# Resolution No. 346-2020

**Council Members Kelley and Brancatelli** 

### AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION

Directing the Housing Division of the Cleveland Municipal Court to immediately suspend or delay, for at least 60 days, evictions due to economic hardship caused by the coronavirus pandemic.

## FOR ADOPTION March 23, 2020

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, the Governor DeWine put Ohio under a State of Emergency and on March 11, 2020, Mayor Jackson issued a Proclamation of Civil Emergency, both to maintain the health and safety of citizens and to free up resources to help manage the coronavirus pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the City has suspended shutoffs by Cleveland Public Power and Division of Water during this crisis; and

WHEREAS, the Housing Division of Cleveland Municipal Court has suspended criminal cases; and

WHEREAS, this Council believes that, if tenants are undergoing economic hardships as a result of the coronavirus pandemic, then they should not be immediately evicted; and

WHEREAS, this resolution constitutes an emergency measure for the immediate preservation of public peace, property, health or safety, now, therefore,

## **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLEVELAND:**

**Section 1.** That, for the reasons stated in the preamble, this Council directs the Housing Division of the Cleveland Municipal Court to immediately suspend or delay, for at least 60 days, all evictions that occur due to economic hardship caused by the coronavirus pandemic.

<u>Section 2</u>. That this resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and, provided it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Mayor; otherwise it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

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