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STEUART PITTMAN
County Executive

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 17

SUSPENSION OF LEGAL TIME REQUIREMENTS

WHEREAS, on March 5, 2020, Maryland Governor Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr. proclaimed a state of emergency and a catastrophic health emergency for the entire State of Maryland pursuant to Title 14 of the Public Safety Article of the State Code, due to the impending threat and continuing impact of the contagious disease known as COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the Worldwide Health Organization declared the COVID-19 outbreak to be a pandemic outbreak; and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, Governor Hogan issued an Executive Order directing that the head of each unit of State or local government may, upon a finding that the suspension will not endanger the public health, welfare or safety, and after notification to the Governor, suspend the effect of any legal or procedural deadline, due date, time of default, time expiration, period of time, or other time of an act or event described within any State or local statute, rule, or regulation it administers; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, County Executive Steuart Pittman issued Executive Order No. 16 proclaiming a civil emergency in Anne Arundel County due to the rapid onset of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a severe respiratory disease, causing illness or death, transmitted by person-to-person contact of the novel coronavirus, which had not previously existed in humans; and

WHEREAS, the novel coronavirus is a viral agent capable of causing extensive loss of life or serious disability; and

WHEREAS, the transmission of the novel coronavirus in Anne Arundel County is a direct threat to the human health of all citizens of Anne Arundel County; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 poses an immediate and serious threat to public health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Anne Arundel County; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a public health catastrophe and constitutes a civil emergency under Article 1, Title 6, of the Anne Arundel County Code, requiring Anne Arundel County to deploy resources and implement the emergency powers of the County Executive to protect the health and safety of its citizens; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Stuart Pittman, County Executive, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Charter and laws of Anne Arundel County, Maryland, and §§ 1-6-101 *et. seq.* of the Anne Arundel County Code, and in an effort to control and prevent the spread of COVID-19 within Anne Arundel County and the State of Maryland, do hereby proclaim and order on this 16th day of March, 2020:

1. That any legal or procedural deadline, due date, time of default, time expiration, period of time, or other time of an act or event described within in any Anne Arundel County Charter provision, ordinance, rule, or regulation, is hereby suspended.
2. This suspension shall continue until the 30th day after the proclamation of a County civil emergency expires or is terminated, at which time, the period of any legal or procedural deadline, due date, time of default, time of expiration, period of time, or time of an act or event shall resume.
3. The Public Information Officer shall immediately disseminate notice of this Executive Order to the appropriate news media and to the general public.

This Executive Order shall be archived at the Office of Law and remain in existence until altered or terminated by a subsequent Executive Order.


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Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:



Gregory J. Swain
County Attorney