

**PROVIDENCE HOUSING AUTHORITY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
BOARD RESOLUTION # 4291**

**Authorizing the Executive Director to have and to exercise emergency powers  
due to the COVID-19 pandemic**

WHEREAS, The Providence Housing Authority (PHA) remains committed to addressing the health and safety needs of its community of employees and residents; and

WHEREAS, Respected health authorities such as the World Health Organization (WHO), the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), and the Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH) have declared the COVID-19 virus a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Governor Raimondo on March 9, 2020 declared a State of Emergency in Rhode Island and subsequently recommended that businesses provide all appropriate measures to protect the public, employees, and citizens that the organizations serve.

WHEREAS, Mayor Elorza on March 12, 2020 declared a State of Emergency in the City of Providence, and on March 26, 2020, Mayor Elorza extended the State of Emergency for the City of Providence through at least April 17, 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE, Notwithstanding any other provision of the Authority’s rules, regulations and by-laws to the contrary, the Board of Commissioners of the Providence Housing Authority (Board) resolves to: Authorize the Executive Director to take any and all action in this declared COVID-19 emergency, consistent with federal, state, local law, and the Executive Director’s Position Description, deemed reasonable and necessary by the Executive Director to protect the interests and property of the Authority, and the health, safety and welfare of its residents and employees after notifying this Board’s Chairman. The Executive Director shall document said action(s) taken and the reasons therefore into a written report to be provided to the Chairman; and

NOW, THEREFORE, The Board hereby ratifies and approves all emergency measures that the Executive Director has taken and will be taken in response to this declared COVID-19 emergency that are consistent with the above resolution, including, but not limited to, the written notice and directive that the Executive Director provided to Providence Housing Authority’s state and local collective bargaining representatives via email on Sunday, March 15, 2020. The powers granted herein shall end at the expiration of this COVID-19 emergency.

Resolution Action	
Moved By: Commissioner	Second: Commissioner
Vote	
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Resolution Status	
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Date: April 1, 2020