

**TOWN OF WINCHESTER
EMERGENCY RESOLUTION REGARDING EVICTIONS
IN THE TOWN OF WINCHESTER**

EFFECTIVE February , 2021

WHEREAS, the 2019 novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) has been declared a Public Health Emergency of international concern by the World Health Organization; and

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

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2020 as the Winchester Board of Health declared a State of Emergency to exist in the Town of Winchester, which remains in effect; and

WHEREAS, the statewide moratorium on evictions ended on October 17, 2020, COVID-19 cases are spiking, cold weather is here, and many Winchester families could be evicted during a global health crisis; and,

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and the President of the United States have extended a nationwide eviction moratorium to avoid this crisis; and

WHEREAS, local and state health officials have advised that residents should stay home to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and evictions would make it impossible for Winchester residents to stay at home by rendering them homeless and would therefore further increase the risk to public health and safety posed by COVID-19; and,

NOW THEREFORE, we, the Select Board of the Town of Winchester:

1. Urge all landlords, public housing authorities, and others providing shelter in the Town to forego all evictions for nonpayment of rent or without cause upon a resident of the Town of Winchester during this public health crisis; provided, that nothing in this Resolution shall prohibit the enforcement of an eviction deemed necessary for public health or safety; and
2. Urge Governor Baker to reissue a statewide eviction moratorium and maintain such moratorium in place until the termination of the Centers for Disease Control moratorium or the Governor's declared public health emergency, whichever is later; and
3. Declare that this Emergency Resolution shall remain in effect until May 1, 2021.

These measures shall be effective immediately on this date and shall remain in effect through the dates noted herein, unless further orders are otherwise issued modifying or extending the same.

ISSUED IN [_____] ON THIS 22 day of February 2021: