



EXECUTIVE ORDER 2017-4

WHEREAS, 9 Del. C. § 330 provides the New Castle County Government with general powers and duties to direct, manage and control its business and finances; and

WHEREAS, 9 Del. C. § 1116 requires the New Castle County Executive to see that the duties and responsibilities of the executive and administrative agencies of the County are properly performed and that the work of the county offices, departments, and agencies is properly coordinated; and

WHEREAS, New Castle County, like many local governments across the nation, is facing a budget shortfall and must forge solutions to balance the budget, including the collection of delinquent bills; and

WHEREAS, the County currently does not actively pursue taking properties to Sheriff's Sale where the delinquent property owners are still living in their homes, regardless of the amount of money owed to the County.

THEREFORE, to address the continued struggle of many homeowners owing back taxes, sewer fees, and/or other charges and to address the inequity of some residents paying taxes while others do not, I, the County Executive, direct that the following policy be implemented:

1. New Castle County's Office of Finance shall not foreclose on any residential properties for overdue taxes, charges, fees, liens and other monies due to the County as long as the property owner:
 - a) enters into a good faith payment plan with the Office of Finance; and
 - b) complies with the terms of the good faith payment plan.
2. This moratorium on foreclosures shall not apply to vacant properties.
3. This Executive Order rescinds Executive Order 2012-1 of February 8, 2012 and shall become enforceable immediately upon signature by the New Castle County Executive. This Executive Order will remain in effect until and unless rescinded by subsequent order of the New Castle County Executive.

Matthew Meyer
New Castle County Executive

Aug. 23, 2017

Date