

oral quarrel

Most callers say apartments have right to limit kids

This week's Oral Quarrel question asked readers if apartment owners should be able to restrict the number of units to be rented to tenants with children and should the owners be able to segregate such units from the rest of the apartment complex.

Following are the responses:

Yes, they should be able to restrict the number of units to be rented to tenants with children.

I think the Health Department should enter into this. They have some laws about how many bathrooms, how many bedrooms needed for a certain number of people, and I think this would solve the problem of whether children could live in apartments depending on how much space there is.

I say yes. I am on the maintenance committee, and I have seen children come in and what people have worked for days and months on, volunteering their time, and the rental children destroy this in a matter of minutes. Really, there is nothing you can do about it, unless you want to take them to court. I have four grandchildren, and they love to throw stones. If there are not proper facilities for the children and controlled facilities, the children's time will be spent in harassment and destruction. You have to have controlled plans or you will have chaos.

Yes, they should be allowed to segregate.

I am 100 percent behind the Muirwood Apartments and their segregation of kids from the adult apartments. A lot of the couples there are working couples, and they don't watch their kids. They let them run wild and do anything they want.

I believe that adults without children have the same rights as adults with children. That is they should be able to live in areas where children are not cohabiting, so I agree with the idea that there should be restricted areas for parents with children.

Yes, as senior citizens, we would like some peace and quiet finally in the later years of our life.

In reality, the Civil Rights Commission is advocating by this that everyone share and experience vandalism. Let's face it, when you have children, they are destructive to the halls, to the carpets, they spill things on them, they bring mud in. It's just one of those things, it's a fact of life, and you have to share it.

Yes, they should have every right there is.

They should have the right to segregate. Definitely. Some oldsters don't want to put up with the children. They should have that privilege.

I live in Muirwood, and I can tell you people do not control their kids. My children are grown and married, and I do not want kids jumping and screaming around me all day and night. Put them in their own building.

Blacks, whites, woman, man, job opportunities, equal pay all are discriminated against, so what makes kids any different?

Yes, they should be able to control them.

Yes, apartment owners should be able to restrict the number of units rented to adults with children, and the family units should be in one section. Adults have civil rights too, and these children certainly do a lot of damage, and their interests are different from older people.

Many apartments are not government-subsidized projects. They are privately owned, and the owners invested and paid the bills. Yes, the owner has the right to segregate whatever he wants.

Yes, they have the right to separate them, and they have the right to refuse them. I am not old enough to move into a senior citizen home. Is this not basically the same type of restriction? Tell civil rights to knock it off already.

Definitely yes.

Absolutely. Apartment owners should be able to restrict the number of units and the segregation of units. People who don't have children don't necessarily want to live next to them, and they have rights too.

I believe they should be segregated from the rest of the apartment complex. I have children, but if I were to live in an apartment complex, I would want my children to be with other children and not near adults not used to having small or even older children around. I think it's a fair thing, but I don't think they should say that no children are allowed to live in apartment complexes, but as far as keeping them in one area, I agree with that.

Absolutely not. That is discrimination. As an apartment owner myself, I totally disagree with that practice.

Well, I think that is just terrible. For instance, I live in a subdivision which is occupied by both families with children and families without children, and if we were to tell these people without children that they would have to move to a separate section of the subdivision, they would be appalled.

Though I love my own children and most children dearly, I feel people that live in apartments have the right to not to put up with children crying during the night and fighting during the day. Most apartment dwellers are young married couples and single people without children and older people who are finished rearing their families.

Yes, I feel they should have a say to whom they can rent to because as a past renter, I experienced a lot of unsupervised children, especially during the school breaks. Most parents work, and they can't watch the children every minute. Adults try to relax and rest, they have to contend with these children just running wild without supervision. I think they should be, not isolated, but I think they should have special designated units.

Yes on both questions.

An owner has a right to control his own property be it an apartment or house, not the state or the federal government. Next they will tell you what to do with your own house.

Yes, by all means. I feel we have the right, after working for so many years, to segregate.

I would answer yes to both parts of that question.

Yes, I do feel they do have a right.

I say yes to both questions. Children don't belong in an apartment. It's too confining, and they seem to get into trouble and bother other tenants. Most tenants in apartments are retired people, and children belong in homes and in areas where there is more room to play.

I do believe they should restrict some buildings but a little more than they do right now. Half and half. Some adults don't like having children in their building because of the noise. But I definitely think something should be done so there are more units available to parents with children.

Apartment owners should have the right to restrict any tenants with children to a certain area because some people do not want to live with the fuss that the children cause. Secondly, it's the owner's complex and investment. They have to take loss or profit. The tenants just move on.

I think it is unfair and prejudiced for apartment owners to segregate families with children. I live in an townhouse complex which is predominantly senior citizens. Most of them are very nice, but some of them seem to be so petty and bitter. It's like they don't remember they were once children. It is so sad because the young could help the old with loneliness, and the old could teach the young from their years of knowledge and experience.

Yes, definitely yes.

Yes, the apartment owner should be able to restrict the location of tenants with children. Originally apartments were built for adults and that's what adults want, a little peace and quiet.

Yes, I feel they have the right and they should segregate the apartments between the children who have kids and the people who don't.

Yes, I should have the freedom to live where there are no children. I raised all mine, I don't feel like raising someone else's.

Yes, I feel the apartment owners should have the right to protect the other tenants in the apartments.

I think apartment owners should be able to restrict the number of units to be rented to tenants with children. I am over 65, and when I move into an apartment, I don't want a bunch of screaming kids around. I already raised my five.

Yes, they should be segregated. But I believe if you bring a lot of children into the apartment complexes in Farmington, you will see a lot of senior citizens leave. Go elsewhere.

I definitely agree they should be able to separate the complex. I had children but at this point in my life, I want quiet situations. I want to be alone.

My answer is yes in connection with both questions, and I also feel if I were ever in the market for an apartment, I would not want children living next to me, not with the price of apartment rentals today.

Yes, very definitely. As a matter of fact, they should be able to exclude children altogether if that's what they want to do.

Yes, I feel the apartment owners should have the freedom to restrict the number of units rented to children. Yes, by all means they should be able to segregate those with children and those without. I feel confident that those same parents who now have children felt the same way before they had children and will feel the same way after their children are raised.

No, I do not approve of children in apartments, and I think that if they are in they should be segregated to a certain area. I live in a building where they have children, and they cause too many problems with adults.

I am in favor of segregating apartments where children live. Children can be noisy nuisances just visiting their grandparents let alone letting them live right next door.

Yes to both questions. Owners of rental property no longer have any rights because the courts and civil rights commission have taken our rights away. Ignorant people raise ignorant children. Two other people I know with dozens of rentals are selling because they are sick and tired of obvious destruction to the rentals because in the courts the renters are right and the owners can go to blazes.

I believe that older people also have civil rights adjusted. Some of us are at the point where we don't want young children running around. We have rights too as well as other people. Let's take that into consideration.

No children in apartments. If they do have children, they should have separate apartments. Kids and adults should have their own apartments with no children.

Yes, they should be able to segregate because tenants who have grown children do not wish to put up with the antics of other people's children. Yes.

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