

TOWNSHIP OF MONTCLAIR

ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE O-20-08 TO EXTEND THE TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON RENT INCREASES DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

July 21, 2020 (date of introduction)

WHEREAS, due to the widespread hardships suffered by Township residents resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic including business closures, unemployment, loss of income, illness and additional catastrophes impeding residents' ability to keep current on rent payments, the Township Council enacted Ordinance O-20-08 establishing a temporary moratorium on residential rent increases for the period from May 1, 2020 through July 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the health crisis and the associated hardships are ongoing, and are likely to continue to cause economic harm to Montclair's residents for an indefinite period; and

WHEREAS, Governor Murphy's Executive Order 162 issued July 2, 2020, has continued the COVID-19 State of Emergency for the entire State of New Jersey; now, therefore, be it

ORDAINED, by the Township Council of the Township of Montclair that Ordinance O-20-08 is amended to delete the end date of August 1, 2020 and to substitute "The moratorium shall remain in effect until December 31, 2020;" and be it further

ORDAINED, that this amendatory Ordinance shall take effect immediately if accompanied by a resolution adopted pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:69A-181(b), or otherwise as provided by law, and shall be retroactive to August 1, 2020.