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The Annex Residents’ Association’s experience in proximity to U of T is a real world example of the problems of regulating and enforcing Multi-tenant Houses in the City. With the best of Planning intentions, is the City prepared to employ enough By-law enforcement officers to investigate complaints and issue enforcement notices, exacerbated by the ever-shifting tenancies in these Houses?

Since Ms. Rita Bilerman, Chair of the ARA, in her letter of June 22, 2021 to PHAC so clearly identified many of the concerns that any Residents’ Association, including our own, would have about MTHs, I’m repeating from her letter her four bullet points that so succinctly summarize the issues at hand.

• Clearly identify the number of existing MTHs across the City – including unlicensed and illegal ones.
• Bring all unlicensed and illegal MTHs into compliance or shut them down.
• Ensure there is an adequate budget and resources to regulate and enforce MTHs.
• Increase accountability and transparency by reporting and verifying the status of and investigations into any and all MTHs, including potential unlicensed and illegal ones.

En passant, the City-Wide aspect of this proposal will be looked upon by some neighbourhoods as Procrustean. Please keep us informed through our email of the ongoing progress of these plans.

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