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Dale Lindsay, General Manager Development Services Division City of Nanaimo

Dear Dale:

RE: Temporary Emergency Accommodation Sites in the City

The following is a list of fire safety concerns (not in order of priority) to consider from a Fire Department perspective if we plan to proceed with this initiative.

- Smoking
- Illicit drug use impairing judgement
- Unconventional Heating, Cooking, and Ignition Sources
- Tampering with electrical and fire detection systems
- High risk population
- Unit density and potential fire spread
- Hoarding
- Inability to inspect the units regularly
- Unwillingness to follow basic life safety rules/direction
- Heating equipment clearances
- Adequate fire protection equipment and life safety systems extinguishers, sprinklers, etc.
- Access for emergency vehicles depending on the site
- Not adhering to occupancy limits

Additionally, I would anticipate ongoing resources from our Fire Loss Prevention Division to support the process.

Lastly, if the City proceeds and there is a fire causing injury/death are there liability implications for the City?

Let me know if you need anything else from our department.

Sincerely,

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Tim Doyle FIRE CHIEF