



CITY OF BOSTON • MASSACHUSETTS

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
THOMAS M. MENINO

November 3, 2009

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors,

I respectfully transmit for your approval an Ordinance amending Chapter 8 of the Ordinances of 1999 (as previously amended by Chapter 12 of the Ordinances of 2004) to extend the provisions of that Ordinance for an additional five years from December 31, 2009 to December 31, 2014. The ordinance provides additional protections beyond those provided under Chapter 527 of the Acts of 1983 for elderly, handicapped and low to middle income tenants against evictions resulting from condominium or cooperative conversions of their residential units.

I urge your Honorable Body to approve this Ordinance at your earliest convenience so that tenants of the City of Boston may continue to benefit from these protections without interruption.

Sincerely,

Thomas M. Menino
Mayor of Boston

CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL

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

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

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

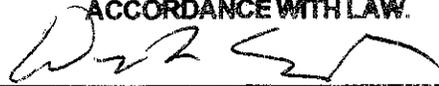
WHEREAS, Chapter 12 of the Ordinances of 2004 extended those protections through December 31, 2009; and

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, on account of the impact of the high prices of condominium and rents especially relative to the incomes of low-income and elderly renters, the increased cost of new housing construction and finance, and the reduction of the rental housing stock through the conversion of rental housing units into condominiums or cooperatives, thus resulting in threats of displacement to existing tenants, particularly those of low to moderate income and those who are elderly or handicapped, and an inability of those tenants to secure comparable rental housing, even through the use of alternative forms of rental assistance;

NOW, THEREFORE, Chapter 8 of the Ordinances of 1999 is hereby extended as follows:

Section 1. Section 5 of Chapter 8 of the Ordinances of 1999 is revised such that the phrase "December 31, 2009" is stricken, and the phrase "December 31, 2014" is substituted.

**I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT
THE FOREGOING, IF PASSED IN
THE ABOVE FORM, WILL BE IN
ACCORDANCE WITH LAW.**



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