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Subject 8.3.1 Licensing Rental properties

Meeting (if known) Standing Policy Committee on Planning and Development and Community Services

Comments Please accept this letter to be included in the Jan 14 SPC PDC meeting.

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Renters of Saskatoon and Area (ROSA)

Jan 14, 2020

To: The Standing Policy Committee on Planning and Development and Community Services

**Re: Response to Admin Report on Licensing Rental Properties**

The increase in safety inspections, along with some recommended improvements in access to the property maintenance bylaw obligations are appreciated direction.

However, these investments don't meet the scale of Saskatoon's growing social and safety needs for:

- safe and sustainable neighborhoods,
- vulnerable tenants and home owners' higher housing risks and needs for a diversity of supports, services and housing ,
- record levels of homelessness and evictions,
- supported housing and services for mental illness, domestic violence, addiction and harm reduction, and more,
- protection of Saskatoon's disappearing affordable housing supply.

Certainly provincial responsibilities for funding, support and services are also still needed.

Recommendations 1 and 2:

The recommended annual tenant social does not meet the scale and diversity of tenant needs, or offer community-based work like resilience building programming.

Equitable, timely and diverse multi-sector tenant supports and services, plus adequate housing and housing protections can be better, sustainable and affordable community practices for the long-term.

Although many landlord businesses do their job without buying the business license, a sustainable community needs regulatory safety tools. A bylaw tool that ends a rental business's persistent violations is needed to value the tenant and neighbor's life, support the human right to adequate (safe) housing, and restore trust in a safe, enforced housing market.

Exploring a focused and perhaps unique landlord licensing program, with affordability measures and enforcement, could effectively address the substandard and predatory businesses not responding safely to targeted enforcement of bylaws.

Thank you,

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