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Toronto City Council
Trinity-Spadina, Ward 20

To: Licensing and Standards Committee

From: Councillor Adam Vaughan

Date: March 1, 2011

Subject: Fraternity and Sorority House Residences

I would appreciate your support on the following request.

Summary:

The harmonized zoning by-law, which was passed by Council in August 2010, includes zoning and licensing regulations for fraternity and sorority houses in the provisions governing rooming houses.

A number of fraternity houses have been identified by nearby residents and neighbourhood associations as very problematic. Complaints about garbage, noise, property standards violations are far too common. Licensing these houses not only provides the City with a mechanism to effectively respond to these concerns, but also entitles those who live in the houses to a guarantee that their living environments meet building code and safety standard requirements. Without a proper regulatory framework, fraternity and sorority houses pose a risk not just to residents but to inhabitants themselves.

In developing a licensing regime for fraternity and sorority houses, consultation with neighbours, resident associations, and occupants of the fraternity and sorority houses should take place, so all affected individuals can give input.



Recommendations:

That the Licensing and Standards Committee recommend that:

1. City Council request the Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards to bring forward a licensing proposal for Fraternities and Sororities. They are also requested to consult with affected adjacent property owners (see attached addresses), The Annex Residents' Association, the local councillor, the University of Toronto and local Fraternity and Sorority houses as well as other relevant city agencies including (but not limited to) Toronto Fire Services.

Sincerely,

Adam Vaughan
City Councillor, Ward 20

Attachment

