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Gary Christenson, Mayor

**RESCISSION OF EXECUTIVE ORDER ESTABLISHING A
MORATORIUM ON EVICTION ENFORCEMENT
IN THE CITY OF MALDEN**

In re: Eviction Moratorium Order 2020-2

EFFECTIVE Tuesday, March 1, 2022

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, Governor Charles Baker declared a State of Emergency to respond to COVID-19 and determined that immediate public action was needed to prevent, minimize, or mitigate damage to public health, safety or general welfare of people of the Commonwealth; and,

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2020, Mayor Gary Christenson declared a State of Emergency to exist in the City of Malden due to COVID-19; and,

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts statewide moratorium on evictions ended on October 17, 2020, while COVID cases were still spiking, and when local and state health officials advised that residents should stay home to prevent the spread of the virus; and,

WHEREAS, evictions or threat of eviction rendered housing unstable or otherwise rendered Malden residents homeless by disrupting or making it difficult for Malden residents to shelter and remain at home, thus further increasing the threat and risk to public health and safety due to COVID-19; and,

WHEREAS, on December 17, 2020, Mayor Gary Christenson and the Director of the Board of Health issued Executive Order 2020-2 (“Eviction Moratorium”) which provided, among other things, that no landlord and/or owner shall enforce an eviction for nonpayment of rent or without cause upon a resident of Malden during the public health crisis; and,

WHEREAS, the Eviction Moratorium Order was temporary in nature and intended to address the need for housing stability to protect Malden residents and public health in the City of Malden during the public health emergency; and,

WHEREAS, Governor Charles Baker declared that the state of emergency and all Emergency and Public Health Orders issued pursuant to the emergency terminated on June 15, 2021; and,

WHEREAS, from and since the issuance of the City Eviction Moratorium Order, the City of Malden has implemented emergency rental assistance programs and has offered other programs and resources to assist tenants and landlords impacted by COVID-19; and,

WHEREAS, the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development has implemented and made available additional resources and assistance to individuals in need of housing or facing eviction.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mayor Gary Christenson, together with the Director of the Board of Health, pursuant to 310 CMR 11.05, 105 CMR 300.200 and all other authorizing statutes and regulations, acting by and through its agent authorized under MGL c. 111, §30, hereby order:

1. The Executive Order 2020-2 issued on December 17, 2020 which provided for a moratorium on evictions in the City of Malden is rescinded and landlords may move forward to levy on an execution of a judgment for possession.
2. This order shall be effective on Tuesday, March 1, 2022.

ISSUED IN MALDEN ON THIS 17th day of February 2022:



GARY CHRISTENSON
Mayor, City of Malden



Christopher Webb
Director, Malden Board of Health