

The proposed Rates increase of average 9.5% increase is not correct in my case. My rates are proposed to go up from \$1,486 to \$3,242. (Double the amount!). My unit is 115m2 and I am being asked to pay \$3,242 per year. I don't feel that is a fair assessment at all. There is no place on the form to argue the case about SUIP definition so I have included my comments in this section. After talking to council here is what I have planned to include on my submission below: • Clarified with the council the concern on defining SUIP and impact on council services is on the water use and waste water being produced having a separate sink in each bedroom. • My argument is the same amount of water will be used on a 3 bedroom stand alone house that 3 people live in vs a 3 bedroom studio unit that 3 people live in. • Same argument for the use of shower, just because there is a separate shower in each room doesn't mean they use it more frequently. • There was no analysis provided on how the \$500 UAGC came about or the cost of waste water treatment. • It's unfair to put an increase based on an extra sink and water use. If the concern is water use that the council should use water meter and charge on the use of water from each unit. • Charging 3 x \$500 UAGC means I am paying rates 3 times. Samantha Samuel

This UAGC per SUIP is obscene. My property is divided into 4 studio units. My rates more than double under this unscrupulous scheme! There are still only 4 people living in this property (1 per studio) the same number that would be living in it if it were a single family home. Most single family homes have 3+ bathrooms these days anyway. The only alternatives I see are to increase rent to make Hamilton even more unaffordable and undesirable for young working people, or to sell my property Shane Kitson

1. It is manifestly unfair to burden rate payers with such a huge rate increase without time to budget . 2. A bedroom with an ensuite and a bench with a sink does not constitute a Separately used or inhabited part (SUIP) of a rating unit. To be a separate rating unit the tenant must have quiet enjoyment of his/her own cooking and washing facilities. 3. As rates are heading to capital based rates, adding the SUIP charge is unfair 4. These rates increases , if not followed by rent increases will render the viability of purchasing/building these types of properties not worth the investment which will result in less available housing and increased homelessness among the more vulnerable and rents increasing dramatically.

Michele Hunt

Do you have any other ideas about how the Council should change the way the rates are calculated?

I find it very unfair that the city rate has increased to more than 100% with the explanation that is not adequate. I do not see how a three bedroom unit with only a table a top and a sink with no cooking facilities could make such huge difference compared to a stand alone 3 bedroom house. If the council insists on keeping the rate high which will lead to increase in rent which is a burden to the students. here was no analysis provided on how the \$500 came about or the cost of waste water treatment. It's unfair to put an increase based on an extra sink and water use. If the concern is water use that the council should use water meter and charge on the use of water from each unit. I don't agree with the charging 3x \$500 for [Redacted text] 3 bedroom studio unit

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