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To His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

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City Saskatoon

Province Saskatchewan

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Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable) Picaro Cocktails & Tacos/Cohen's Beer Republic

Subject Property tax increase

Meeting (if known)

Comments

Hello, we are owners and occupants of 101 20th St W. We purchased the property at the end of 2016. We have seen our taxes rise from \$10,000 in 2017 to over \$19,000 in 2021 (and upwards of \$21,700 for 2022). We invested in the Riversdale neighbourhood intentionally, as we grew up on the west side of Saskatoon and feel passionate about its revitalization. Given the vacancy rates and increased crime and safety concerns in the neighbourhood, there is no way that our property value has more than doubled since our initial investment.

As restaurant operators, we closed our doors with almost zero revenue for four months in 2020, and due to restrictions, have since had our revenue reduced by upwards of 60%. We have incurred thousands of dollars in expenses to adapt to COVID safety protocols. We have also had five break-ins on our property during this past year, more than our previous three years in business combined (not to mention the fears and insecurity of our entire team given the frequency of safety incidents).

When revenue has dropped catastrophically and expenses are on the rise, we cannot be expected to sustain our tenancy in the neighbourhood.

Attachments

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

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