

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE BY HIS EXCELLENCY CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU, GOVERNOR

Emergency Order #24 Pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04

Modification and clarification of Emergency Order #4

Pursuant to Section 18 of Executive Order 2020-04 it is hereby ordered, effective immediately, that:

- 1. Section 1 of Emergency Order #4 issued March 17, 2020 with respect to a temporary prohibition on evictions and foreclosures ("Order #4"), shall not apply to the following:
 - a) Eviction proceedings initiated against an individual for violations of a lease or violations of law which result in either (i) substantial damage to the premises by the individual or members of the individual's household, or (ii) a substantial adverse impact on the health or safety of the other persons residing on the premises.
 - b) Eviction proceedings initiated against an individual in cases of the individual's abandonment of their rental unit or space.
- 2. Section 3 of Order #4 shall not apply to the recording of a foreclosure deed and affidavit with respect to a foreclosure sale that occurred on or before March 16, 2020. Such foreclosure deeds and affidavits of sale may be recorded in the applicable county Registry of Deeds without violation of Order #4, provided that the lender files with the deed an affidavit stating that the property that was the subject of the sale was unoccupied as of March 16, 2020.
- 3. All other provisions of Emergency Order #4 shall remain in full force and effect.
- 4. All tenants are hereby advised that, consistent with Section 4 of Emergency Order #4, nothing in this Order or Emergency Order #4 relieves a tenant of an obligation to pay rent or comply with any other provision of their lease agreements. Tenants are strongly encouraged to work with their landlords to pay all rent that they can afford, and to utilize the expanded unemployment benefits provided by the State and Federal Government, where applicable, for this purpose.

Given under my hand and seal at the Executive Chambers in Concord, this 3rd day of April, in the year of Our Lord, two thousand and twenty, and the independence of the United States of America, two hundred and forty-four.

GOVERNOR OF NEW HAMPSHIRE