

From: Shalaine Ritchie
Sent: January 12, 2023 4:27 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: Protect short-term rentals in Hamilton

Dear Town Clerk Town Clerk,

Hello, our names are James & Shalaine.

We have been renting a private basement suite within our family home through Airbnb over the last 3 years. We have had so many amazing interactions with people coming to hamilton as tourists, visiting family, travel out of the airport, weddings or local events, people coming here for work, exploring our amazing city trails and waterfalls, as well as local getaways for residents. We strongly believe by doing this, it brings so many people to our great city and provides money and guests to local restaurants and venues as well as financially supporting us and our family within our own home in a safe neighborhood that is not disruptive to our community.

We really hope you will continue to allow rentals within people's own home to be without a cap on number of stays. We do not allow long term stays in our suite and would not plan to have a long term guest stay here ever so the idea of restrictions being put into place to address the shortage of long term rental apartments is upsetting and deeply concerning that those of us that rely on the extra income to pay our bills and support our family would be lumped into rules to address issues of investors from other cities that don't live here buying up units in hamilton for rental only (which we agree has become a huge issue here in our city).

Please consider local residents like us that use our space to promote visitors to Hamilton & provide for our family and make ends meet financially. Our guests always rave about our awesome neighborhood and city and I hope we can continue to host & give back to our city.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Shalaine Ritchie