

**MINISTERIAL ORDER**

WHEREAS the Lieutenant Governor in Council made Order in Council 080/2020 under section 52.1(1) of the *Public Health Act* (PHA) on March 17, 2020 declaring a state of public health emergency in Alberta due to pandemic COVID-19 and the significant likelihood of pandemic influenza;

WHEREAS Order in Council 080/2020 has effect for 90 days following March 17, 2020 under section 52.8(1)(a) of the PHA;

WHEREAS section 52.1(3) of the PHA authorizes the Minister of Justice and Solicitor General, responsible for the *Civil Enforcement Act* (CEA), and the Alberta Rules of Court (Minister), to make an order without consultation, to suspend or modify the application or operation of all or part of an enactment, subject to the terms and conditions the Minister prescribes, if the Minister is satisfied that the application or operation of all or part of the enactment is not in the public interest.

WHEREAS I am satisfied that the application or operation of all or part of the CEA is not in the public interest because Albertans should not be subject to eviction from their residences for being unable to pay rent, utilities, or both because of circumstances beyond their control caused by the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS I am satisfied that the application or operation of all or part of the Alberta Rules of Court is not in the public interest because Albertans should not be subject to eviction from their residences for being unable to pay rent, utilities, or both because of circumstances beyond their control caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

THEREFORE, I, Doug Schweitzer, Minister of Justice and Solicitor General responsible for the CEA and the Alberta Rules of Court, pursuant to section 52.1(2) of the PHA do hereby order that:

1. The authority of civil enforcement agencies and bailiffs, under the *Civil Enforcement Act* and Rule 9.26 of the Alberta Rules of Court, to evict a person from residential premises where the breach is solely for failure to pay rent, utilities, or both due to circumstances beyond their control caused by the COVID-19 pandemic pursuant to an Order issued by the Residential Tenancy Dispute Resolution Service of Alberta, the Provincial Court of Alberta, or the Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta is suspended for the term of this Order.

This Order lapses, unless it is sooner continued by an order of the Lieutenant Governor in Council under section 52.811(3) of the PHA, at the earliest of the following:

- (a) April 30, 2020;
- (b) 60 days after Order in Council 080/2020 lapses under section 52.8(1) of the PHA;
- (c) when this Order is terminated by the Minister under section 52.811(2) of the PHA because the Minister is satisfied that this Order is no longer in the public interest; or
- (d) when this Order is terminated by the Lieutenant Governor in Council under section 52.811(1)(c) of the PHA.

Dated at the City of <sup>Calgary</sup> Edmonton, in the Province of Alberta, this 27<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.

  
 MINISTER OF JUSTICE AND SOLICITOR GENERAL  
 OF THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA