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Lisa Kelsey
Planning Committee Legislative Assistant
City of Hamilton
Planning Committee
71 Main St. West
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RE: Draft by-law "Rental Housing Units" (Schedule 31)

Dear Ms. Kelsey,

As a resident of Ward 8, I wish to support the immediate implementation of the above by-law. My neighborhood has seen changes as homes have changed hands. Many single-family dwellings are being converted into 2 or 3 or more units. There are more cars on the roads, travelling faster and parking are both sides of the street. As someone who walks my dog every day, I am extra cautious. I dislike when cars block the sidewalk and park for extended periods of time in spots that make corners hard to see (such as Columbia and Stacey). I see homes not being maintained. I see more garbage being dumped in Buchanan Park. There is a bungalow house near me that holds a family upstairs in one unit and downstairs in another. That is far too many people for the home.

We need this bylaw to ensure that conversions are done properly and safely. I understand there is a housing crisis in Hamilton. Let this by-law serve as a tool for educating landlords about their responsibilities. This should reduce problems down the road.

Thank you for reading and considering my ideas.

Regards

Susan Hammond