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To: Barb Ontario Canada
Subject: RE: PROPOSED BYLAW/REGULATE PARKING/BOULEVARDS/Front & Side YARDS.

To:

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Committee Coordinator,
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I am writing in support of the proposed bylaw which would regulate parking on boulevards and front and side yards in the City of Hamilton, and which will be discussed on March 19, 2013 at 9:30 a.m. at the regular Planning Committee Meeting.

The emphasis in the news media has seemed to be on the parking problems in West Hamilton (near the university) and the parking problems in the North East part of Hamilton where CFL football games takes place.

I have a different perspective on the subject, because I live on Hamilton's West Mountain, on West 5th Street [between Limeridge Rd. West and Stone Church Rd. West] A number of the homes in this area, in the last five/six years have been bought by developers; renovated to accommodate Rental Unit Occupancy and/or Student Housing. Many of these new neighbours have two cars per Renter family; sometimes four/five cars per Student Housing families, etc.

Three years ago, the student housing situation changed, and the house there is back to being a single-family occupancy, with occasional tenants. But because the neighbour brings home his workplace pick-up truck + a trailer (and therefore parks in the driveway), 90% of the front lawn has been gravelled, in order to accommodate the family vehicle + visitors + the sometimes tenants. No green grass anymore ! just fumes and noise and exhaust pipes to greet the eye

Two homes in my immediate area now have three different living units in each of the houses; yesterday, (at the one home) I counted six vehicles there, with one having to park on the lawn at the front of the house.

South of my home (on West 5th) is a brand new home 2012, which the builder hoped was going to be an apartment, with units for five renters. The driveway is paved from the property line at West 5th and goes right to the back of the house; and an area at the front has been provided for more parking. No green grass here anymore !

I would think that the approval of this bylaw would be a very good thing for ALL residents/taxpayers in the City of Hamilton.

Some of the media have reported that the residents/taxpayers in the North-East of Hamilton (neighbourhood of the CFL Stadium) actually like to have lawn parking on game days; it is a lucrative day for them !

In that case, I would suggest a "Clause" in the new bylaw, stating an exception for parking on CFL football days, and perhaps another "Clause" stating an exception for MacMaster during frosh days, etc. OR perhaps these areas need a "parking by permit only" section added to the bylaw.

Thank you for reading and hearing my viewpoint.

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