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To: Taylor, Sheree L.

Subject: RE: Opposition to Proposed Rental Licensing Bylaw

From: Peter Karrys

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To: clerk@hamilton.ca; Office of the Mayor

Cc: 'Peter Karrys'

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Importance: High

Dear Mayor Bratina,

I am writing to oppose the proposed Rental Licensing Bylaw.

I am a very responsible landlord with a number of rental properties in Hamilton, and I am opposed to Rental Licensing. Zoning bylaws already take care of the majority of issues that rental licensing would target, so I suggest the City should, instead of having a Rental Licensing Bylaw, more strictly enforce those bylaws that are currently in effect regarding rental properties.

I pay considerably more in Property Taxes in Hamilton vs other jurisdictions that I own property. Rental Licensing would create an additional expense for Rental Property Owners, & create another issue that landlords would have to deal with. As a landlord, I would be forced to pass this expense on to my tenants in the form of higher rental rates. Or I would simply no longer invest in Hamilton.

Good, well maintained, & affordable housing is already quite hard to find in Hamilton, & Rental Licensing would only make it more difficult for tenants.

I, & many other responsible landlords that I talk to, will bypass Hamilton, and invest elsewhere, if Rental Licensing is implemented in Hamilton.

Please consider my position seriously.

Thank You,

Peter Karrys