

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Jim Lockridge <[jim@bigheavyworld.com](mailto:jim@bigheavyworld.com)>  
**Subject:** For Charter Change Committee Members re: No-Cause Evictions  
**Date:** September 22, 2020 at 9:24:29 AM EDT  
**To:** [jshannon@burlingtonvt.gov](mailto:jshannon@burlingtonvt.gov), [pfreeman@burlingtonvt.gov](mailto:pfreeman@burlingtonvt.gov),  
[jstromberg@burlingtonvt.gov](mailto:jstromberg@burlingtonvt.gov)  
**Cc:** [eblackwood@burlingtonvt.gov](mailto:eblackwood@burlingtonvt.gov)

[WARNING]: External Message

Councilors:

My family owns a 100-year-old house on King Street that was constructed as a single-family residence, then converted to a duplex. The city would not allow us to de-convert the house into a single family home when we sought to do that. We live downstairs, making use of a combined living room/dining area as a single-bedroom apartment and have tenants upstairs. When we have the financial capacity we would like to occupy our whole home.

As you review the practical impacts of No-Fault Evictions, would you please consider how a rule like that would affect a family like ours, that could be prevented from living in its own house? You'll be thinking about many other perspectives and values, I'm sure, and I'm supportive of work that improves the justness and wellbeing of our community, but this kind of rule-making should not be simplified to the point of creating unintended injuries. Thank you for welcoming nuance like this to your conversation.

---

[JAMES LOCKRIDGE](#) (he/him)  
Executive Director, [Big Heavy World](#) | WOMM-LP 105.9FM The Radiator  
Chittenden Zone Agent, [Vermont Creative Network](#)  
Brigade Co-Captain, [Code for BTV](#)  
[The Cherry Coal](#)

[LinkedIn](#) • [Instagram](#) • [Facebook](#)

Please note that this communication and any response to it will be maintained as a public record and may be subject to disclosure under the Vermont Public Records Act.