

To the Mayor and City of Guelph Councillors:

Please consider implementing an effective mandatory vacant house tax as a means of addressing Guelph's ongoing crisis in affordable and available rental housing and homelessness. For decades, Guelph has faced low vacancy rates and higher rents and a lack of social and supportive housing. The social impacts of this will only worsen without prompt action. Please consider this a priority for 2026.

Thank you,

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