

**Resolution 90 of 2019**

**RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KINGSTON, NEW YORK  
TO ADOPT A MEMORIALIZING RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT UNIVERSAL RENT  
STABILIZATION, AS PER ATTACHED**

Sponsored By: Laws & Rules Committee: Aldermen: Shaut,  
O'Reilly, Scott-Childress, Ventura Morell, Carey

**WHEREAS**, the City of Kingston has documented and identified unmet need for affordable housing opportunities to serve low and moderate income residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Kingston has hosted a series of housing forums to discuss concerns and learn from residents of the city; and

**WHEREAS** , currently state law does not provide local authority to form a local board that would determine annual allowable rental increases in order to protect tenants from arbitrary rent increases; and

**WHEREAS**, the New York State's Emergency Tenant Protection Act (ETPA) of 1974 provides rental protections including rent stabilization whereby landlords are subject to regulated rent increases and tenants have the right to renewal leases; and

**WHEREAS**, under the current ETPA law only municipalities in Nassau, Westchester, Rockland counties and New York City are eligible to adopt a form of rent stabilization, resulting in it applying to tenants in 8 of the state's 62 counties; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2019, New York State's Emergency Tenant Protection Act (ETPA) of 1974 will be expiring, presenting an opportunity for our leadership in Albany to improve and extend the tenants'

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City of Kingston call upon our leaders in Albany to strike the geographical restrictions from the ETPA so that local governments can take an active role addressing the cost of rental housing and to provide critical rental rights to tenants in the City of Kingston and across the state; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the city of Kingston support and endorse S6527/A6285 which would prohibit owners from adjusting the amount of preferential rent upon the renewal of a lease; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City of Kingston support and endorse S1593/A9815 which relates to rent increases after vacancy of a housing accommodation and would illuminate the vacancy bonus; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City of Kingston support and endorse S3482/A433 which would prevent landlords from being able to take apartments out of rent regulation when existing

tenants leaves; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City Clerk is directed to send a copy of this resolution to U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, U.S. Senator Charles Schumer, Governor Andrew Cuomo, State Senator George Amador, State Assemblyman Kevin Cahill, Acting County Executive Adele B. Reiter, Ulster County Legislative Chair Tracey Bartels, Ulster County Legislator Lynn Eckert, Ulster County Legislator Brian Woltman and Ulster County Legislator Dave Donaldson.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KINGSTON, NEW YORK, THAT THIS RESOLUTION THEREUPON BE ADOPTED**

Submitted to the Mayor this 8 day of

May, 2019



Elisa Tinti, City Clerk

Approved by the Mayor this 8<sup>th</sup> day of

May, 2019



Steven T. Noble, Mayor

Adopted by Council on May 7, 2019

# THE CITY OF KINGSTON COMMON COUNCIL

## LAWS & RULES COMMITTEE REPORT

DEPARTMENT \_\_\_\_\_ DATE 4/17/2019

Description \_\_\_\_\_

Resolution to adopt a memorializing resolution to support universal rent stabilization, as ~~and contact~~ per attached.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Motion by ~~WCP~~ WC

Seconded by RSC

Action Required: \_\_\_\_\_

SEQRA Decision:

Type I Action \_\_\_\_\_

Type II Action \_\_\_\_\_


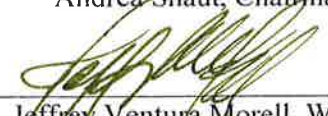

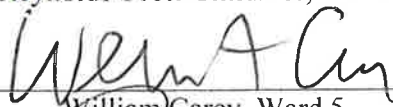
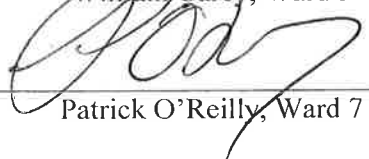
Unlisted Action \_\_\_\_\_

Negative Declaration of Environmental Significance: \_\_\_\_\_

Conditioned Negative Declaration: \_\_\_\_\_

Seek Lead Agency Status: \_\_\_\_\_

Positive Declaration of Environmental Significance: \_\_\_\_\_

<u>Committee Vote</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
 Andrea Shaut, Chairman	✓	
 Jeffrey Ventura Morell, Ward 1	✓	
 Reynolds Scott-Childress, Ward 3	✓	
 William Carey, Ward 5	✓	
 Patrick O'Reilly, Ward 7	✓	