



**EXECUTIVE ORDER 2017-6**

**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 performed properly and that the work of the county offices, departments, and agencies is coordinated properly; 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 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, 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 shall not initiate the monition process on any residential property occupied by a legal tenant or owner for the purpose of collecting overdue taxes, charges, fees, liens and other monies due to the County provided that 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. The provisions of paragraph 1 shall not apply to any property registered as a Vacant Premises pursuant to Chapter 7 of the *New Castle County Code*.
3. This Executive Order rescinds Executive Order 2012-1 of February 8, 2012 and Executive Order 2017-4 of August 23, 2017 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 This Executive Order will remain in effect until and unless rescinded by subsequent order of the New Castle County Executive.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 S. Meyer  
New Castle County Executive

*Dec. 1, 2017*

Date