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ORDINANCE NUMBER 1377

CITY OF GREENBELT RENT INCREASE FREEZE ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, the spread of COVID-19 is likely to result in loss of work and loss of income for some residents of Greenbelt, which may impact their ability to pay for rental housing; and

WHEREAS, as result of the tremendous hardship which many residents of Greenbelt have suffered as a result of the recent health and economic events; and

WHEREAS, the City of Greenbelt adopts this temporary Ordinance to assist those residents of Greenbelt with their rental issues, on a temporary basis. NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED the City Council of Greenbelt adopts this Rent Increase Freeze to provide that between the date of this adoption and December 31, 2021, or 60 days after the County State of Emergency is lifted whichever occurs first, that there shall be a Rent Increase Freeze during this time which landlords are prohibited from increasing the rent on tenants for apartment complexes or ownership of apartments of more than one unit. As indicated, this Ordinance shall last for a period as stated herein to assist tenants and shall automatically expire as of the date indicated herein. Waivers of this Ordinance may be reviewed by the City Council. Landlords who violate this Ordinance shall be subject to a separate municipal violation of Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars for each day for each separate violation.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Greenbelt that this ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage.

PASSED by the Council of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, at its regular meeting of November 23, 2020.



Colin A. Byrd, Mayor

ATTEST:



Bonita Anderson, City Clerk