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From:
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To:
Members of Public Works Committee
City of Hamilton
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WE HBA Letter: Hamilton Multi-Residential Garbage Carts

The West End Home Builders' Association ("WE HBA") is the voice of the land development, new housing and professional renovation industries in Hamilton, Burlington, and Grimsby. WE HBA represents 320 member companies made up of all disciplines involved in land development and residential construction.

WE HBA is pleased to see the amendments being brought forward to Committee that will formalize the multi-residential garbage cart pilot program initiated in January 2025. WE HBA has previously submitted feedback in 2021 as part of consultations regarding the Waste Requirements for Design of New Developments and Collection ("the Design Guidelines"). Additionally, in Fall 2023, WE HBA worked with a team of master's students at the *University of Waterloo School of Planning* and submitted further comments to Committee and through DILG. WE HBA has previously raised concerns over the impact of the Design Guidelines on the feasibility of small-scale infill, which are a crucial component of accommodating Hamilton's growth moving forward. WE HBA is supportive of this change to allow multi-residential garbage carts to be utilized for small-scale multi-residential development. As noted in the staff report, the Design Guidelines currently require residential developments to dedicate large areas to loading, access, and turnarounds. By allowing these developments to access on-street pickup through garbage carts, the City is improving feasibility for small-scale infill, Missing Middle, and gentle density, as well as addressing safety and hygiene concerns.

WE HBA encourages the Committee to support this change, and in future, support further refinements to the Design Guidelines to provide flexibility and support growth in the City of Hamilton. The City must consider taking a close look at all standards, guidelines and policies affecting development to ensure applications are able to move seamlessly and efficiently through the planning process. The industry is facing dire circumstances in 2025, and bold thinking is required in order for the City to meet its housing targets. WE HBA looks forward to future collaboration with the City of Hamilton.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A Salemi'.

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