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To the City of Hamilton Councillors,

Rental Property Owners already answer to the City and the Province on multiple levels.

Adding more regulation, more cost, more problems with yet another rule instead of enforcing what we already have seems ridiculous.

If you are really so concerned with Tenant safety and proper housing enforce the following

- The Ontario Building Code - The Ontario Electrical Safety Authority
- The Ontario Fire Code - The Residential Tenancies Act
- The Landlord and Tenant Board - Ontario Human Rights Code
- Hamilton Zoning bylaw - Zoning Verifications
- Hamilton Property Standards bylaw - Hamilton Lodging House License

The required Ontario Standard Form lease provides tenants with their rights and the contact info needed to address concerns like the condition of their unit.

Many tenants have access to free lawyers at the Hamilton Legal Clinic.

The current tools work.

A few years ago a tenant who was renting a unit from me called the City and complained about their living situation. A bylaw officer called me, booked an appointment, looked at the property, told me what I needed to do and

what I didn't need to do, came back for a second visit,
and that was it.

Tenant safety was verified!

This pilot project is a waste of time, a waste of resources, a waste of money.

This pilot project will reduce the number of units available.

This pilot project will increase rent amounts.

Not relying on all these tools that we already have makes me think
that there is an ulterior, undisclosed, motive for wanting this license.

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