

**Form: Request to Speak to Committee of Council**

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==Committee Requested==

Committee: Planning Committee

==Requestor Information==

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**Reason(s) for delegation request:**

The shortage of housing in Hamilton is not a new phenomenon, but affordability and availability of rental units has never been more severe. An immediate solution to create new and affordable housing stock is to amend existing by-laws to compel homeowners and investors to create legal secondary dwelling units in their home. Section 19 (Residential Conversion Requirements (92-281)) currently requires dwelling units to have a minimum floor area of 65 square metres. I will delegate to replace this space requirement with guidelines similar to those existing in the City of Guelph found at:

<https://guelph.ca/city-hall/planning-and-development/community-plans-studies/housing/shared-rental-housing/accessory-apartment-regulations/>

By allowing for this 'size based on use' model, we can quickly generate new inventory of legal affordable homes for family members, caregivers, and for many of the 6,000 individuals and families applying for housing through Hamilton's housing wait list.

I will also propose amendments to ceiling height and parking requirements within the same by-law.

I thank you for the opportunity to speak with the committee regarding the urgent need for new housing stock and look forward to their compassion in considering and implementing these necessary changes.

**Will you be requesting funds from the City? No**

**Will you be submitting a formal presentation? Yes**