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**Subject:** Licence Rental Housing Ward 8

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Re: Licence Rental Housing (PED21097/LS21022)

I have been a resident of Ward 8 for 24 years. Over those years, I have seen the character of my neighbourhood change. With its parks, schools and library, it was a great neighbourhood for us to bring up our children. Over the last few years, I have noticed a change as I walk my dog. I see dozens of homes that used to be family homes that now have weeds growing several feet high, garbage left strewn on front lawns, plastic bags with the free newspaper piling up in driveways, several cars parked on front lawns, turning them to mud pits in the spring. It seems clear that nobody is taking responsibility for the upkeep of these homes as these conditions persist for months. I am in favour of any measure that would require more accountability for property owners to ensure that they are maintaining property standards. It would not be in the city's interest to have existing home owners feel compelled to move to another town or city in order to avoid the conditions described above. The character of a city's neighbourhoods make a huge difference in a city's reputation and its ability to attract not just landlords but tax-payers and workers who can fuel the burgeoning industries Hamilton is trying to promote.

I would appreciate it if you would include this correspondence included in the August 10th Planning Committee Agenda for Item 10.2.

Thank you for your attention to this very important matter.

Vicki Coughlan