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To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: Protect short-term rentals in Hamilton

Dear Town Clerk Town Clerk,

Hello Hamilton council,

I am an airbnb host who lives in his home that is an airbnb.

I have been running my airbnb for 7 years in Hamilton.

The people that i have hosted have included students who arrive to hamilton without a long term residence secured and need a temporary place until they find that long term residence, Students who only come in for a 1 or 2 week course, Mohawk, McMaster, Ontario Osteopathy College are examples, new immigrants to the country who only arrive to canada with a suit case of clothes and no knowledge of rental requirements or an inability to obtain canadian accomodation because of a lack of canadian credit and employment, individuals who have been evicted from their homes who cannot find anywhere else to stay, tourists to canada who cant afford a hotel or hostel, family members of a patient at a local hospital, individuals who are here locally for a short term work placement be they doctors, nurses or industrial workers in the North of the city I have more examples as well. There quite obviously is a demand for airbnb and a need for lower cost accomodations then the hotels can provide.

All of these people do not affect my neighbourhood in a negative manner they come and go without any negatives and airbnb offers them a inexpensive way to stay in the city. Limiting me to 120 days a year max would limit my ability to host some of these people. Am i to kick someone out onto the street because i am over the city mandated limit?

I am supplying a public need in the city. All of the income generated i declare and it is taxed as income on both a federal and provincial level and HST is also applied and paid.

As i live in the home the primary residence restriction does not affect me but i do think people should be allowed to do with their homes as they please. The 120 day max would affect me and while i am not rented out 365 days a year limiting this makes no logical sense. What does this solve? My home is room rentals not whole home. Peoples length of stay is determined by their need.

I ask you to look at who this bylaw benefits and who it hurts?

Where there quite obviously is a need for short term airbnb style accomodation. Why else was the laundry room a purpose built airbnb hotel built on Augusta st? If you want to limit the

number of airbnbs in a certain area that seems more logical.

Limiting it to primary residence and 120 max is short sighted and doesnt solve the issue except to force the closure of some airbnbs furthering the demand for more to be made available.

There quite obviously is demand and need for this kind of accomodation.

I am available if you would like to speak to someone who is a long term host and also very educated on the topic.

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