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MANAGER'S REPORT NO.	16
COUNCIL MEETING	1979 02 26

RE: (a) Letter signed by Messrs. John Soutter, Marjan Kosi, W. Brzeski and Anselmo Cirio.

(b) Letter signed by Mr. & Mrs. F. Volcz and Mr. & Mrs. J. Milton.

RESIDENTIAL OCCUPANCY STANDARDS

On the agenda for the 1979 February 26 meeting of Council are two letters pertaining to Residential Occupancy Standards and to the manner in which assigned responsibilities are being carried out by the Housing Inspector. Following is a report from the Chief Building Inspector on these matters.

The allegations in the letter from Messrs. John K. Soutter, Marjan Kosi, W. Brzeski and Anselmo Cirio are of a serious nature and cannot be dismissed lightly. Of particular concern is the fact that the comments are general and completely lacking in the type of detail that is required for an investigation of alleged harassment; e.g., dates, times, names of persons who claim to have observed or been subjected to improper conduct, etc. Although the statements contained in the letter are without substantiation, a response has been made to each of them to the extent that it was possible to do so.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the recommendation of the Chief Building Inspector be adopted.

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TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER 1979 FEBRUARY 15

FROM: CHIEF BUILDING INSPECTOR

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RESIDENTIAL OCCUPANCY STANDARDS

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT a copy of this report be sent to those persons who have corresponded with Council on this matter.

BACKGROUND:

A group of persons called "Concerned Tenants and Owners", over the signatures of Marjan Kosi, John K. Soutter, W. Brzeski, and Anselmo Cirio, have petitioned Council by letter of 1979 February 06 to change municipal by-laws to permit rental of suites in duplexes and homes in areas zoned only for single-family or two-family occupancy. Apart from alleging harassment of tenants by the Building Inspector as a reason for their request, the petitioners claim high taxes not sufficiently offset by rents as reason for their request to permit rental suites. The petitioners suggest special consideration should be given to landlords having tax payments as high as \$190 a month. Also, the petitioners cite the dislocation of tenants' children as a further reason for their petition for changes of by-laws.