# CITY OF BOSTON

#### IN CITY COUNCIL

## **ORDINANCE 2016 CHAPTER 3**

AMENDMENTS TO CBC SECTION 10-10.3, COLLECTION OF RECORDS-DIRECTORY, AND SECTION 10-10.4, REPORT AND STATISTICS SUPPLIED TO THE CITY OF BOSTON

Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston, as follows:

#### SECTION 1:

CBC Chapter 10, Section 10.3, is hereby amended by striking paragraph two and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:

"Each and every School shall collect the required Directory information once each school year beginning in the fall semester."

#### SECTION 2:

CBC Chapter 10, Section 10.3, is hereby amended further by adding after the third paragraph:

"Each and every School shall submit the report as required by this section to the Clerk of the City in the format provided by the City."

#### **SECTION 3:**

CBC Chapter 10, Section 10.4, is hereby amended by striking the second sentence in the first paragraph and inserting in place thereof:

"The information in the report shall be compiled by the School before October 1st of the fall semester."

#### **SECTION 4:**

CBC Chapter 10, Section 10.4, is hereby further amended by striking out from the third sentence "within forty-five (45) calendar days of the beginning of each semester or quarter that information is gathered," and inserting in place thereof "by October 1<sup>st</sup> of each calendar year."

#### SECTION 5:

The provisions of this ordinance shall be effective immediately upon passage.

In City Council March 23, 2016. Approved by the Mayor March 28, 2016.

Attest:

Maureen Feeney City Clerk

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#### **ORDINANCE 2016 CHAPTER 4**

#### AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING STUDENT HOUSING

Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston, as follows:

#### SECTION 1:

CBC Chapter 9, is hereby amended by adding,

"Chapter 9-9.14 Regulation of Student Housing

9-9.14.1 Definitions.

For the purposes of this subsection, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

Bedroom shall mean a room occupied for sleeping purposes in a dwelling unit and contains at least 70 square feet of floor space; a room occupied for sleeping purposes in a dwelling unit for more than one occupant shall contain at least 50 square feet of floor space for each occupant.

Student Housing shall mean any privately-owned, non-owner occupied unit, building, structure, development or complex of one or more dwelling units in which the total number of full-time undergraduate students residing in the property exceeds the maximum occupancy of the total number of bedrooms in the property as documented by the data provided to the Clerk of the City pursuant to the requirements of CBC Chapter 10, Sections 10.3, 10.4 and analyzed by the City of Boston

Unit shall be synonymous as dwelling unit, rental unit, or condominium unit.

# 9-9.14.2 Registration and Application for Student Housing Certificates of Occupancy

Any property or unit owner of student housing as defined in this section shall register and apply for a Certificate of Occupancy with the Inspectional Services Department and obtain an annual Certificate of Occupancy to operate student housing before September 1<sup>st</sup> of each calendar year of operation. The permit fee shall be \$15 for each student housing unit. The permit fees shall be capped at a maximum of \$2,500 per building and \$5,000 per complex.

The Commissioner of Inspectional Services or a designee shall have the discretion to deny a Certificate of Occupancy for Student Housing based upon but not limited to the following factors:

(1) The property is subject to CBC Chapter 9, Section 9-1.3, commonly known as the rental registry ordinance, and is not registered;

- (2) One or more units in the property has outstanding sanitary, zoning, building, or environmental code violations;
- (3) The property or unit owner has any outstanding property taxes, City of Boston fees, or fines; and
- (4) The property or unit owner holds any financial interest in a property designated as a Problem Property pursuant to CBC Chapter 9, 9-13.1.

The Commissioner of Inspectional Services or designee may issue a temporary certificate of occupancy at his or her discretion.

#### 9-9.14.3 Penalties.

Any person or entity found in violation of this section shall be fined \$300 per month beginning in the first month in which the unit is found to be in violation and continuing for each subsequent month thereafter until the unit is brought into compliance. Compliance shall constitute obtaining a Certificate of Occupancy for Student Housing

### 9-9.14.4 Right of Appeal.

The provisions of CBC 9-9.14 may be enforced in accordance with the non-criminal disposition process of M.G.L. c. 40, s. 21D, provided that this section shall not preclude the City of Boston from proceeding to restrain a violation by injunction. The provisions of this ordinance may also be enforced in accordance with M.G.L. c. 40U.

#### 9-9.14.5 Pilot Program

This ordinance shall be effective upon passage in order to establish a Pilot Program relating to student housing. The provisions of Chapter 9-9.14 shall expire on September 30, 2016.

In City Council March 23, 2016. Approved by the Mayor March 28, 2016.

Attest:

Maureen Feeney City Clerk

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