



Standing Committee on the Legislative Assembly
Via email submission: ola.org/en/apply-committees.
Queen's Park

Members of the Standing Committee:

Re: City of Ottawa Request regarding Bill 109, More Homes for Everyone Act, 2022

We are writing as the Co-Chairs of the Planning Committee and the Chair of the Agricultural and Rural Affairs Committee, the two standing committees in the City of Ottawa that deal with planning applications.

Given the pace of this legislation, there is no time for this matter to go before our Committees and Council to prepare a Council-endorsed City position. Given that, we are writing to make a specific request on the most pressing matter in the legislation as identified by City staff.

The City of Ottawa has provided comments to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing on the Housing Affordability Task Force. Those comments are a comprehensive response by the City of Ottawa on a number of matters. Our Council would not likely be unanimous in response to Bill 109, but Council would understand our staff's concern about the ability to implement the legislation as drafted.

We do not agree that a punitive approach to municipalities refunding fees will shorten the planning approval process. But should the Legislature proceed to adopt the legislation we ask for one specific change.

We request that Committee amend the legislation with respect to the proposed clause 10.12 dealing with the refund of fees for zoning applications so that its implementation is delayed by one year, so that it would begin January 1, 2024.

This will give the City the time to adjust its practices on Site Plan approvals before tackling the Zoning approval process. The legislation provides for process streamlining on Site Plans, so the City has options to shorten the process. The legislation does not streamline the Zoning process, so the City needs more time to contemplate ways to meet its intent and avoid the loss of fee revenues that help support the process.

Respectfully submitted,

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