

Proposed Zoning Regulations for Rooming Houses: Status Report

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To:	Planning and Growth Management Committee
From:	Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning
Wards:	All Wards
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SUMMARY

This report provides an update on the Proposed Zoning Regulations for Rooming Houses report. The final report will be submitted to the Planning and Growth Management Committee meeting to be held on January 6, 2010.

Financial Impact

There is no financial impact associated with this report.

DECISION HISTORY

At its January 8, 2009 meeting the Planning and Growth Management Committee considered the Staff Report "Extending Zoning and Licensing of Rooming Houses." Link to the Report:

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/pg/bgrd/backgroundfile-17594.pdf>

This Report arose from a June 16, 2008 request from the Affordable Housing Committee to Deputy City Manager Sue Corke to review the feasibility of two tasks: extending city-wide zoning regulations that permit rooming houses in some zones, and licensing requirements for rooming houses.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

The Report presented to the Planning and Growth Management Committee on January 8, 2009 recognizes that completing the two tasks would contribute to meeting the city's

affordable housing policies and programs. It concludes that work on the two tasks would be complex, requiring detailed investigation into a number of issues and should await two significant milestones scheduled to be reached in 2009:

City Planning to present a draft new zoning by-law which would lay the foundations to consider extending zoning for rooming houses city-wide; and,

The Affordable Housing Office to present the ten year affordable housing framework, "Housing Opportunities Toronto: An Affordable Housing Action Plan 2010 - 2020."

COMMENTS

Work on the report proposing zoning regulations for rooming houses is continuing in step with the new zoning by-law project. Any changes in zoning for rooming houses will be made in the context of the new zoning by-law regulations. The Statutory Public Meeting for the draft zoning by-law will be held in February 2010, if approved by Committee. The recommendations for proposed zoning regulations for rooming houses will be presented to Committee at its meeting to be held on January 6, 2010.

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