



City of
Salisbury
Jacob R. Day, Mayor

January 22, 2020

Chairman William C. Smith
2 East
Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401
Re: Senate Bill 176

Dear Chairman Smith:

Please accept this letter as my given support of the revised state legislation recently proposed by the Salisbury Area Property Owners Association. The legislation in question will authorize an alternative procedure for Wicomico County evictions. Reducing the amount of tenant property left in City right-of-ways after an eviction.

Current procedure for Wicomico County evictions requires that all remaining property be removed from the premises before an eviction can be completed. This property, often comprised of furniture and other personal belongings, is typically placed in an area just outside of the property boundary and remains there for an extended period of time. These items block City sidewalks and burden the local police force and code enforcement as they work to ensure that City streets and right-of-ways are clear for traffic.

The proposed revision will give all tenants facing eviction a 14-day notice, allowing them time to make arrangement in removing their property of their own volition. This advanced notice will make an effort to reduce the blight that currently plagues many of Salisbury's tenant-occupied areas.

Thank you for your tireless commitment to the City of Salisbury, and thank you for your consideration of this legislation. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Jacob R. Day
Mayor