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Resolution #

R-2016-5

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A STATEWIDE HOUSING COURT

WHEREAS, the City known as the Town of Watertown, through its various enforcement authorities, is required to address issues involving housing, sanitary, and zoning codes, laws, rules and regulations; and

WHEREAS, these complex and often sensitive matters are currently being addressed at the District Court level; and

WHEREAS, these matters may be better addressed in a venue having the appropriate expertise and experience; and

WHEREAS, such expertise and experience, which would benefit the needs of the Town in protecting the health and safety of its residents, may be found in the Housing Court, whose jurisdiction currently does not include the Town; and

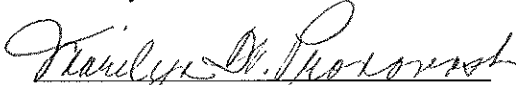
WHEREAS, bills are currently pending in both the Massachusetts House and Senate (H. 1656 and S. 901) to provide a comprehensive expansion of the Housing Court jurisdiction statewide.

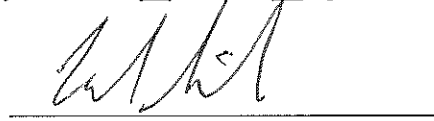
NOW THEREFORE, the Town Council expresses its support for the statewide expansion of the Housing Court jurisdiction in the interest of protecting public health and safety;

AND FURTHER, hereby requests that the Town's legislative delegation and the Governor take appropriate action to effect such statewide expansion of the Housing Court jurisdiction.

Council Member

I hereby certify that at a regular meeting of the Town Council for which a quorum was present, the above Resolution was adopted by a vote of 7 for and 0 against on February 9, 2016.


Marilyn W. Pronovost, Council Clerk


Mark S. Sideris, Council President