

Offered by City Councilor Lydia Edwards



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING REGARDING CONDOMINIUM CONVERSION PROTECTIONS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

WHEREAS: Since 1983, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts has afforded municipalities the option to enact protections for tenants residing in properties subject to condominium conversion; and

WHEREAS: Boston's condominium conversion ordinance, updated in 2014, affords residents of covered properties a notice period, right of first refusal to purchase their unit, relocation assistance, just cause eviction, and relocation benefits if the unit is converted to a condominium; and

WHEREAS: The city extended condominium conversion protections for one year in December 2019 in order to allow time for potential revisions during the current council session; and

WHEREAS: A strong and effective condominium conversion ordinance is important to protect vulnerable Boston renters while still allowing the creation of new ownership opportunities; THEREFORE

BE IT ORDERED:

That the appropriate Committee of the Boston City Council holds a hearing to discuss condominium conversions and potential updates to the city's existing protections.

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