

These comments are submitted for distribution to the Licensing and Standards Committee

LS23.1 Licensing and Registration for Short-Term Rentals

On behalf of The Toronto Tenants' Association of 45 Dunfield Avenue, we wish to express our concerns and opposition to the Short-Term Rental of unit(s) in a high-rise rental buildings.

1. SECURITY. Short term tenants are not vetted and strangers do not have a vested interest in the security of the building. It is upsetting to tenants to see strangers coming and going and using the building amenities for which full-time tenants pay.
2. INSURANCE. Who is responsible for any damages cause to the building by short term tenants and could such cost be passed on to tenants in future Above Guideline rent increases (AGIs)?
3. RENTAL UNITS FOR LONG TERM TENANTS. Short term rental reduces the availability of units for long term tenants when there is a rental shortage in Toronto. Some corporations are renting blocks of units and making them available for Short Term Rental in effect running a hotel within the building without incurring the cost of fees and taxes that legal Hotels must pay.

This is a growing problem both in our building and in this city. Thank you for your willingness to address this growing and complicated issue.

Regards

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Chair

On behalf of

The Torontonians Tenants' Association