



GSO Senate Resolution 13.14

A Resolution in Opposition to a Change in Zoning Code for the University Area in the Syracuse Common Council

Whereas, the Southeast University Neighborhood Association (SEUNA) proposed an ordinance in February to the Syracuse Common Council to limit the expansion of student-rented properties in the university neighborhood and the Common Council has initiated the process of approval by funding an Environmental Impact Assessment, and

Whereas, the new code creates a new zoning category of “Student Residence” defined as three to five students living in one residence, and

Whereas, the new code violates the students' right to privacy by requiring a registry of student-renters' names and academic institutions, and

Whereas, the city is prohibited from applying different regulations to residences that are physically and functionally identical as outlined in the uniformity requirement of the zoning code, and

Whereas, the university neighborhood is a significant tax base for the city, rental properties provide revenue for area landlords, and the Syracuse Property Owners Association is opposed to this ordinance, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Graduate Student Organization oppose this ordinance and implores the Common Council to reject this ordinance.