

CITY OF HAMILTON

MOTION

Committee Date: March 23, 2021

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR FARR.....

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR DANKO

Amend Property Standards By-law 20-221 to Include Health and Safety Concerns in Rental Houses and Apartments

WHEREAS, the Building Code Act, 1992, authorized the City of Hamilton to pass a by-law prescribing standards for the maintenance and occupancy of property;

WHEREAS, By-law 10-221, being a By-law to prescribe standards of the maintenance and occupancy of property, was approved by Council on September 15, 2010;

WHEREAS, since the adoption of the Property Standards By-law, there have been eight (8) amending By-law passed by Council to improve the By-law;

WHEREAS, there have been concerns of the health and safety of rental houses and apartments within the City;

WHEREAS, as part of continuous improvement efforts, staff work to improve enforcement activities, including updating various by-laws to address specific municipal needs identified by Council, committees, staff, public and the courts;

WHEREAS, stakeholders were consulted on known and unknown gaps in the existing Property Standards By-law and comparisons were done with other Municipalities to ascertain if the gaps found were addressed in other Municipalities Property Standards By-laws; and,

WHEREAS, areas of improvement were identified which would enhance the health and safety of rental houses and apartments within the City.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That Licensing and By-Law Services staff in consultation with Legal Services, be directed to bring forward a By-law to amend the Property Standards By-law 10-221 to reflect the areas for improvement found in the Information Report Property Standards By-Law Review and Municipality Comparison (PED21049) (City Wide).