

I am sending these comments regarding "secondary suites" to advise the people in charge of this issue that myself and my husband in no way agree with the proposal to allow secondary suites in all communities throughout the City of Calgary.

The following is my position on the above issue:

Homeowners consciously chose to purchase a home in an area zoned as R-C1, single family for many reasons. All of which are totally being ignored at City Hall. Parking is at a premium in many of these areas already without adding to the stress by allowing more vehicles on the streets. At present, a homeowner in the R-C1 areas know who their neighbors are and who is coming and going from those residences. The City of Calgary is asking existing homeowners in R-C1 opposed to secondary suites to conform to the impact of increased densification in the area without giving any consideration whatsoever to the rights of those who consciously chose a lifestyle by living in areas zoned as a one family dwelling.

In our particular neighbourhood, we have three "illegal" suites that we are aware of and it is visibly noticeable by the amount of cars alone parked in front of and across the road from those homes. Also, there are many homes in this area with walkout basements which could be easily turned into suites. Again, more cars and unknown residents who have no commitment to the neighbourhood or community.

When do the rights of tax paying Calgary residents who chose to purchase homes in a one family dwelling area matter? Is the City of Calgary prepared to provide relief for those who have to compromise their investment and endure the extra burden beyond the original designation of their chosen community.

This matter has been before city counsel so many times in the past that it is like beating a dead horse. If the Mayor and others who are determined to include all communities in this insane idea continue to debate this I think it is time to put it to the voters in the form of a plebiscite.

Regards,

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