

County Executive
of
Howard County, Maryland

Executive Order: 2021-12
Dated: May 19, 2021
Subject: Rescinding the suspension of the effect of certain legal or procedural deadlines as of July 1, 2021

WHEREAS, on March 5, 2020, Governor Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr., declared a state of emergency and catastrophic health emergency to control and prevent the spread of COVID-19, a communicable respiratory disease, and that emergency still exists; and

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2020, by Executive Order No. 2020-02, I declared a state of emergency in Howard County, which has been extended by Council Resolution No. 41-2020, and that emergency still exists; and

WHEREAS, by State Executive Order dated March 12, 2020, the Governor authorized the head of each unit of State or local government to suspend the effect of any legal or procedural deadlines, 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, Executive Order No 2020-03 suspended the effect of any and all legal and procedural deadlines, due dates, times of default, time expiration, period of time, or other time of an act or event described within any Howard County Ordinance, Rule, or Regulation that is administered by the County ("Howard County Timeframe"); and

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 2020-04 allowed a Director of a Department in the Executive Branch of the Howard County government to reimpose a Howard County Timeframe if he or she determined that the reimposition of a Howard County Timeframe was necessary for the continuity of effective government operations, was in the best interest of the County and its citizens, and may be done without endangering the public, health, safety and welfare; and

WHEREAS, State Executive Order Number 21-03-09-03 rescinded the authority previously delegated by the Governor to political subdivisions to suspend the effect of any legal or procedural deadline, due date, time of default, time of expiration, period of time, or other time of act or event described in a local statute, regulation or rule is no longer effective; and

WHEREAS, State Executive Order Number 21-03-09-03 further provides that, for any deadline effect suspended immediately prior to the issuance of Executive Order Number 21-03-09-03, the applicable head of unit can elect to end any suspension at the earlier of: (1) a date the

unit head chooses or (2) June 30, 2021; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority in State Executive Order No. 21-03-09-03, the effect of any and all Howard County Timeframes that were not reimposed pursuant to Executive Order No. 2020-04 and thus, were in effect as of March 9, 2021, shall continue to remain suspended through June 30, 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED AND PROCLAIMED by the County Executive of Howard County, Maryland, in accordance State Executive Order Number 21-03-09-01, that County Executive Orders 2020-03 and 2020-04 are hereby rescinded and the effects of any Howard County Timeframe suspensions in effect immediately prior to the issuance of State Executive Order 21-03-09-03 shall remain suspended through June 30, 2021; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that any and all Howard County Timeframes are hereby reimposed as of July 1, 2021; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, pursuant to the authority granted by Howard County Code section 6.103(b):

- (1) This Executive Order shall be promptly publicized; and
- (2) A copy filed with the Administrator to the County Council of Howard County.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, Calvin Ball, as County Executive of Howard County, Maryland, have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of Howard County to be affixed this 19 day of May, 2021.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Calvin Ball", is written over a horizontal line.

Calvin Ball
County Executive