing these unprecedented challenges. We appreciate the sponsors' efforts to protect residents who may have lost jobs, faced health and childcare challenges, and are struggling to make ends meet.

Like everyone else, residential housing providers have changed their operations to accommodate the consequences of this pandemic. Whether it's voluntarily creating payment plans, waiving late fees, sharing government and community resources with residents, or not raising rents, MMHA members are engaging with residents to ensure that they and the communities we serve are safe and secure.

As indicated in the attached, MMHA has one suggested amendment to ensure that our members can effectively maintain their operations and property. While purportedly temporary in nature, Bill No. 46-20 has no definitive (or even anticipated) end-date. It will run as long as the state of emergency lasts, and for one hundred and twenty (120) days thereafter. Without an enddate, this provision arguably violates a residential housing provider's rights by impairing prior and existing contractual agreements in violation of the contracts clause of the Unites States Constitution. To limit the legal and operational impact of this one hundred and twenty (120) day



requirement, MMHA urges that Bill No. 46-20 is amended to mirror its predecessor measure, Bill No. 38-20 and limit the measure to within thirty (30) days of the expiration of the Governor's proclamation.

For these reasons, we respectfully request support for Bill No. 46-20 with the amendment.

For more information, please contact Aaron Greenfield at 410.446.1992



Amendment
Council Bill 46-20

Amendment No. 1

On page 2, in line 6, strike “120” and substitute “30”.

July 2, 2020

To whom it may concern;

I was employed by Frank Loane at Pasadena Pawn and Gun from January 2013 to January 2019 during those six years I found that Frank was not only a great man to work for but I witnessed on multiple occasions his helping those less fortunate. In all my years of working with the public I have never see anyone more compassionate or willing to help those in need than Mr. Loane.

Every facet of his business was done with great detail and quality, his attention to detail included everything from cleanliness to store appearance and the record keeping was outstanding. The state and federal records were always done in a timely manner with great excellence.

Community support from Mr. Loane was outstanding as well with his involvement in the Pasadena Business Association, 100 Club, Local Schools and Various Civic Organizations.

As a community leader and business owner Mr. Loane is highly respected for his integrity and honesty.

I have no doubt that Mr. Frank Loane and his business will be a great addition to the community.

Sincerely,

Becky Copley (Pastor's Wife)

706 Clubhouse Dr

Pearl, MS 39208

July 2, 2020

To whom it may concern;

This letter is purposed to speak to the character of Mr. Frank Loane Owner and Operator of Pasadena Pawn and Gun.

As pastor of Chesapeake Christian Center in Pasadena Maryland I had the privilege of pastoring Frank Loane for approximately nine years. During that time Mr. Loane served in a variety of leadership roles including Building Committee Chairman, Church Security Leadership Team, Properties Development Director, Finance Committee and various other positions as needed. Every project or task he did was done with exceptional quality and skill.

During that time, I found Mr. Loane to be honest and trustworthy with an exceptional positive attitude. He was and is a highly respected member of the church and business community. I am of the strong opinion that Mr. Frank Loane will be a great asset/addition to any community in which his business resides.

Sincerely,

Bishop Gregory L Copley

706 Clubhouse Drive

Pearl, MS 39208