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Secondary Suites Amnesty Period Extension

SPC on Planning and Urban Development

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March 12, 2018 Council Meeting

- Council adopted Suite Registry Bylaw 11M2018
- Council mandated that all secondary suites must be registered by 2020 June 1
- Council also approved a two-year amnesty period that:
 - waived the registry and development permit fees
 - focused enforcement on education and safety
- A building permit and its fee will still be required in all cases

Suite Registry

- During the amnesty over 1,600 secondary suites have been registered, bringing the total to 2,600+ registered suites
- There's still at least 13,000+ illegal secondary suites in Calgary
- Secondary suites are critical in the housing spectrum and could play an even larger role as the COVID-19 emergency continues





Extend amnesty by 18 months

- An extension would continue to take advantage of the culture shift in owners wanting to legalize their suites
- COVID-19 is impacting the owners' ability to do the work required to make their suite safe
- Moving to an enforcement approach during COVID-19 will be seen as unsympathetic and punitive
- Administration is committed to supporting homeowners and enabling them to make their secondary suites safe

That Council:

1. Approve through to 2021 December 31 a continuation of the secondary suite amnesty program, and correspondingly adopt by resolution the 2020 fee changes in Attachment 1, and 2021 fee changes in Attachment 2.
2. Include with Council's 2022 budget considerations a recommendation regarding whether the secondary suite amnesty program, and waived fees to support the program, should continue after 2021.

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Questions?