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**Subject:** Fire Property Tax Increase

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Dear Maria;

The incorrect (Autofilled) subject line of my last email must have confused you as your reply has left me dumbstruck!

The fire rating map significantly affects me, Ward 10, as well as every property within the urban boundary throughout the city of Hamilton.

We are all paying a higher rate to provide urban fire services to areas paying reduced rural rates in Upper Stoney Creek, Glanbrook, Ancaster, Dundas and Waterdown.

It's very simple, a reduced number of properties in the urban fire boundaries results in ME personally paying higher urban fire taxes for 2021.

Why do you believe, and are telling me, I'm not 'affected'?

Lastly, I already know what my rate increase will be. The rates were provided on last week's Council Meeting Agenda. My fire rates are increasing by 91% which, after all the other rate changes, my property taxes are increasing by ~ 6.8%.

Respectfully;

Tammy Felts