



The Student Senate

Texas A&M University

S.R. 76-01

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The Student Senate
76th Session

Me Plus Three Resolution

“A resolution encouraging students to comply with occupancy laws, supporting rezoning efforts to allow more housing options, and requesting continued collaboration with the City of College Station as Texas A&M builds infrastructure to address occupancy law violations”

Action Taken: _____

Certified By: _____

Andrew Applewhite
Speaker of the Senate

Date Passed: _____

Introduced By: Luke Morrison '25, Community Relations Chair, College of Arts and Sciences Caucus

Sponsored By: Jessica Williams '24, College of Engineering Caucus
Tiffany Ufodiana '24, Off-Campus Caucus
Colton Whisenant '26, Corps Residencies
Audrey Stone '25, Off-Campus Caucus

Whereas(1): In both College Station and Bryan, no more than four unrelated individuals can live in a single-family detached home, and in some areas, it is no more than two; and,

Whereas(2): Many students live in violation of these ordinances, frequently not knowing that they are breaking the law and could be taken to court and fined for over-occupancy; and,

Whereas(3): College Station is creating Middle Housing, a zoning type that allows more than four unrelated individuals to live together, and is rezoning some areas of town that exhibit a more dense characteristic; and,

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Whereas(4): Expanding Middle Housing zones give students and residents more housing options bolstering individuals' freedom and opportunity in housing decisions; and,

Whereas(5): The Division of Student Affairs is actively rebuilding the Off Campus Student Services office to support students through apartment finding, renter education, and community connections; and,

Whereas(6): Concerns about over-occupancy contribute to the breakdown of student-community relations, threaten tenant privacy, and create distrust within neighborhoods.

Therefore

Let it be

Resolved(1): The Student Senate fully supports the rezoning of areas that already have high concentration of students and over occupancy to Middle Housing; and,

Let it be

Further

Resolved(2): The Student Senate asks the City of College Station to support rezoning expansions that promote affordable housing benefiting students and other residents alike; and,

Let it be

Further

Resolved(3): The Student Senate requests the City of College Station collaborate with students and the new Off-Campus Student Services office as it begins functioning; and,

Let it be

Further

Resolved(4): The Student Senate also asks the City of College Station to work with students who have already signed an illegal lease for the 2023-2024 academic year if they come forward, so that landlords and/or property management companies, as appropriate, can face consequences; and,

Let it be

Further

Resolved(5): The Student Senate encourages students living in violation of occupancy laws to create a plan for compliance, upholding the Aggie Honor Code in their own lives and also by encouraging legal practices among their friends; and,

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Let it be

Further

Resolved(6): The Student Senate is thankful for the re-creation of the Off-Campus Student Services Office and the ongoing support of the Division of Student Affairs, and encourages students to engage with these campus resources to make informed and legal housing decisions; and,

Let it be

Further

Resolved(7): The Student Senate encourages students to be good neighbors, to comply with local laws, affirming the value that our diverse communities bring; and,

Let it be

Further

Resolved(8): The Student Senate remains committed to partnership and meaningful relationships between students, administration, local government, and the community at large; and,

Let it be

Further

Resolved(9): A copy of this resolution be sent to:
BG Joe E. Ramirez, Jr. '79, USA (Ret)., Vice President of Student Affairs
Dr. Stefanie Baker, Director of Student Life
Mrs. Jaclyn Upshaw-Brown, Assistant Director of Student Life – Off Campus Student Services
Dr. Justin Jeffery, Assistant Vice President of Student Affairs
Mr. John Nichols, Mayor of College Station
Mr. Mark Smith, College Station Councilman
Mr. William Wright, College Station Councilman
Mrs. Linda Harvell, College Station Councilwoman
Mrs. Elizabeth Cunha, College Station Councilwoman
Mr. Bob Yancy, College Station Councilman
Mr. Dennis Maloney, College Station Councilman
Mr. Bryan Woods, College Station City Manager
The Battalion