

May 1, 2019

To Whom It May Concern:

The Illinois General Assembly enacted the Greek Housing Fire Safety Act (110 ILCS 130/1), which mandates all properties housing Greek Organizations be outfitted with a full, automatic fire sprinkler system by January 1, 2019. This Act also mandates the “authority having jurisdiction” (City of DeKalb) to enforce this Act.

For over two years, the City of DeKalb has spent a considerable amount of time and resources working with property owners and managers of Greek Organization housing, and fire sprinkler contractors, to complete these projects.

The City has adopted a deadline of August 1, 2019 for Greek housing to have a fully installed, inspected, and operating automatic fire sprinkler system. Any property not meeting this deadline will not be licensed to house a Greek Organization for the 2019-2020 school year until such requirements are met.

If you are receiving this letter, the property in which your Greek Organization is established is not in compliance with the Act at this time. The City is working with Northern Illinois University on plans in regard to alternate housing options, if the Greek Organization’s house is not in compliance by August 1, 2019. For your information, the Fire Department will maintain a current list of compliant Greek Organization properties on its website at www.cityofdekalb.com/148/Fire-Department.

Please check the City’s website regularly and contact me with questions.

Sincerely,



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