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To: City Clerks Office <City.ClerksOffice@brampton.ca>
Subject: [EXTERNAL]New Land lord licensing feed back

Dear City Clerks Office,

I want to start by saying that this new licence is not something that was pulled out of thin air. No, this was created because of the constant emails, phone calls, 311's and petitions about derelict rental houses in our city.

I am writing today in support of the new Land lord licensing program in Brampton. With first hand experience of what happens when rules are not in place for Land lords who abuse their tenants to extract as much capital as possible out of their dwelling. For the past three years my family and I have had a consistent rotation of tenants in the house next door. This ranged from 8 to 12 people living in the bungalow at any given time. The land lord in question never shovelled, supplied enough garbage bins, mowed the lawn or did general up keep on the property. Over the past 3 years I have documented with photos and called the city 36 times for neglect of the property and constant over flowing garbage cans. I never had rats, mice, skunks frequent my house until the consistent garbages over flowed and other tenants simply threw their trash out the window. I do not blame the tenants and generally feel bad for them living in the house. Being a good neighbour, I would help with pots and pans, fixing their car, shovelling, reminders of garbage day and so on. The problem would arise as they would only stay there for 3-4 weeks and then leave as the conditions inside the house deteriorated quickly. Mold in the bathrooms, 9 mattress left in the mud room, a basement that flooded in heavy rains. There would be two people per room for 500\$ each, making the land lord 6000 dollars a month, sad that they could not use any of that money for the upkeep of the house. The last group I spoke to said there were too many bugs in the basement and they wanted me to help find them somewhere else to live at 5pm on a Friday. Imagine coming home from work and three gentlemen, brand new to Canada, are desperately asking for help because the house they saw on Facebook was too disgusting to live in. Again, I do not blame the tenants and I feel bad for them and embarrassed that this is happening in our city.

If this new licence can help stop house like the one I have experienced for three years (that is a long time), I think it will not only help our neighbourhood, rat problem, but most important, show that humans deserve a clean, safe living environment.

I encourage those that are fighting this licence to come to my house, help empty the rat and mouse traps and see how bad it is.

And I am sure there are similar stories to mine.

I think there is a lot of fear when something new is being put in place and educating yourself on the new licence would certainly help put people at ease.

My hope is that Land lords take more time to vet their tenants and periodically visit their property to ensure their investment is in good standing. Taking on a rental house has its risks, as any new business does, doing your due diligence and keeping an eye on things will limit your risk and ensure a long life of financial prosperity.

Thank you for your time,

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