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**Subject:** FW: time to update a town ordinance perhaps

**From:** Jeff Mallett [<mailto:jmallett412@yahoo.com>]

**Sent:** Wednesday, January 1, 2020 12:55 PM

**To:** Jeanette Coffin <[jcoffin@townofchapelhill.org](mailto:jcoffin@townofchapelhill.org)>

**Subject:** Re: time to update a town ordinance perhaps

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Ms Coffin,

I sent this email along time ago and I made calls to a few councilmen since then. I was not sure this would have been sent on to all the council members. So I am requesting an opportunity to speak at the Jan 8 meeting. I will make it short and direct.

Please let me know if I can get on the docket for the 8th.

Jeff Mallett

On Friday, December 20, 2019, 11:58:41 AM EST, Jeanette Coffin <[jcoffin@townofchapelhill.org](mailto:jcoffin@townofchapelhill.org)> wrote:

Thank you for your correspondence with the Town of Chapel Hill. The Mayor and Town Council are interested in what you have to say. By way of this email, I am forwarding your message to the Mayor and each of the Council Members, as well as to the appropriate staff person who may be able to assist in providing additional information or otherwise addressing your concerns.

If your email is related to a development application or a particular issue being addressed by the Council, your comments will be made part of the record. If applicable, we encourage you to attend any public meetings related to the items addressed in your email.

Again, thank you for your message.

Sincerely,

Jeanette Coffin

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**From:** Jeff Mallett [<mailto:jmallett412@yahoo.com>]  
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Background: town has an ordinance that does not allow more than 4 unrelated persons living together.

this was modified in the late 90's for 5 and again 2001 to 4 persons.

Situation : On Nov. 16 a tree fell on an addition to a house causing the home to lose power. The tenants had to move out.

Need for Ordinance Review : As soon as the addition is built, the seniors would like to move back in. It will be ready before Spring semester starts. The issue is that 6 men live in the house. Close friends since freshman year. The code enforcement gives them to 1 Feb. for 2 persons to move out. Why 30 days? It seems arbitrary why not to the end of the semester? In this case 100 days. A compromise system needs to be set up so these extra persons are not displaced.

The students are innocent in this case but they will suffer. If the tree had not fallen, they would graduate and leave town with a favorable outlook towards Chapel Hill and UNC.

Now their nice situation which they enjoyed since summer 2019 is broken up.

I think you can know that many student rentals have excess students and it is only when something unusual happens that the student count is known to the town and codes are enforced. Always at an awkward and upsetting time for the students. Although it is not true many landlords think because the house has been rented to more than 4 students for a long time the number is "Grandfathered" as I was led to believe many years ago.

Request: The board look at modifying the days to stay in a house once notified of violation - flexible.

The board look at the number of students in a house and raise to 5. This keeps rents reasonable so house rents are reasonable.

Please figure a way for these great guys to finish the Semester in this HOUSE. Compassion!

Please all have a HAPPY Holiday season and think about these issues

Walter Mallett 47 year resident