



**CITY OF NEW HAVEN
BOARD OF ALDERS**

December 31, 2025

Honorable Tyisha Walker-Myers
President, Board of Alders City of New Haven
165 Church Street, 2nd Floor
City of New Haven, CT 06510

RE: AN ORDINANCE AMENDMENT OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS TO THE
NEW HAVEN CODE OF ORDINANCES AMENDING TITLE III, CHAPTER 17, ARTICLE XIV
TO ESTABLISH A TENANT'S RIGHTS TRANSPARENCY ORDINANCE

Dear President Walker-Myers,

I submit the attached proposed ordinance amendment adding a Tenant's Rights Transparency Ordinance to Title III, Chapter 17, Article XIV of the New Haven Code of Ordinances.

More than 70 percent of residents in the City of New Haven rent their homes. As a result, ensuring the safety and sanitary conditions of all rental units in the City of New Haven is critical to the quality of life, public health, and safety of all City residents.

However, renters in the City of New Haven are often unaware of their rights and responsibilities because the local, state, and federal laws governing landlords and tenants are complicated and/or difficult to find and understand. Because of this lack of transparency and easily accessible information, renters often are forced to live in unsafe or unhealthy housing conditions because they do not know how to use available protections and processes to ensure their landlords follow housing, building, and fire code laws and other landlord-tenant laws and policies.

This ordinance amendment would help to establish transparent leases for tenants in the City of New Haven by requiring that all landlords that are required to participate in the city's Residential Rental Business Licensing program also must include in their leases a packet of information prepared by the Livable City Initiative Bureau describing the rights and responsibilities of landlords and tenants. Tenants will benefit from this transparency, and landlords will also benefit because tenants will be better educated about their rights and responsibilities as renters.



Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Hon. Eli Sabin
Alder, Ward 7