



TOWN OF FAIRFAX

STAFF REPORT

September 3, 2014

TO: Mayor and Town Council

FROM: Garrett Toy, Town Manager *GT*

SUBJECT: Accept request from Councilmember Bragman to withdraw the rent control issue from consideration by the Town's Affordable Housing Committee and the Town Council

RECOMMENDATION

Accept request from Councilmember Bragman to withdraw the Council's referral of rent control to the Town's Affordable Housing Committee for consideration at its 9/24 meeting and from future Council discussion.

DISCUSSION

At its August 6th meeting, the Council discussed a memorandum submitted by Councilmember Bragman regarding rent control in Fairfax. A decision was made to refer the issue to the Town's Affordable Housing Committee (AHC) for consideration at its 9/24 meeting. The matter would then return to the Council in October for further discussion.

However, Councilmember Bragman is requesting that the Council withdraw the rent control item from further discussion and consideration by either the Council or the AHC. Councilmember Bragman states that "a rent control ordinance in Fairfax would require a significant dedication of public funds for staffing, research and dispute resolution which the Town can ill afford. It will also distract and disrupt our community from the more important Housing Element work that lays ahead for the Town in the coming months."

The Council may recall that this agenda item also included a petition from residents requesting the Council to consider a one-year moratorium on rent increases. At the August 6th meeting, the Council did not specifically discuss the petition request. However, as the Council will not be considering a rent control measure, staff considers the request to have been addressed by the Council.

FISCAL IMPACT

n/a

AGENDA ITEM # 6