

RENTAL HOUSING BY- LAW

Frequently Asked Questions:

What is the fee for a Licence for a Rental Unit?

The fee for a Licence of a Rental Unit will be \$215 annually. There will also be the standard Licensing Processing Fee for all licences issued in the City which is \$77 for the 2021 licensing year.

Where will I need to make application for a Licence?

A licence can be applied for online, over the phone or at Hamilton City Hall 71 Main Street West – 1st floor Hamilton.

How long is a Rental Unit Licence valid?

A licence will be valid for one year from date of issuance.

Does a secondary unit require a license?

A secondary unit is a separate and complete single housekeeping unit located within a primary dwelling unit. The secondary unit would require a licence.

Who will be enforcing the By-Law?

Municipal Law Enforcement

Property-Related Enforcement Activities

These enforcement activities are typically directed at ensuring that properties meet minimum standards as they relate to health and safety, property maintenance and appropriate land use. Typically, these would be covered in the Property Standards By-Law 10-221 and Yard Maintenance By-Law 10-118.

Zoning Related Enforcement Activities

These activities relate to the enforcement of zoning standards in relation to private property as established in the City’s Zoning By-law 6593. As well City of Hamilton Zoning By-Law 05-200 will be in effect for some properties in the Pilot Project Area.

Licensing-Related Enforcement Activities

As the renting of Rental Units will be considered a Business, the Licensing Bylaw 07-170 will need to be adhered to.

What tools will Officers use to achieve compliance of the Rental Housing By-Law?

- Education:
- Notice of Violation:

- Order to Comply:
- Administrative Monetary Penalty Notice:
- Provincial Offences Act Offence Notice or Summons:

What Wards does the Rental Housing By-law apply during the Pilot Project?

Ward 1 and 8 and parts of Ward 14.