



**CITY OF NEW HAVEN  
BOARD OF ALDERS**

May 20, 2019

Hon. Board of Alders  
c/o 165 Church Street  
New Haven, CT 06510

Dear Colleagues

Please find attached the draft Ordinance Amendment establishing the Affordable Housing Commission. As you are aware this was a recommendation of the Affordable Housing Taskforce.

As such we are pleased to submit this proposal pursuant to that recommendation.

We ask your consideration and support so that this Commission may begin its important work promptly.

Sincerely

Hon. Tyisha Walker-Myers  
Ward 23, Alder

Hon. Jeanette Morrison,  
Ward 22, Alder

Hon. Richard Furlow  
Ward 27, Alder

Hon. Delphine Clyburn  
Ward 20, Alder

Hon. Dolores Colon  
Ward 6, Alder

Hon. Dave Reyes, Jr.  
Ward 5, Alder

ORDINANCE AMENDMENT TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES ESTABLISHING THE  
NEW HAVEN AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMISSION.

WHEREAS, all citizens of the City of New Haven should have access to safe, quality, affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, the City of New Haven recognizes the need for a coordinated, collaborative approach to address the complex issue of affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, the City should be a regional, statewide, and national model advocate for developing innovative strategies and approaches to addressing affordable housing needs; and

WHEREAS, the City would benefit from informed, engaged community members and policy experts reviewing and commenting on the impact of City, State, and Federal policy on the ongoing maintenance and creation of safe and affordable housing in the City of New Haven,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, BY THE BOARD OF ALDERS that the New Haven Affordable Housing Commission be established and composed of fifteen (15) members, eight (8) appointed by the President of the Board of Alders, and seven (7) appointed by the Mayor. All appointees must be approved by the Board of Alders.

All members shall serve for a two-year term that can be renewed by re-appointment by the Mayor or Board of Alders, respectively, and must be approved by the Board of Alders.

Membership of the Commission must include one (1) member of the Board of Alders; one (1) representative from the Mayor's office; (1) the Director of the Department of Economic Development, or their designee; (1) the President of Elm City Communities/Housing Authority of the City of New Haven, or their designee; four (4) members of the public with specific and relevant lived experience as tenants or occupants of affordable housing and who reflect the diversity of the City.

The additional seven (7) appointees should be subject experts, members of community engagement organizations, members of fair housing organizations, members of the development community, or interested stakeholders. The Commission shall be staffed by the Executive Director of LCI, or their designee.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the New Haven Affordable Housing Commission shall be responsible for submitting a yearly report to the Mayor and Board of Alders about the state of affordable housing New Haven, including policy recommendations. Its initial report shall be submitted within six (6) months following the first meeting of the Commission.