

MEMO

From: City of Marietta Development Department (Daniel Everson)

To: Public Information; HUD Information

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The COVID-19 pandemic and resultant public health crisis has impacted the City of Marietta, OH along with the rest of the nation. National and local public health authorities continue to recommend social distancing and limiting public gatherings for public health reasons. On November 11, 2020, Ohio Governor Mike DeWine announced the issuance of new orders prohibiting public events involving more than 10 people within the State of Ohio. The list of Executive and Department of Health Orders presently in effect within the State of Ohio is available online, hosted at <https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/resources/public-health-orders>. Specifically, the November 17, 2020 order by Lance Himes (Interim Ohio Director of Health) states, “All public and private gatherings of greater than 10 people occurring outside a single residence and the real estate on which it is located, or an apartment, condominium, or dormitory living unit are prohibited.”

Furthermore, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services on January 7, 2021 issued a “Renewal of Determination that a Public Health Emergency Exists,” which reads as follows: “As a result of the continued consequences of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic, on this date and after consultation with public health officials as necessary, I, Alex M. Azar II, Secretary of health and Human Services, pursuant to the authority vested in me under section 319 of the Public Health Service Act, do hereby renew, effective January 21, 2021, my January 31, 2020, determination, that I previously renewed on April 21, 2020 October 23, 2020, my January 31, 2020, determination, that I previously renewed on April 21, 2020, July 23, 2020, and October 2, 2020, that a public health emergency exists and has existed since January 27, 2020, nationwide.”

As such, I am hereby documenting in writing the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic as the reason for claiming use of the waiver authority provided by CPD Notice 21-02 (issued Feb. 8, 2021) and its supporting memoranda from James A. Jemison, II for the conduct of Marietta, OH’s 2021-2023 Consolidated Planning citizen participation process. The Public Notice pertaining to the first of two 2021 meetings, which is expected to run in the Marietta Times on February 24, 2021, has been drafted to explain the means by which a public hearing will be held electronically approximately 15 days after that date of publication for the purpose of engaging and informing the community as part of the City of Marietta’s assessment of its community needs.

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