



Office of Mayor Miro Weinberger

MEMORANDUM

TO: Burlington City Council
FROM: Mayor Miro Weinberger
DATE: October 31, 2019
RE: Review of and recommendations regarding renter protections

This summer and fall, as I worked with City staff and the City Council to talk with members of the public and develop policy proposals to address the supply and affordability of housing in Burlington, a number of Burlingtonians asked the City to include in that work consideration of additional protections for renters in Burlington.

I listened to that request, and asked the City's Community and Economic Development Office and Department of Permitting & Inspections to undertake a review of Burlington's existing renter protections and recent national reforms that have continued to expand renter protections across the country, and to develop recommendations for how the City can better ensure renters' rights. At the *BTV Housing Summit - Part 2* on September 4, I announced this review and a commitment to bring it to the City Council for further consideration.

With the attached whitepaper, the Administration is delivering this review. I am appreciative of the teams at CEDO and DPI for working diligently to put together a significant amount of work on a short timeframe, and believe that this whitepaper offers a valuable foundation for our continuing discussion and action. As you will see in the whitepaper, we are recommending six areas for further work. The whitepaper also is intended to be a starting point for further conversation with the community that will be conducted by the Council's Community Development and Neighborhood Revitalization Committee, in order to consider these measures, determine priorities, and refer any recommended policy changes to the appropriate bodies.

I look forward to our collective, ongoing work in this area and to address the housing crisis in our city.