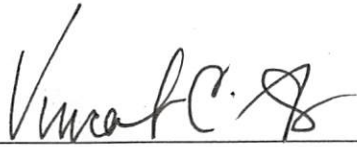
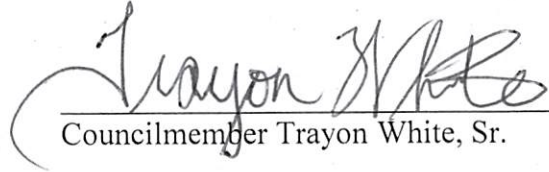


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17 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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20 To Amend the District of Columbia Housing Authority Act of 1999 to provide prospective
21 renters in the District who qualify for the Housing Choice Voucher Program with funds
22 to submit up to five rental applications with accompanying background and credit checks.

23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this
24 act may be cited as the “Local Rental Application Voucher Amendment Act of 2019”.

25 Sec. 2. Section 26c(g)(1) of the District of Columbia Housing Authority Act of 1999,
26 effective May 9, 2000 (D.C. Law 13-105; D.C. Official Code § 6-228(g)(1)), is amended by
27 striking the phrase “a security deposit and application fee for a housing unit the eligible
28 household is leasing or intending to lease” and inserting the phrase “the security deposit for a
29 housing unit the eligible household intends to lease and the fees associated with credit checks
30 and applications for up to 5 housing units the eligible household is considering leasing” in its
31 place.

32 Sec. 3. Applicability.

33 (a) This act shall apply upon the date of inclusion of its fiscal effect in an approved
34 budget and financial plan.

35 (b) The Chief Financial Officer shall certify the date of inclusion of the fiscal effect in an
36 approved budget and financial plan and provide notice to the Budget Director of the Council of
37 the certification.

38 Sec. 4. Fiscal impact statement

39 The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the fiscal
40 impact statement required by section 4a of the General Legislative Procedures Act of 1975,
41 approved October 16, 2006 (120 Stat. 2038; D.C. Official Code § 1-301.47a).

42 Sec. 6. effective date.

43 This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the
44 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of Congressional review as
45 provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December
46 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.2(c)(1)); and publication in the District of
47 Columbia.



LOCAL RENTAL APPLICATION VOUCHER AMENDMENT ACT OF 2019

WHAT THIS BILL WOULD DO

As introduced this bill would provide prospective renters in the District who qualify for the Housing Choice Voucher Program with funds to submit up to five rental applications with accompanying funds for background and credit checks.

WHY THIS LEGISLATION IS IMPORTANT

In the District of Columbia, the Housing Choice Voucher Program is a program that allows residents to find affordable housing. This program has roughly 1.5 million households participating. This program as it currently stands provides vouchers to residents to find affordable housing. But there is an initial barrier to renting, that barrier is being able to afford rental application fees and the accompanying credit check fee. These costs can and do add up quickly when searching for available housing. Our residents who are receiving assistance with their rent also need assistance with the initial application and credit check fee before even being a renter. This amendment makes that change to allow for 5 rental application and credit checks.