Rental Registration Comments/Questions from Jeremy

How do we ensure that people who own less properties than those affected by the sliding scale are treated equitably in relationship to the fees? How does the 10% affect them?

How imperative is the rental registration fee to the program being self-sustaining?

How is the enforcement of code-related issues not going to punish the landlord when it is tenant responsibilities? Who makes those decisions?

How about mother in laws quarters? How are those inspected? What is the process for properties zoned that way?

What is the logic for why people need to register every year? Is there a way to coordinate with who owns the property with the register of deeds?

Can we ensure people with alternative lifestyles are not discriminated against?

During the CC meeting on 9/10/13, a citizen said that this does not introduce one new code. What is the response to that?

If a landlord cannot get a tenant to agree for an inspection and action is taken in court – who pays for that? How can we ensure that fourth amendment rights are protected?

For apartment complexes that are inspected by insurance companies or professional companies, how do those inspections fit in with this process?

If a property is certified as safe by the City, and something happens that results in a loss of life, who is liable for it?

Why was this program repealed in Manhattan? Why haven't they reintroduced it? Why did it not succeed? What other communities in the country have introduced rental registration programs like we are trying to do? How have the results been?

With the impending backlash from prior rental registration ten years ago...how have the facts overruled the fears that people had? Do we have good data to support this?

How do we ensure equality amongst people that own homes verses rent them out? How do we prevent citizens being placed into classification categories based upon how they live?

What kinds of education will be done with this program?

We need to offer courtesy inspections if this is going to be a reason why someone does/doesn't purchase a property.

I have concerns regarding occupancy limitations, and that homes that have 5 bedrooms in the Oread Neighborhood Association have a limitation that only 4 unrelated people can live there, when 5 people can live there safely.

How do we ensure that this process is not a rouse for enforcement of occupancy limitations and truly about safety? (I've heard this from many, many property owners).

How do we address the fact that if this is about safety, it will take us five years to inspect each unit? How can we make this more of a priority?

Will this program need additional sales tax/property tax revenue to make it self-sustaining?

Can we do some trial runs before this program launches to see what we learn and what we need to change?

Will additional staffing adequately cover the need to inspect properties, deal with complains and enforce existing code? How can we ensure that these employees are not overworked?

How can we make the registration process easy? Can we make it an online process?