

July 9, 2021

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RE: PH25.10 A New Regulatory Framework for Multi-tenant Houses/ Motion regarding fraternity and sorority houses

Dear Mayor Tory and Members of City Council,

As a member of the Federation of South Toronto Residents Associations, and as noted in the June 17, 2021 and July 8, 2021 letters to you, we also understood the proposed new regulatory framework for Multi-Tenant Houses (MTH) would apply to fraternity and sorority houses.

We do not understand the intent of the motion moved by Councillor Ana Bailao, and adopted by the Planning and Housing Committee, regarding fraternity houses and sororities. Councillor Bailao does not have any of these houses in her riding and it is our understanding that much work has been done to regulate these houses in the past. We believe these properties meet the definition of rooming houses. As the Annex Residents' Association noted in their July 2, 2021 letter, many issues that could be addressed within the current rooming house by-law have gone unchecked for decades and many students have been unnecessarily harmed at these unregulated and apparently unsafe houses. These houses lost their exemption from the rooming house by-law over three years ago, yet they remain unlicensed. Why are they being given more time? We are concerned and urge the City to bring these houses into compliance immediately and ensure the tenants and their guests are as safe as possible.

We support the City bringing about a harmonized regulatory framework regarding MTHs, but respectfully urge you to apply these regulations to all unlicensed MTHs and specifically to fraternity and sorority houses since they have already operated as unregulated entities for too long.

Yours sincerely,



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