

Item No. 1

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Hello Advisers, Corp Board Presidents, House Directors,

I hope that you all are enjoying a wonderful holiday season.

I have attached below a link to an article in the Ames Tribune about discussions that have taken place at City Council meetings regarding city rental inspections on Greek chapter facilities. In the Ames Rental Code, it states that Greek houses should be subject to annual inspections, however, this has not been occurring. There have been annual fire code inspections, which examine fire and safety issues, but rental code inspections look at additional items such as plumbing, peeling paint, hand rails, stair rises, windows, parking, etc. The discussions have centered around whether the inspections should be resumed to be in compliance, or this segment should be removed from current Rental Code. Clearly Greek chapter facilities are different than standard rental units in a number of ways, not the least of which is that they are subject to annual fire inspections, and grant regular access to chapter and university staff.

Prior to reinstating the inspections, the City Council would like to open this topic for discussion and include members of the Greek community that might be impacted by this change. The tentative date for this roundtable would be January 19 at 7:00 pm. Once the date and time have been solidified, a letter from the City of Ames will be sent to all of you with an invitation to participate. I wanted to provide some context for this letter, and hope that you will consider participating in the discussion, as it is unclear the impact resuming annual rental inspections might have for the Greek community.

For your reference, I have also included a link to the City of Ames Rental Code below. Please let me know if there are questions I can answer. I will forward the letter from the City of Ames when I receive it, and any additional information or updates as they become available.

<http://amestrib.com/sections/news/ames-and-story-county/city-could-once-again-inspect-greek-houses.html> (Tribune article)

<http://www.cityofames.org/Modules/ShowDocument.aspx?documentID=275> (Ames Rental Housing Code)

I have used the current contact information for Advisers, Corp Board Presidents and House Directors that is available to us. If there is another staff that should be receiving this information, please pass it along to them. Thank you.

Have a safe and happy New Year!

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