

RESOLUTION NO. 192

WHEREAS, over 70 percent of the dwelling units in the City of Alexandria are renter occupied; and

WHEREAS, the Alexandria City Council had continually expressed its concern for the well being of the City's tenants and landlords through study commissions, proposed Charter changes, local legislation and the establishment of a Landlord-Tenant Relations Board; and

WHEREAS, approximately 100 complaints of rent increases have been received since the President's release of Phase II controls and many of the reported increases exceed the recommended Phase III maximum of five percent; and

WHEREAS, increases of almost 30 percent have been reported in large apartment complexes serving lower income families, families least able to pay greatly increased rental costs; and

WHEREAS, the Alexandria Landlord-Tenant Relations Board has expressed its concern to the City Council about excessive rent increases over the past month; and

WHEREAS, it now appears that voluntary controls on rental increases are not feasible as was originally anticipated by the President;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that a letter will be sent to The Honorable Richard M. Nixon, President of the United States, and the Cost of Living Council, on behalf of the City Council of the City of Alexandria, urging a roll back of excessive rent increases and a reestablishment of rent controls under the Cost of Living Council; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Alexandria strongly urges our representatives in Congress to support all efforts on the part of the Administration to roll back excessive rent increases and re-establish rent controls; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be spread upon the minutes of this City Council meeting, and further, that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the President of the United States, the Cost of Living Council and our representatives in Congress.

CHARLES E. BEATLEY, JR. MAYOR
On behalf of the City Council
of Alexandria, Virginia

ATTEST:

Helen Vickers, Clerk

Adopted February 27, 1973