

Email correspondence from Mayor Ford regarding Fraternity and Sorority Issues sent to the ARA

From: Mayor Ford [Mayor_Ford@toronto.ca]

Sent: May 2, 2011 3:30 PM

Subject: Re: Fraternity and Sorority Issues to be discussed at City Council on February 7

Thank you for your email regarding fraternity by-laws within the City.

The primary issue is by-law enforcement. Fraternities and sororities are no longer exempted from the rooming house classification and staff from the Municipal Licensing and Standards Division are responsible for overseeing these properties to ensure compliance with the rooming house by-law.

We fully support the MLS staff and the work they continue to do to ensure that the by-laws are adhered to. Any resident found to be in violation of a by-law will be dealt with accordingly. We do not believe that the way to achieve this compliance is through the use of economic sanctions such as the withholding of film permits. In most cases, the residents creating the problem do not have access to the revenue generated by these endeavours.

Any concerns regarding non-compliance with by-laws can be directed to our office or that of Jim Hart, Director of Municipal Licensing and Services.

Thank you again for taking the time to express your thoughts and concerns. Please do not hesitate to contact my office at any time.

Yours truly,

Mayor Rob Ford

City of Toronto

From: Mayor Ford [Mayor_Ford@toronto.ca]

Sent: May 13, 2011 4:40 PM

Good afternoon,

I would just like to clarify a previous email sent by my office.

Fraternalities and sororities are not defined under the new harmonized zoning by-law, nor are they licensed as rooming houses. Municipal Licensing and Standards staff are responsible for enforcing property standards by-laws at fraternalities and sororities just as they would at any other home within the City of Toronto.

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