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I have recently become aware of the city's pilot program for licensing landlords and have some concerns. Residents who live in basement rentals for instance, who pay a lower rate than market value, may lose their living space if the landlord must comply with costly renovations (for example to code window sizing). These residents with set incomes depend on these lower rent housing and choose their living spaces, without such small rentals these residents will be forced to look elsewhere such as more costly apartment buildings. With the current climate, homelessness is on the rise and available affordable rentals are far and in between. Even landlords with small rentals now may have to pay additional fees on their rentals and may not deem it profitable presenting with higher shortages of housing. I hope the city truly understands the already strained housing system, homeless residents and costly housing being built prior to demanding further costs for struggling landlords. I feel this pilot will only further worsen the city's housing issues and increase the already large homeless community. Thank you for your consideration of these points.

Concerned resident, Brogan Wilson