



**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF COVINGTON**

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**EXECUTIVE ORDER
CITY OF COVINGTON, KENTUCKY**

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2020-EO-20

EMERGENCY DISASTER RENT & MORTGAGE BUSINESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, Mayor Joseph U. Meyer signed Executive Order 2020-EO-01, declaring a state of emergency in the City of Covington due to the outbreak of COVID-19 virus, a public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, applicable Kentucky laws authorize a mayor to exercise emergency powers to efficiently and effectively provide for the health, safety and welfare of citizens; and

WHEREAS, Covington businesses continue to be impacted financially by the outbreak of COVID-19 virus and associated government directives and orders; and

WHEREAS, the Covington Economic Development Director and his staff recommended implementation of an emergency program where businesses can apply for a City subsidy of up to \$500.00 per month for a duration of four (4) months to assist with rent or mortgage costs to help businesses stay solvent during the current public health emergency and recover more quickly once this emergency passes; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Meyer previously signed Executive Orders 2020-EO-04 and 2020-EO-11 setting forth and subsequently amending the details of an Emergency Disaster Rent & Mortgage Business Assistance Program; and

WHEREAS, Covington Economic Development department staff recommend adoption of revised guidelines to allow any business, which as a result of investing and operating in Covington for at least 20 years does not have a lease or mortgage (a "Legacy Business"), that meets all other qualifying criteria of the program to apply for City economic relief. Legacy Businesses may apply for and receive a single payment of not more than \$2,000.00.

NOW and therefore, I, Joseph U. Meyer, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Covington, Kentucky by KRS Chapter 39A, KRS 39B, and in furtherance of the declaration set forth in Executive Order 2020-EO-01, hereby order:

1. The implementation of an Emergency Disaster Rent & Mortgage Business Assistance Program to assist Covington businesses with certain expenses during the COVID-19 virus emergency.
2. The amended document attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference provides the parameters of the Emergency Disaster Rent & Mortgage Business Assistance Program and Legacy Business eligibility.
3. The total amount of City funds available for the Emergency Disaster Rent & Mortgage Business Assistance Program shall not exceed \$200,000.00 and the source of the funds for the program shall be the City's economic development fund.

This Order shall remain in effect until terminated by the issuance of another Executive Order when I determine that a state of emergency no longer exists and the exercise of extraordinary measures are no longer required for the protection of the public health, safety and welfare.

THIS ORDER IS EFFECTIVE MAY 28, 2020 AND SHALL REMAIN IN EFFECT UNTIL RESCINDED BY EXECUTIVE ORDER.

Signed on this the 28th day of May, 2020,


Joseph U. Meyer, Mayor

Attest:


Margaret M. Nyhan, City Clerk

5-28-20
Date