

Secondary Suites Random Telephone Survey Highlights (June 2007) compared with Web Survey (August 2007)

Survey of 402 Edmontonians by Banister Research indicates support for secondary suites

[Results from Web Survey (46 respondents, August 2007) in brackets, where available]

Source of affordable housing:

- Two-thirds overall (66%) *[67% web]* agree or strongly agree that providing increased support and opportunities for creating new suites will provide affordable, safe housing within the City of Edmonton.
 - Renters, (20% of those polled), were more likely to agree or strongly agree (79% versus 63% of owners).
 - The longer residents lived in a neighbourhood, the less likely they were to agree or strongly agree (67% to 85% for those living in their current dwelling 10 years or less versus 59% of those living in their homes 25 years or more).

Existence/Awareness of Secondary Suites

- City wide: 88% *[98% web]* agree secondary suites exist in Edmonton
6% *[2% web]* believe secondary suites do not exist and 6% were unsure
- Neighbourhood: 50% *[30% web]* indicated there are no Secondary Suites in their neighbourhood;
33% *[71% web]* agreed that they do exist and 18% did not know/provided no answer

Homeowner support/likelihood of developing a suite (320 of 402 respondents) *[42 of 46 respondents to web survey]*

- 9% *[33% web]* indicated they would consider developing a secondary suite and
- 45.6% *[19% web]* would not create a secondary suite, but it would not bother them if their neighbours did
- Total 54.6% *[52% web]* combined support

Table 1: City Responsibilities for Secondary Suites			
Responsibility	Agree or Strongly Agree	Strongly Disagree or Disagree	Neutral/No Opinion
It is City's responsibility to provide support to homeowners to encourage the creation of new secondary suites within City of Edmonton.	49% [60% web]	33% [24% web]	16% [16% web]
It is the City's responsibility to provide support to homeowners to encourage the creation of new secondary suites within your neighbourhood.	38% [54% web]	45% [32% web]	14% [14% web]
It is the City's responsibility to ensure all existing secondary suites conform to specific standards for size and safety.	90% [78% web]	5% [9% web]	4% [13% web]
It is the City's Responsibility to certify or provide permits for secondary suites.	83% [69% web]	11% [9% web]	5% [22% web]

Table 2: Support for Regulations for Secondary Suites^{1, 2}			
Regulation/Control	Agree or Strongly Agree	Strongly Disagree or Disagree	Neutral/No Opinion
There should be rules or conditions placed on creating opportunities for new secondary suites.	83% [80% web]	13% [20% web]	4% [0% web]
Off-street parking must be provided for the tenant.	74% [76% web]	16% [20% web]	10% [4% web]
Limit one secondary suite per dwelling.	64% [74% web]	20% [13% web]	14% [11% web]
Limit number of secondary suites in neighbourhood.	53% [52% web]	33% [37% web]	12% [11% web]
Lot size must be larger than minimum for principal dwelling alone.	49% [41% web]	32% [46% web]	11% [13% web]
Home owner must reside in principal dwelling.	45% [43% web]	41% [46% web]	13% [11% web]
Secondary suite must be smaller than principal dwelling. ³	44% [35% web]	41% [41% web]	13% [7% web]
Secondary suites should be only allowed in select areas of neighbourhoods.	31% [28% web]	55% [50% web]	11% [22% web]

Notes – see following page....

Source: Banister Research June 2007 [*Web Survey: August, 2007*]

Notes:

1. 396 (random respondents who did not previously mention these conditions on unaided basis)
2. 46 respondents in the web survey (who did not previously mention these conditions on unaided basis). Tables 3 & 4 survey data. Level of Agreement was only asked to those who did not mention the condition initially, and is not comparable to random survey.
3. In the web survey, 8 respondents (17%) did not answer this level of agreement question, so values do not add up to 100%.