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**Subject:** New House Rental Business License - Urgent Action Required

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His Worship Mike Hurley, Mayor of Burnaby, and to all Council Members,

I am addressing this email to complain about the NEW annual business Licence introduced to owners of a "rental house." A fee of \$575 plus \$50 registration is outrageous. Especially considering it's on top of the utilities and property taxes already being paid. I am not running a business, I am giving the opportunity for someone to rent an affordable place to live in Burnaby, the third most expensive city to rent in Canada.

These new fees/surcharge/tax whatever you call them, will mean \$52 more an owner will have to pay monthly. The allowable rent increase for 2020 is 2.6%, which will add another \$50 monthly. The landlord will have to pass that increase to the renter (which I hate to do). A renter will face an increase of \$102 a month to his rent. Please keep in mind that this hardworking renter also has to pay as you and I for his Hydro, Gas Bill, and cable; never ending yearly increases.

Furthermore, the City of Vancouver charges \$74 permit for a rental house permit, not \$625. How is it that Burnaby charges **EIGHT** times more for the same thing?

Burnaby has 1.6 billion in net financial assets, DOUBLE that of any other city in British Columbia and holds a quarter of all the assets in the whole province. One of only 2 BC cities to operate debt free; not to mention a \$367 million surplus in 2018 and the 2.95% property tax increase council approved. With all of this in mind, does the city really need another senseless cash grab?

An owner who is fortunate or unfortunate to have a second house to rent must pay: taxes, utility, insurance, repairs, furnace, hot water tank, stove, fridge, plumbing, roofing etc. and also claim rental on his tax return. Far from being rich. Selina Robinson, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, praised the City of Burnaby in the Burnaby Now newspaper this week in their approach to making more affordable rentals. I am so disappointed to find again that all politicians say something to the public and change their word behind closed doors by

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introducing laws and bylaws that the public are not aware of; hurting the people that are supposedly trying to help. Please rescind this outrageous new house rental business license.

What happened to the words *integrity* and *honesty* to serve the people you were elected to serve.

Sincerely,

Roger Moussalli

Burnaby, BC