

To: Public Works Committee as part of January 16, 2024 public submission meeting

Re: Wasteenforcement at City of Hamilton in lower part of town. A very interesting development for me.

1. Hello. I am Gottfried Schwarzer, landlord of [REDACTED]
2. This all started in Sept/October of 2023 prior to Grey Cup and Santa week.
3. I have removed trash etc from the above address three times a week since 2009. Removal takes place Sun, Tues and Fri/Sat. PM. The location is a known spot for, as I call it silly stuff ie illegal dumping, occasional mattress, TV, furniture etc. Nothing I have not successfully dealt with myself.
4. All of a sudden I get a notice of too much garbage. Please consider my "trash spot" is entitled to a total of 26 items a week (11 residences + 3 commercial units) We must put the items on one spot due to no room at each individual unit due to fire exit doors for the 11 residences (15 people in total) above the three commercial units. We have never had a total of 26 items on the trash spot, ever. I believe the notice was just a general reminder.
5. Then suddenly I got a notice for a property 44 Ward St./Ave. For a "notice of non compliance" + a possible fine. I have no interest/do not own 44 Ward St./Ave. The file # was 17079724. I immediately called the "By-law Officer" whose name appeared on the notice. The response was a voice mail-explaining the officer was on some sort of "leave". By the time some one, I suppose got to my message it was too late and the fine went to my tax bill. I paid the fine to keep my property in good standing.
6. Then I got a call from some one telling me the notice was a "typo" but, too late the fine was set and paid.
7. Next, I was sent a picture of four bags on my trash spot at [REDACTED] . and issued a fine. So, here are my concerns.

1. My trash spot is not in the alley -as every one seems to think. It is directly adjacent to my property. There never was and never is trash in the laneway behind [REDACTED] The trash is further down the laneway. I have sent multiple pictures to waste enforcement to verify this.
2. I was told my an official in waste enforcement "There are rats in the alley and they are coming for you." No. there are no rats in the alley and they are not coming for me.
3. Now when I send via email multiple photos of lower City locations in need of attention the waste enforcement system doesn't seem to accept them.
4. If a notice of non compliance is put on the door of the restaurant, I would hope we/I have enough time to mitigate. I would think certain businesses in the lower part of the town have some wiggle room to respond. Of course, bylaws need to be enforced.
5. I have suggested to waste enforcement, if there is a "horrible issue" to call my Hamilton manager Leesa Nauss immediately at [REDACTED] to remedy the situation vs filling out and posting a notice for non compliance. I will immediately see to rectify the situation.

Thank you for letting me send you this. Carry on. Gottfried