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re Brampton City licensing Program Jan 31 2024

As a resident of Brampton, I believe that having a city licensing program is very necessary. Landlords/owners must be made legally accountable for the conditions of their units or lodging houses.

This licensing programme is not a new idea, as I am sure all people here are aware. Other cities have them. They include Hamilton, London, Oshawa, North Bay, Guelph and Waterloo. (And all appear to have a 5 bedroom limit.) Toronto and St Catherines are considering licenses. The amount of \$300 per year for a license is a minimal amount compared to the rent money that these (mostly) young people are being charged. I do not understand why it should be waived or even discounted at all. Renting is a business and renters as well as residents of Brampton should feel confident that the council is becoming active in having control over this huge influx of rental properties, ensuring that they can be more positively viewed within the neighbourhood community's as well.

In Brampton, we have experienced an exponential growth of young adults over the last few years and a corresponding explosive number of single dwelling houses being converted into lodging houses. There has been no city oversight to ensure these buildings were in compliance with any kind of Canadian safety code and have often been seen as being overcrowded and neglected by the neighbourhoods they are in. Residents have become justifiably upset by the lack of due diligence by the owners in the upkeep of these dwellings. Community residents should not be the ones to oversee any rental properties. This is the duty of the city on behalf of its citizens

Having a city licensing program ensures that landlords/owners are in compliance with the Canadian building code, electric code, fire code as well health and safety laws, in ALL rental properties. We see that owners can not, nor should not, monitor themselves. It is imperative that all laws for rental properties - including physical and mental health as well as general wellbeing are taken into account. Therefore, compulsory, unannounced city inspections are a must. It keeps owners aware of the conditions of their properties and adds confidence of rental properties/ acceptance within both communities (renters and neighbours) that the various laws are being followed.

Not having ANY parameters for this VERY big business of renting rooming house space, or renting a unit, needs to stop. There must be an enforced standard which ALL owners of rental properties must uphold. We have learned over the years that owners can not be allowed to continue to self regulate. We know and have seen, that this does

not work when self interest is involved. The Brampton Licensing program is important for all of Brampton's residents and ensures that the bylaws are equally applied.

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