

Housing and Planning Committee  
Toronto City Hall  
100 Queen Street West  
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

January 23, 2024

Dear Councillor Perks and members,

**RE: PH9.14 Fraternities should not be exempt from the Multi-Tenant Housing Bylaw**

I am writing to support Councillor Saxe's motion to remove the exemption the fraternity houses have from the multi-tenant housing bylaw. There is no valid reason to maintain this exemption, and it must be removed for the wellbeing of the occupants, their guests and their neighbours.

Your very own records will show these houses in particular need more regulation and have been very unsafe over the years. Despite some of these houses having caused the neighbourhood decades of grief and complete frustration, many unfortunate and preventable events have transpired at these houses. Why??

The latest slate of "brothers" will plea they are willing to work with the neighbourhood. This is a ruse. I have personally spent hundreds of hours dealing with individual fraternity and sorority members, numerous local councillors, city staff and the police regarding these houses for almost 20 years. **Nothing has changed.** How long will you continue to listen to their blather and allow them to remain entitled? More importantly, how long will you allow these houses to remain unsafe for the occupants and their guests?

Two deaths have occurred at these houses in the last few years. I have also heard of numerous sexual assaults and once had a woman crying rape in my very driveway after coming from a frat house party.

Here is a sampling of ongoing issues that have been regularly communicated to the city:

- \* Drunken, loud out of control parties in which partygoers hang out on the sidewalks and streets, leaving litter, vomit, urine, and human feces.
- \* Serving alcohol without any licences or permits, often charging a fee to get in, and with no regard to legal drinking age.
- \* Partygoers desecrating surrounding properties.
- \* Unkempt properties, many with litter strewn about.
- \* Blocking the sidewalk with garbage bins left out too long.

Regulating these houses is the right thing to do. How many more people need to get unnecessarily hurt?  
Please remove their exemption.

Sincerely,



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