

Offered by Councilor Josh Zakim

CITY OF BOSTON



IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND FOURTEEN

ORDINANCE 2014

CHAPTER 16

AN ORDINANCE EXTENDING PROTECTIONS FOR TENANTS FACING DISPLACEMENT BY CONDOMINIUM OR COOPERATIVE CONVERSION PURSUANT TO THE CITY'S AUTHORITY UNDER ST. 1983, c. 527

WHEREAS, Chapter 8 of the Ordinances of 1999 provided certain protections for tenants facing displacement by condominium or cooperative conversion pursuant to St. 1983, c. 527 through December 31, 2004; and,

WHEREAS, Chapter 12 of the Ordinances of 2004 extended those protections through December 31, 2009 and Chapter 9 of the Ordinances of 2009 extended those protections through December 31, 2014; and,

WHEREAS, The City Council hereby declares in accordance with St. 1983, c. 527, § 2, ¶ 4 that current conditions in the City of Boston continue to constitute an acute rental housing emergency requiring action by the City due to the high prices of condominiums and rents, the high cost of new housing construction and finance, and the reduction of rental housing stock through the conversion of rental housing units into condominiums or cooperatives, thus resulting in not only threats of displacement to existing tenants, particularly persons of low to moderate income, elderly persons, and disabled persons, but also the inability of those tenants to secure comparable rental housing, even with alternative forms of rental assistance;

NOW THEREFORE,

Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston, as follows:

Section 1.

Section 1 of Chapter 8 of the Ordinances of 1999 is revised such that the phrase "Rental Housing Resource Center" is stricken where it appears and the phrase "Boston Rental Housing Center" is substituted.

Section 2.

Section 2(g) of Chapter 8 of the Ordinances of 1999 is revised such that the phrase "three thousand (\$3,000.00) dollars" is stricken where it appears and the phrase "six thousand dollars (\$6,000.00)" is substituted, and the phrase "five thousand (\$5,000.00) dollars" is stricken where it appears and the phrase "ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) is substituted.

Section 3.

Section 5 of Chapter 8 of the Ordinances of 1999 is revised such that the phrase "2014" is stricken where it appears and the phrase "2019" is substituted.

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