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PENDING ORDINANCE
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.

The foregoing ordinance was introduced at the meeting of the Council of the Township of Montclair on July 21, 2020 and was ordered to a second reading to take place at the Regular Meeting on August 4, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. at which time the Township Council will meet in the Council Chamber or (WebEx/Zoom) in the Municipal Building, 205 Claremont Avenue, Montclair, New Jersey to consider final action thereon. At the time and place so stated all persons interested will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning such ordinance and copies are available in the Municipal Clerk’s Office.

JULIET G. LEE
DEPUTY MUNICIPAL CLERK

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