

Dear City Clerks Office

I have resided in the same house in Brampton since 1991 and have personally witnessed my neighbourhood transformed from family dwellings to rental properties with transient tenants.

I am writing today in support of the new Landlord licensing program in Brampton.

I have observed first hand what happens when rules are not in place for landlords. There has been a consistent rotation of tenants dwelling in the house across the street from us. Sometimes up to 8 – 10 people live in a house that is made for a single family of up to 6 people at best. The driveway has been jammed with up to six cars. Tenants with souped up sports cars think nothing of revving their high powered engines every time they come home or leave, even in the early morning hours. The state of the outside of the property is poorly kept, with grass overgrown, leaves unraked and old mattresses and tires tossed on the boulevard. I can't imagine the inside of the house if this is how the outside is kept. I've had to call the fire department for a fire that started in a plastic garbage container stored dangerously close to the house.

The most concerning part of all of this to us is the safety of the individuals in this house. Do they have working fire alarms? Carbon monoxide alarms? Proper rooms in basements with windows? If the landlord is not maintaining the outside, and we have never seen them around at all (except when showing the unit(s)) to prospective tenants, the inside basic safety maintenance is not likely happening either.

Owning a house to rent out to occupants is a business transaction and therefore should be treated as such.

I commend the City of Brampton for taking such a bold step to make sure that no one is taken advantage of, and that the safety of all parties, including other residents in the neighbourhood, is a priority.

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