

September 8, 2014

Dear Town Council,

The existing rental ordinances that are going to be expanded town wide are unacceptable. They are discriminatory, intrusive and cause constitutional and economic harm to those who they are forced upon. They are targeted at students and those who rent to students. They make the broad assumption that all students and landlords are trouble to the community.

Ordinances are enacted by our town council, the legislative body of our municipal government. They are municipal laws that can be created at will and if unchallenged are a legal means for your town government to erode your civil rights bit by bit, piece by piece.

We already are a land of too many laws and ordinances, and have plenty of existing laws on the books to address the problems that arise in a college community. Students should be held responsible for their actions both on and off campus through complaints filed through residential life on a case by case basis not a broad stroked ordinance that victimizes innocent citizens of the community.

I urge the council vote no on the expansion and reconsider the existing rental certification ordinances.

Brian Coleman

Centre St

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Dear Town Council,

I find it ironic, that on a night that you will be voting to expand ordinances directed at students in our neighborhoods that an article in the Daily Campus titled "Democratic Headquarters Set up Right off Campus" printed just last Friday should appear.

In the article it states that the Mansfield Democratic Town Committee officiated its 2014 headquarter on Thursday September 4<sup>th</sup> with a lot of fan fair from Congressman Joe Courtney and Lt. Governor Nancy Wyman. Also present was the DTC chair and council member Toni Moran and the University of Connecticut College Democrats, Yes college students!

This is the same group of people that are being discriminated against in the rental ordinances. Since the inception of the ordinances in 2006 students have been referred to by council democrats and other town officials over the years as trouble makers, nuisances, blight, transients and non-stake holders.

The Democratic Headquarters next to campus has been there several months and it appears that this ceremony was timed and directed at the college student voter, no doubt in mind.

What is the message students should get from all this? We really don't want you living in our neighborhoods but we want you to vote for us on November 4<sup>th</sup>.

Mansfield residents should wonder if their local interests are being represented fairly by the Democratic majority.

I don't know about you but I sure am getting mixed signals here.

Brian Coleman

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