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**To:** Mayor; Clerks  
**Subject:** Re: Secondary Suite Charges

SECTION 2 COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE (2017.03.16)  
Planning & Development Committee (2017.03.28)  
City Manager  
Deputy City Manager  
Dir. Planning  
Dir. Engineering  
Dir. Finance

Can someone please distribute this note to the councillors as well?

To whom it may concern,

Thank you for the package regarding the Secondary Suites program but it does not satisfy my concern. It is frankly ludicrous that someone has to pay taxes for a part of their house that has a "summer" kitchen that was part of the original design. If you want to tax people that are renting their suites and using more electricity, water, sewer, garbage, etc I have no argument with that. All you need to do is have a look at their electrical and/or water use or have garbage monitors put in place and that can be determined. We, are 3 people living in the house, my wife and I upstairs and our son who likes to use the basement for his living space. He does not pay rent for that privilege and we use one medium sized garbage can. Similar households in the area have up to 7 people living in their homes and definitely use more electricity, water, sewer, and garbage but because they do not have a "summer" kitchen they are not required to pay this extra fee.

Also, why are we being discriminated against for having a "summer" kitchen when there are many properties (some on acreage like land) closer to the Lougheed Highway that have a similar arrangement that they are able to rent out and they have not been subjected to this same tax grab. Finally, not only are we being penalized for having something that was part of the original plan of the house built almost 25 years ago but now you are telling us that our garbage is only going to be picked up every 2nd week. It seems to me that if there is less service then the cost should be less, is this just another tax grab?

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**From:** allan [REDACTED]  
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Hi there,

Can someone please distribute this note to the various councillors for me?

Thanks Allan

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To whom it may concern,

I have been a resident of Burnaby for the past 5 years and I am appalled by the Secondary Suites bylaw that has been put into place. I purchased my custom 2 story home for my family to live in. Our family has been the only one occupying it since we took ownership. We bought the home with an eye to the future when we may need to take in aging parents. Thus, the home having a developed basement with a small summer kitchen area was a strong incentive for us to buy.

I never planned to rent it out and have never had renters. Currently, there are 3 of us living in the house with my wife and I on the main floor areas of the house and our son occupying the basement area. We use less water, sewer and garbage facilities than the average family of 5 or 6 that live in many houses in the area.

I think it is insane that we should have to pay an extra tax for an area that we occupy as part of our own living space. Furthermore, for someone to take out the range and redesign that space and to pay the cost of an electrician to come in and take out the utility including electrical circuits is ludicrous.

As for paying for an extra garbage toter, I hardly ever fill the one I have currently and am paying what I deem to be an extraordinary amount already. Why on earth would I want or need an extra toter, as it would be a waste of resources, yours and mine.

Why don't you have your staff actually look at electricity and water usage and base your taxes on that. Houses that have actual suites that are rented out will use way more of these services then people like ourselves that are just trying to eake out an honest living.

I know that you have this option to look at our property but that is kind of pointless if you are just going to tell us to decommission the range. Also why do you not target the large single family homes with developed basements and kitchen areas on the larger lots throughout much of Burnaby in the older subdivisions. Or better yet focus on all the new constructions with actual single and double suites being developed.

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