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Council Directs Staff to Ensure Landlords Hold Business Licence

Maple Ridge, BC: As part of the Council Meeting held on Tuesday, August 28, 2012, Maple Ridge Council unanimously passed the following resolution:

"That staff review whether all persons renting more than one dwelling unit (excluding secondary suites) in the District have a valid business licence for the renting of dwelling units in the District.

That staff send a letter to all persons renting more than one dwelling unit (excluding secondary suites) in the District requiring that they apply for and obtain a business licence for the renting of dwelling units in the District or cease the renting of dwelling units in the District by a specified date."

Mayor Ernie Daykin noted, "This type of business licence has been on the books for some time. This resolution is intended to ensure that all persons renting more than one unit in Maple Ridge have the appropriate business licence and assist us in getting a handle on the status of rental properties in our community." He added," Our existing licensing program offers fee reductions for landlords in apartment complexes that embrace the Crime Free Multi-Housing program developed in conjunction with the RCMP."

Letters will be mailed out over the next few weeks.