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Dear Councilors & City Staff;

This City Council has achieved a status no other Hamilton Council has ever achieved.....this Council has made Hamilton the Third Least Affordable City in North America. We continue to see a pattern where Councilors think their actions are well intended, while Council's actions result in bad unintended consequences for residents.

This action to license rentals will just make Hamilton so much more unaffordable for residents. Currently all the laws are on the books to address rental bylaw infractions but there is an unwillingness amongst staff and council to enforce them. In order to deflect from the inaction of Council, they have decided that a new licensing tax is required. I have no confidence this misguided plan will do anything but make Hamilton more unaffordable.

Living in ward 8 in the Mohawk College neighborhood I continue to be disappointed with my Councilor and City Staff not addressing basic property standards on simple things like street parking, and property maintenance while defunding my decaying street from being repaired. The same laws are on the books that have resulted in past Councilors being able to effectively address parking and property standards but unfortunately current city staff and my current Councilor do not see it as part of their job description, which is the core of the issue. A new rental tax will not solve this problem.

Kind regards,

Robert Cooper