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CITY OF MOUNT RAINIER, MARYLAND
EMERGENCY Ordinance No. 04-2023
AMENDED BY INTERLINEATION AFTER INTRODUCTION
Introduced by the Mayor & City Council

Amending Ordinance 10-2022
to defer the effective date thereof until January 1, 2024
and declaring the Council's intent to be bound by
the terms of Prince George's County CB-007-2023
through December 31, 2023

WHEREAS, pursuant to § 5-202 of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, the Council of the City of Mount Rainier, Maryland (the "City Council") has the authority to adopt such ordinances as it deems necessary to protect the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the municipality; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Local Gov't. Article, § 5-202, the City of Mount Rainier ("the City") has the authority to adopt such ordinances as it deems necessary to assure the good government of the City; protect and preserve the City's rights, property, and privileges; and preserve peace and good order; and

WHEREAS, upon certain findings related to the affordability of housing in the City, the City Council enacted Ordinance No. 10-2022, adding Chapter 3D to the City Code, creating a rent stabilization program pursuant to which increases in rent for certain rental units in the City will ordinarily be capped by a specified Rent Stabilization Allowance; and

WHEREAS, to resolve certain ambiguities in the definition of the Rent Stabilization Allowance, the City Council amended Ordinance No. 10-2022 by Ordinance No. 03-2023; and

WHEREAS, on or about February 28, 2023, Prince George's County adopted CB-007-2023 ("the County Rent Ordinance"), imposing a temporary cap on rents for dwelling units in the County, which bill was signed into law by the County Executive on or about March 1, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the County Rent Ordinance serves the objectives of Ordinance 10-2022: and

WHEREAS, the City Council deems the public interest best served by deferring the operation of its own rent stabilization ordinance until the expiration of the temporary restrictions on rent increases imposed by County Rent Ordinance,

WHEREAS, THE COUNCIL DEEMS THE POTENTIAL CONFUSION THAT MAY BE GENERATED BY A DELAY IN ADOPTING THIS ORDINANCE TO BE AN EMERGENCY AFFECTING THE PRESERVATION OF THE PUBLIC PEACE; AND

Section 1. NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Mount Rainier, that the effective date of Ordinance No. 10-2022, as amended by THIS EMERGENCY Ordinance 04-2023, as set forth in Section 2 of Ordinance No. 10-2022, is amended to January 24, 2024, unless a sooner date is provided by the City Council by ordinance amending or repealing this Ordinance:

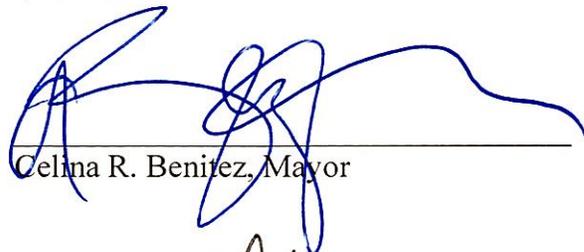
Section 2. BE IF FURTHER ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Mount Rainier that, pursuant to the provisions of Md. Code Ann., Local Gov't Art., Section 4-111, the City expresses its intention that CB-07-2023 be effective within the boundaries of the City of Mount Rainier until December 31, 2023.

Section 3. BE IF FURTHER ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Mount Rainier that, this EMERGENCY Ordinance is adopted by the Council of the City of Mount Rainier this 11th day of April, 2023 and shall take effect on the 11th day of April, 2023, provided that a fair summary has been read at the meeting at which it is introduced and adopted, that a copy shall be posted at City Hall for at least two weeks after it becomes effective, and that a fair summary is published at least once in a newspaper having general circulation in the City, inclusive of the City's newsletter mailed or otherwise delivered to every City household.

Attest:



Melissa Sam, City Clerk



Celina R. Benitez, Mayor



Luke Chesek, Councilmember Ward 1



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James Tarlau, Councilmember Ward 1



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