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Attachment 2: Related City Initiatives

TO Prosperity: Toronto Poverty Reduction Strategy

TO Prosperity: Toronto Property Reduction Strategy (2015) sets out a long-term vision and objectives for the City's fight against poverty. This plan reflects key concerns and issues prioritized by Toronto residents during a broad engagement process, as well as knowledge of best practices to address poverty in Toronto and other jurisdictions.

TO Prosperity recommends the City develop a multi-tenant house policy framework along with an effective enforcement strategy, led by City Planning and MLS respectively, as part of an effort to improve the quality of affordable housing in Toronto.

HousingTO Action Plan, 2020-2030

City Council adopted the HousingTO 2020-2030 Action Plan at its meeting of December 16-18, 2019. City staff worked with housing stakeholders and the public to develop the comprehensive housing and homelessness plan to address the full spectrum of Toronto's current and future housing needs. The new plan updates and builds upon the City's previous Housing Opportunities Toronto Action Plan, 2010-2020. The plan recognizes that rooming houses are one of the city's most affordable housing options.

The HousingTO 2020-2030 Action Plan includes an updated Toronto Housing Charter that commits the City to a human rights based approach to housing and furthering the progressive realization of the right to adequate housing, as affirmed by international law.

In early 2019, City Council adopted the results of the "Toronto Housing Market Analysis: Insight to Action" to inform the development of the HousingTO Action Plan, 2020-2030. It says that Toronto will experience accelerated population growth over the next 20 years and that vulnerable groups and low- and moderate-income households will experience increased difficulty accessing suitable and affordable housing unless action is taken across the housing spectrum.

The proposed zoning approach for multi-tenant houses is consistent with, and advances, the policy objectives and housing initiatives outlined above.