



Landlord's Self-Help Centre

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Toronto City Council
Attention: Marilyn Toft
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Re: PH30.2 - Expanding Housing Options in Neighbourhoods - Garden Suites

Landlord's Self-Help Centre is pleased to express our support for the Expanding Housing Options in Neighbourhoods - Garden Suites - Final Report as approved by the Toronto Planning and Housing Committee on January 12, 2022.

As a community legal clinic operating with the mandate to provide information and support services for small landlords and homeowners on a non-profit basis and to educate members of the community in landlord and tenant relations, Landlord's Self-Help Centre is keenly aware of the opportunities Garden Suites will provide homeowners who wish to create a rental suite.

The city is desperate for new housing and homeowners are seeking new opportunities to create housing, rental and otherwise. The garden suite initiative is an ideal opportunity to allow additional rental units that could provide much needed financial relief as a mortgage helper by supplementing the cost of homeownership, allowing seniors to remain in the family home and age in place, and provide new accommodation options for family members or caregivers.

Not only will Garden Suites utilize existing neighbourhood infrastructure, they will provide the added benefit of increasing Toronto's housing stock while giving owners the flexibility to leverage their property investment to create residential accommodation. We strongly recommend support of this policy.

Sincerely,

LANDLORD'S SELF-HELP CENTRE

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