

October 22, 2019

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To Mayor and Councillors:

We have received a letter that the City is planning to charge the residents of Burnaby \$570.00 to obtain a business licence to rent out a secondary suite on their property.

This came to Burnaby residents as a surprise. From what we understand, there was little consultation or discussion that came before the decision.

Many of us feel that \$570.00 amount is unfair and unjust. We feel that it will greatly impact the finances of individuals and families renting out these secondary suites, and result in increased costs being passed on to renters.

The City of Vancouver only charges \$35.00-72.00 annually for a similar license.

On behalf of the residents of Burnaby, I am opposed to the dollar amount of fees and would ask the Mayor to reconsider the following:

- 1. The amount of the licensing fee for rental property, we ask the city to consider decreasing the amount to be more in line with other jurisdictions such as City of Vancouver.**
- 2. With respect to Secondary suite, many families are using the income from a secondary suite as a mortgage helper to afford to live in the city. They are using it as an income supplement to help pay for food, medication, and basic living expenses. Others are elderly or disabled and are using the suite to house family member or someone to take care of them or simply someone to be there as a companion. We ask the city to remove the charges or decrease the charges to be more affordable and in line with other jurisdiction for residents' secondary suite.**

Copied to:

City Manager

Dir. Corporate Services

Dir. Finance

Dir. Planning and Building

Dir. Public Safety and Community Services

Referred to:

Financial Management
Committee
(2019.11.20)

3. In the future, we ask that the city to consult with Burnaby residents prior to making decisions that will significantly impact the way rental housing is carried out the City.

Thank you for your kind consideration in this matter.

Kind regards,

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