

Robicheau, Vanessa

Subject: RE: Rental Housing Licensing Sept 17

From: Terri Bocz

Sent: September-16-13 8:39 AM

To: Robicheau, Vanessa; McHattie, Brian

Subject: Rental Housing Licensing Sept 17

Dear Ms Robicheau,

I ask that you share this with the Planning Committee at tomorrow's meeting.

We rent a couple of rooms in our Westdale home to McMaster students. The rooms are not especially large, but they're clean and attractive, are on the second floor, have natural light and the whole house is safe and well-maintained. Many students have expressed relief when viewing our home, that they've found an exception to the low standard of student rental units they'd been viewing so far. We've had students withdraw from a lease they'd already signed for another room, in order to rent a room in our home. These students have given up security deposits on initial leases and paid the same monthly rent or a slightly higher amount to rent a room in a comfortable and well maintained home.

I'm sure that if more students were aware of the Rental Housing Licensing Issue, and weren't caught up with school and social life, they'd voice their support for licensing. It's in their best interests, and it's in OUR best interests to allow them a positive experience of our homes and community. Many of them might settle down here, and hopefully all will have good things to say to friends and colleagues about Hamilton as a place to live and work.

Please councillors, consider the short and long-term health of our city and it's residents when deciding this issue. Don't be swayed by self-interested lobby groups which comprise a minority of your constituents and do their best, through their media blitz, to misinform the majority.

Thank you for your good work!

Sincerely,