Dear Councillor McHattie,

I am writing to oppose the proposed Rental Licensing Bylaw.

I am a very conscientious & responsible landlord with 4 properties in Hamilton, & I feel that Rental Licensing is totally unnecessary. Zoning bylaws are already in place to take care of many of the same issues that rental licensing would entail, & the zoning bylaws simply need to be more strictly enforced.

Property taxes are very high in Hamilton, & Rental Licensing would be additional expense, & more “red tape” that landlords incur. We as landlords would be forced to pass this expense on to tenants in the form of higher rent rates, or we’d have to cut expenses elsewhere in areas such as maintenance, OR we would simply no longer invest in Hamilton.

Good, well maintained, & affordable housing is already very difficult to find in Hamilton, & Rental Licensing would only make it more difficult for tenants.

I & many other very responsible landlords will invest elsewhere if Rental Licensing is implemented in Hamilton.

Sincerely,

Anita Kuehn