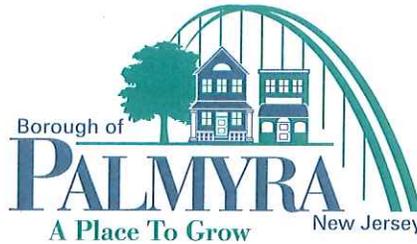


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Dear Neighbors,

I'm writing today to highlight a few recent Borough Council developments that I believe are very beneficial to our community.

First, Borough Council recently adopted an amended Rental Property Inspection Ordinance (Ordinance 2015-09). With the adoption of this Ordinance we were able to amicably resolve longstanding litigation brought against the Borough by several landlords. In cooperation with these landlords and other property owners the process worked; Borough Council has now adopted an Ordinance that has enough "teeth" to help protect our residents, neighborhoods, and property owners from irresponsible landlords and tenants but is not overly burdensome to responsible landlords.

With this new Ordinance, Borough Council also approved an exception for family members who may live in a property owned by another family member. For instance, if you own a home that you rent (or provide for free) to your children, parents or siblings, it will no longer need to be inspected like a normal rental property. We recognize that providing housing options to family is a personal matter that is not necessarily best addressed by your local government. While you still have to register the property with the Borough (to track compliance with state smoke detector regulations), there are no inspections or any fees imposed by the Borough. Regardless of who the tenant is however, the state still requires smoke detector inspections upon any change of occupancy, whether family or not. The good news is that the Borough's new law is much less intrusive.

Additionally, Borough Council adopted Ordinance 2015-10. This Ordinance amends a previous law requiring Certificate of Occupancy inspections upon the sale of a home. Here, Borough Council wanted to provide exceptions to the law that would specifically benefit our senior citizens, disabled residents, home sales to relatives, and/or anyone requiring a quick sale to make funds available to help a family member entering an assisted living facility. Another win!

More details on both of these Ordinances can be found on our website at boroughofpalmyra.com.

Thank you very much for your time and as always, if you ever have any questions please feel free to call me on my cell phone at (609) 440-5094 or contact me via email at kscheffler@boroughofpalmyra.com.

Please enjoy the rest of your summer and I hope to see you soon.

Best regards,

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