

question about Bill 23

There was an older house. The landlord had divided the house into two units - one unit for the landlord, one for the tenant. It was a quick conversion. The units were divided by simple gyp-rock partitions. Heating on the tenant's side was a problem because there was only one furnace and one ventilation system for the whole house. I'm pretty sure there was only one water meter and one electrical panel. The unit was sub-standard.

Bill 23 says the property owner can build three residential units on one lot. Riley Brockington says that the units must still abide by the building code. I think the new units should have the following rules:

- each unit must have it's own separate heating and ventilation system
- each unit must have its own electrical panel
- each unit must have its own water meter

Does Ottawa's building code enforce these rules? In other words, what's to stop the property owner from doing a quick conversion?