

Bill 37 (2021) Testimony

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The fire safety ordinance involves 370 condominiums and 50,000 residents. The ordinance does have some merit. However, Most buildings are older buildings and are coping with leaking pipes that need replacement throughout the building, increased insurance costs because of multiple water leaks, a need to replace sewer pipes, updating common areas, increased utility costs, it goes on and on.

I am sure the city is aware that with all of the above, if you add the cost of sprinklers or fire alarms, many buildings could end up in bankruptcy. None of us could have possibly planned for this expense.

The proposed up to \$2,000 credit offered on real property tax for the year system is installed does nothing to help the majority.

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I believe the ordinance states "alarm in each bedroom.
Most of our units are 680 sq. feet. Some units, right or wrong, have partitioned off 1-3 bedrooms. Does it make sense in a unit this small to have 3 alarms????

So far, most buildings who have sent in their evaluation have failed.

SUGGESTION: I have written several times to suggest a bond issue by the city to those buildings who comply. The cost of the bond issue would be added to the current owner's real property tax bill and then continued on with any other future owners. The city would profit and so would the buildings.

I wish to state that the government currently provides many things to non tax payer homeless. Free food, free medical, free phones, a free place to live whether on the street in public or housing. These people who cannot support themselves also are allowed dogs.

These people are allowed to steal shopping carts and the city does nothing. Is this fair and just?

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