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Subject: Item PG20.11 – Extending Zoning and Licensing of Rooming Houses

I am alarmed by the staff report before your committee. The concept of Scarborough, a community that was originally designed and planned, in most part, for single families is slowly but surely being chipped away. Today, you are allowed a second suite and up to two boarders in communities that were never designed as such.

The last attack is to make everything wide open. Rooming houses are the last nail in the coffin of our communities as they exist today.

Their residents are transient and share no roots within the community. In many cases the landlord does not even know who occupies the units.

We can expect a mass exodus of long time residents moving out of the City, that is more concerned about non resident property owners, conducting for profit businesses in our communities.

I urge you to stop staff from moving in this direction.

Sincerely



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