## LOCAL LAW 1 OF 2022 OF THE CITY OF KINGSTON, NEW YORK, AUTHORIZING THE AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 332 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF KINGSTON ENTITLED "RENTAL PROPERTIES" TO PROHIBIT EVICTIONS WITHOUT GOOD CAUSE

Sponsored By: Laws & Rules Committee: Alderman: Ventura Morell, Worthington, Scott-Childress, Hirsch, Tallerman

WHEREAS, renters in the City of Kingston, especially low and moderate income renters are increasingly faced with the refusal of landlords to continue to rent to otherwise credit-worthy tenants and tenants who are otherwise following all applicable laws. Tenants throughout the City have experienced steeply increased rents that threaten the general welfare of our City. We have seen large numbers of our neighbors displaced because they cannot afford increasing rents. The purpose of this law is to protect tenants from exorbitant rent increases that could result in increased homelessness and further displacement within the City.

## NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED AS FOLLOWS:

**SECTION 1.** That the Common Council authorizes the amendment of Chapter 332 entitled Rental Properties of the Code of the City of Kingston as annexed hereto.

**SECTION 2.** If any provisions of this local law are held to be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions of the local law shall remain in effect.

**SECTION 3.** This local law shall take effect upon filing with the Secretary of State.

Submitted to the Mayor this day of, 2022  Elisa Tinti, City Clerk	Approved by the Mayor this day of, 2022  Steven T. Noble, Mayor