

UWM STUDENTS PRIVACY RIGHTS REVOKED

... and you think the dorms are bad...

The City of Milwaukee is proposing, and has already budgeted the multi-million dollar idea of inspecting the interiors of tenants apartments at a minimum of once a year. This will become city-wide upon successful testing in the UWM area. If violations are found, the frequency of inspections will increase. If anything not in code or illegal is found on the "INSIDE OF A PRIVATE RESIDENCE" they have the right to charge the tenant, notify the legal authorities and/or suspend the landlord license. With the passing of this item search warrants will not be required. Upon any suspicion of illegal activity, the city may give you notice and inspect the inside of a private residence with NO WARRANT. The only difference here is they will give you a little notice instead of actually kicking in the door, which will happen with a court order if you refuse them entry.

A HOMEOWNERS POINT OF VIEW.

Now wait a minute. This has just gone too far. Now the city will also be going through your living room, kitchen, bedroom, closet, bathroom, (if you rent).

As a homeowner we have right to deny the city from coming through our homes.

"What are they looking for?" Are they after the tenant, the landlord or both. The only thing possibly for the landlord is dripping faucets and/or smoke detector test. The flip-side is they are looking for illegal activity by the tenant.

You should not buy into the line that this is to bust the dirty landlords and crooked

tenants. We currently have laws on the books that allow the city to inspect interiors under special conditions.

I don't know... but if I still rented I would like a little more privacy than having Milwaukee come through my residence with the single goal of writing citations to feed the city. What kind of invasion of privacy are we going to? This is outrageous. Why are we letting this happen? Do the students know what rights they're giving up?

They will promise it won't happen to single houses, but I don't believe them. I'm outta here when they start inspecting the inside of my house looking for tickets to write to generate more revenue for the city.

"The downside of socialism is, what do you do when you run out of other people's money" - author unknown

WHY ARE THEY DOING THIS? WHY TEST MARKET AROUND UWM? ...FOR THE MONEY.... IF THEY WERE REALLY AFTER THE DIRTY LANDLORDS AND ILLEGAL TENANT ACTIVITY THEY WOULD TEST THIS IN THE INNER CITY, NOT NEXT TO UWM.

BUT OF COURSE THE INNER CITY VIOLATORS ARE LESS LIKELY TO PAY THEIR FINES, AND THE COLLEGE KIDS DO (OR THEIR PARENTS DO).

IT REALLY MAKES PERFECT SENSE. THE YOUNGER GENERATION AROUND UWM OR EVEN MARQUETTE IS MORE PRONE TO HAVE VIOLATIONS, GET FINES AND IS MORE LIKELY TO PAY THEIR FINES.

YOU SHOULD OBJECT. IT'S A LARGE INVASION OF YOUR PRIVACY AND VIOLATION OF YOUR RIGHTS.