



Commonwealth of Massachusetts
EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HOUSING &
LIVABLE COMMUNITIES

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September 29, 2023

Robert Correnti
Executive Director
Billerica Housing Authority
16 River Street
Billerica, MA 01821

Re: Grant of Waiver from Requirement that Town Appoint a Tenant Board Member (Waiver 1: Town has a Current Board Member Who is a Tenant/Rental Assistance Participant)

Dear Executive Director,

Pursuant to Section 90 of Chapter 358 or the Acts of 2020, as codified at M.G.L. c. 121B § 5A, this letter serves as a statutory waiver of the requirement contained in M.G.L. c. 121B, § 5 that a Town appoint a Tenant Board Member to the Town's Local Housing Authority ("LHA").

Upon review of the materials provided with the LHA's waiver request of 5/25/2023, the Department is satisfied that there is a tenant/rental assistance participant of the LHA already serving on the LHA's Board. As such, the Department is granting a statutory waiver from the requirements of M.G.L. c. 121B, § 5 that the Town appoint a Tenant Board Member to the LHA's Board.

This waiver is valid through 7/9/2024 and may be renewed for one year at a time until the existing tenant's/rental assistance participant's current term expires or their seat is vacated.

If at any time the existing tenant/rental assistance participant is no longer a member of the LHA Board, this waiver shall be considered void and the LHA is required to notify the Town of the requirement to appoint a Tenant Board Member pursuant to M.G.L. c. 121B, § 5.

The LHA must post this waiver on its website and in its common areas. The LHA must also notify its Local Tenant Organization(s), if any, of the grant of this waiver.

If you have any questions regarding this waiver, please contact your Housing Management Specialist.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Fatima Razzaq'.

Fatima Razzaq,
Acting Director
Division of Public Housing

cc. Martin Conway, LHA Board Chair
Donna McCoy, Billerica Town Clerk