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Dear Planning Committee,

I am writing this letter with regards to the existing and growing problem of single family homes being converted into rental units in Ward 8.

I fully support the rental housing licensing bylaw for my area effective immediately. Rental properties are taking over our neighbourhoods. The landlords/owners do not maintain the properties with some being rundown, lawns overgrown and properties littered with garbage. My other concern is the number of people that live in these rental properties. A single family home may sometimes have eight or more renters which is not acceptable. If the property is a 3 bedroom home, then there should only be 3 tenants or renters.

There have been issues in my area regarding some rental properties with illegal activities in one rental unit and renters arguing/fighting outside another. This is just a few incidences that have occurred in my neighbourhood. I am an older woman and live alone and do not feel safe with all these rental properties in my area. Because of the increase in rental properties I have had a security system installed in my home.

The licensing would help regulate the number of rental properties in one given area/neighbourhood and would also make landlords accountable for their property. I'm sure that these landlords/investors would not appreciate having all these rental properties in their neighbourhood where they live and they should not expect us to be "okay" with it!

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