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City of Hamilton
City Hall, 71 Main Street West
Hamilton, ON
L8P 4Y5

RE: Opposition to Permanent Closure of Alley- 11 Liberty Street, Hamilton

Dear Mr. Jason Farr:

I am the owner of 220-222 Hunter Street East and am writing to formally object to the proposed closure of the alley abutting 11 Liberty Street. Although I have outlined my concerns a number of times allow me to explain once again what my objection is.

I am specifically opposed to any closure of the alley on the east of the existing property line (north-south section of the alley). I am not opposed to the closure of the alley east west (an extension of the property line north of the existing line).

I am opposed to the closure for the following reasons:

1. The proposed closure would affect access to my property as well as my neighbours' properties. The closure will directly affect the access to the alleyway off Grove Street. If the changes take effect, the western access to the alley off Grove will be impossible for most cars to navigate. The proposed changes significantly reduce the public alleyway and the area available for cars to make turns to access the alley.
2. If I am unable to access my parking, this reduces my property value. It also affects the property values of the neighbouring homes.
3. The closure of the alley will cause increased traffic on the east entrance of Grove (this specifically affects 31 and 33 Grove Street and 92 and 94 Wellington Street South). Since the ability to maneuver cars entering or exiting from the west entrance will be limited (next to impossible), vehicles will be forced to use the east entrance only. Currently most vehicles enter via the west and exit via the east and the alley acts as a one-way although it is not officially one-way. This will no longer be the case.

In summary, protecting our public alleyway is important because:

- Having access to a parking spot protects our property values
- Parking is scarce and it is important to maintain existing parking or have the ability to add parking in the future. Currently there are at least 12-15 vehicles parked daily on private properties, accessed through the alleyway.
- Maintaining two entrances/exits to the alley helps control traffic flow

Finally, I believe that the City of Hamilton should be concerned about the closure of the alley because the existence of and accessibility to parking is important to city planning. Having parking at the back of our properties keeps vehicles off the roads and helps with the flow of traffic.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me.

Regards,

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