



CITY OF HAMILTON
Development Charges Information – Pamphlet
Summary of By-laws 19-142 and 11-174 (as amended)

Rates Effective
July 6, 2020 – July 5, 2021 – Updated September 18, 2022

Please ensure the effective date of this pamphlet corresponds with your needs.

The information contained within is intended only as a guide. Interested parties should review the approved By-laws.

Purpose of Development Charges:

The purpose of development charges is to recover the growth-related costs associated with the capital infrastructure needed to service new development and redevelopment within the municipality.

By-Laws for the City of Hamilton:

By-law No. 19-142

By-law No. 11-174 (as amended)

Rates shall be indexed on July 6 each year by the percentage change recorded in the average annual Non-Residential Construction Price Index for Toronto produced by Statistics Canada. Table: 18-10-0135-01 (formerly CANSIM 327-0058)

Payment of Development Charges:

Development charges are payable at the time of building permit issuance and are collected by the City of Hamilton Building Department. Pursuant to legislative changes which came into effect as of January 1, 2020, DCs for the following types of developments are eligible to be paid in instalments:

- Rental (6 annual instalments commencing at occupancy)
- Institutional (6 annual instalments commencing at occupancy). This category includes long-term care homes, retirement homes, universities and colleges, memorial homes; clubhouses; or athletic grounds of the Royal Canadian Legion, and hospices.
- Non-Profit Housing (21 annual instalments commencing at occupancy)

The City also offers deferrals for ERASE, non-residential and apartment developments; subject to availability. Please connect with staff for further details.

Demolition Credits:

A credit is allowed for demolitions for a period of 5 years from the date of issuance of the demolition permit. The dollar value of the credit is based on the rate in effect at the time of redevelopment and on the exemption status of

the demolished/redeveloped building at the time of redevelopment (i.e. no credit if the demolished building is exempt under the current By-Law). Note that the credit for Residential demolitions expires 2 years and 5 years from the date of demolition permit issuance for HWDSB (Public) and HWCDSB (Catholic) Education DCs, respectively.

Transition Policy:

Normally, the development charges rate payable is the rate in effect on the day that the building permit is issued. However, the City's policy is that the development charges rate payable is the rate in effect on the date that a complete building permit application is received and accepted by the City's Chief Building Officer, provided that the building permit is issued within 6 months of the first rate increase following application. If the building permit is revoked on or after the date of the rate increase, the rates in effect on the date of permit issuance will be payable. (Not applicable to Education DCs.)

Credits and Exemptions:

Refer to attached pages for rate highlights as well as exemption and credit policies.

Treasurer's Statement:

The City Treasurer prepares an annual statement regarding the use of development charges funds and sets out the balance in each of the development charges reserves.

Copies of By-law and Treasurer's Statement

Copies of the Development Charges By-laws as well as the Treasurer's statement are available from the Clerk's office on the 1st Floor of City Hall, 71 Main St. W., Hamilton, Ontario L8P 5Y4.

For further information regarding development charges, contact:

Finance at DCRequest@hamilton.ca (ext. 4400) or Building at 905-546-2720

Please check with City Staff at Parklandrequest@hamilton.ca regarding Parkland Dedication fees which may apply and are separate and distinct from Municipal DCs.

DC Policies approved by City of Hamilton Council do not impact Education DC charges which are controlled and set by the Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board and Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board, respectively

SERVICE COMPONENT BREAKDOWN EFFECTIVE July 6, 2020 - July 5, 2021

Service	RESIDENTIAL (\$)					NON-RESIDENTIAL (\$) (note a)	
	Single-Detached Dwelling & Semi-Detached Dwelling (per dwelling unit)	Townhouses & Other Multiple Unit Dwellings (per dwelling unit)	Apartments & Stacked Townhouses & Mobile Homes 2-Bedrooms+ (per dwelling unit)	Apartments & Stacked Townhouses & Mobile Homes Bachelor & 1-Bedrooms+ (per dwelling unit)	Residential Facility Dwelling & Lodging House & Garden Suite (per bedroom)	(per sq.ft. of Gross Floor Area)	(per sq. m.)
Municipal Wide "Soft" Services:							
Parkland Development	2,444	1,749	1,431	979	790	0.11	1.18
Indoor Recreation Services	4,604	3,295	2,696	1,845	1,487	0.21	2.26
Library Services	1,086	777	636	435	351	0.05	0.54
Growth Studies	409	293	239	163	132	0.21	2.26
Long Term Care	130	92	76	52	42	0.01	0.11
Health Services	1	1	1	-	-	-	-
Social & Child Services	16	11	9	6	5	-	-
Social Housing	673	482	394	270	217	-	-
Provincial Offences Administration	42	30	24	17	14	0.02	0.22
Total Municipal Wide "Soft" Services	9,405	6,730	5,506	3,767	3,038	0.61	6.57
Municipal Wide "Hard" Services:							
Services Related to a Highway	11,191	8,010	6,553	4,483	3,615	8.37	90.09
Public Works Facilities, Vehicles & Equipment	815	583	477	326	263	0.43	4.63
Police Services	545	390	319	218	176	0.27	2.91
Fire Protection Services	480	344	282	192	155	0.24	2.58
Paramedics	142	102	83	57	46	0.03	0.32
Transit Services	1,992	1,426	1,167	798	643	1.02	10.98
Waste Diversion	683	488	400	273	220	0.14	1.51
Total Municipal Wide "Hard" Services	15,848	11,343	9,281	6,347	5,118	10.50	113.02
Total Municipal Wide - "Soft" and "Hard" Services	25,253	18,073	14,787	10,114	8,156	11.11	119.59
Wastewater and Water Services (note b)							
Wastewater Facilities	4,207	3,011	2,464	1,686	1,359	2.03	21.85
Wastewater Linear Services	5,627	4,028	3,295	2,254	1,818	2.71	29.17
Water Services	4,954	3,546	2,901	1,985	1,600	2.38	25.62
Stormwater Services - Combined Sewer System							
Stormwater Drainage and Control Services (note c)	4,103	2,937	2,403	1,644	1,325	-	-
Stormwater Services - Separated Sewer System							
Stormwater Drainage and Control Services (note c)	10,872	7,782	6,367	4,355	3,512	2.24	24.11
Total Urban Services - Combined Sewer System	18,891	13,522	11,063	7,569	6,102	7.12	76.64
Total Urban Services - Separated Sewer System	25,660	18,367	15,027	10,280	8,289	9.36	100.75
CITY DC TOTAL - COMBINED SEWER SYSTEM	44,144	31,595	25,850	17,683	14,258	18.23	196.23
CITY DC TOTAL - SEPARATED SEWER SYSTEM	50,913	36,440	29,814	20,394	16,445	20.47	220.34
Other Development Charges							
Go Transit (City-Wide)	273	196	169	113	89	-	-
Education - HWDSB (Public - note d)	1,573	1,573	1,573	1,573	1,573	0.43	4.63
Education - HWDCSB (Catholic - note d)	1,101	1,101	1,101	1,101	1,101	0.35	3.77
TOTAL BEFORE SPECIAL AREA CHARGES - COMBINED SEWER SYSTEM	47,091	34,465	28,693	20,470	17,021	19.01	204.62
TOTAL BEFORE SPECIAL AREA CHARGES - SEPARATED SEWER SYSTEM	53,860	39,310	32,657	23,181	19,208	21.25	228.73
Special Area Charges							
Dundas/Waterdown (note e)	1,971	1,410	1,154	789	637	1.04	11.19
GRAND TOTAL AFTER SPECIAL AREA CHARGES - COMBINED SEWER SYSTEM	49,062	35,875	29,847	21,259	17,658	20.05	215.82
GRAND TOTAL AFTER SPECIAL AREA CHARGES - SEPARATED SEWER SYSTEM	55,831	40,720	33,811	23,970	19,845	22.29	239.93

Notes:

<p>a) There are 2 categories of Non-Residential charges – “Industrial” and “Non-Industrial” as defined in the By-law. See Page 3 for applicable rates.</p> <p>b) Charges applicable to developments outside of the urban area shall be determined with regards to the Urban services required or used.</p> <p>c) Charges related to Stormwater services are differentiated within the geographic location of the development between Combined Sewer System Area and Separated Sewer System Area (identified on Page 4) and shall be determined with regards to the Area-Specific DC calculation for Stormwater services.</p>	<p>d) Education development charges are controlled and set by the respective education boards and collected by the City on their behalf. DC Policies approved by the City of Hamilton do not impact these charges. Full list of exemptions for Education DCs can be found on Page 4.</p> <p>e) Land affected by the Dundas & Waterdown Special Area Charge can be found on Page 5. This charge is not subject to annual indexing.</p>
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Non-Residential Rates:**Industrial**

The City's per square foot charge for industrial development has been discounted from the full non-residential rates to reduced industrial rates shown as follows:

(per sq. ft. of Gross Floor Area)	Reduced Industrial Rate	Full Non-Residential Rate
Combined Sewer System	\$11.44	\$18.23
Separated Sewer System	\$12.81	\$20.47

For expansions of existing industrial developments, enlargement up to 50% of existing gross floor area (gfa): exempt; any amount over 50% of existing gross floor area will pay the industrial rate in effect.

Non-Industrial (Commercial/Institutional)

The rates for new non-industrial developments within a CIPA or BIA and new office development (medical clinic excluded) is phased as follows, between July 6, 2020 – July 5, 2021

(per sq. ft. of Gross Floor Area)	1 st 5,000 square feet (50% of charge in effect)	2 nd 5,000 square feet (75% of charge in effect)	10,000+ square feet (100% of charge in effect)
Combined Sewer System	\$ 9.12	\$13.67	\$18.23
Separated Sewer System	\$10.24	\$15.35	\$20.47

For expansions of office development (medical clinic excluded) already in existence as of June 13, 2019, which did not previously receive the new non-industrial rates, the following City rates apply:

- 1st 5,000 square feet of expansion: Exempt
- any amount over 5,000 square feet: \$18.23 per square foot with combined sewer system;
\$20.47 per square foot with separated sewer system

For all other non-industrial development, the calculated set of rates \$18.23 and \$20.47 per square foot are applied to Combined Sewer System and Separated Sewer System respectively.

The above exemptions/deductions DO NOT apply to education and special area charges.

Exemptions (City of Hamilton and GO Transit Development Charges):**Residential:**

- Affordable Housing
- A Garden Suite
- A Laneway House
- Intensification - Enlargement of an existing residential unit, and addition of 2 units to a single detached unit (SDU), or 1 unit to any other residential building exempted from DCs (subject to gfa restrictions & one-time use)
- Redevelopment of an existing residential for use of creating more residential facilities within the existing building envelope is exempt from 50% of DCs otherwise payable (credit for 100% of previous residential facility use)

Non-Residential:

- Agricultural Use (bona fide farming/agriculture uses – farm business registration number required, see by-law for further details)
- A temporary building or structure, subject to Section 28
- Parking Structure, excluding commercial parking
- Place of Worship, excluding revenue generating space (must be exempt from property taxes)
- Class A office development (min. 20K sq. ft. gfa) within Downtown Hamilton CIPA – 70% exemption of DCs otherwise payable

Both:

- Heritage Buildings – 100% exempt for adaptive reuse within the existing building envelope, excluding sections that are not covered by the Heritage designation
- Downtown Hamilton CIPA Exemption (map on Page 6) – 50% exemption of DCs otherwise payable for all developments within boundaries and below maximum height other than Class A office development (cannot be combined/stacked with other DC exemptions)

Please note the majority of these exemptions DO NOT apply to Education DCs.

Please go to <http://map.hamilton.ca/> and select Downtown, BIAs & CIPAs to confirm CIPA and BIA boundaries.

Exemptions (Education Development Charges Public & Catholic)

Residential:

- Intensification – Enlargement of an existing dwelling unit; creation of 1 or 2 units to a SDU, or 1 unit to any other residential building exempted from DCs (subject to gfa restrictions & one-time use)
- Long-term care home, as defined in the *Long-Term Care Homes Act, 2007*
- Retirement home, as defined in the *Retirement Homes Act, 2010*
- Hospice or other facility that provides palliative care services

Non-Residential:

- Public Hospital – Exempt from 100% of DCs if receiving aid under *Public Hospitals Act*
- Place of Worship – 100% exempted (must be exempt from property taxes)
- Non-Residential farm buildings – 100% exempted
- Enlargement of existing Industrial Buildings – Enlargement of up to 50% of existing gfa exempted
- Metrolinx, or a predecessor or successor corporation identified under the *Metrolinx Act, 2006, C. 16*, excluding retail use development
- Private school
- Child care centre, as defined in the *Child Care and Early Years Act, 2014*
- Memorial home, clubhouse or athletic grounds owned by the Royal Canadian Legion
- The owner is a college of applied arts and technology established under the *Ontario Colleges of Applied Arts and Technology Act, 2002*
- The owner is a university that receives regular and ongoing operating funds from the Government of Ontario for the purposes of post-secondary education
- The owner is an Indigenous Institute prescribed for the purposes of section 6 of the *Indigenous Institutes Act, 2017*

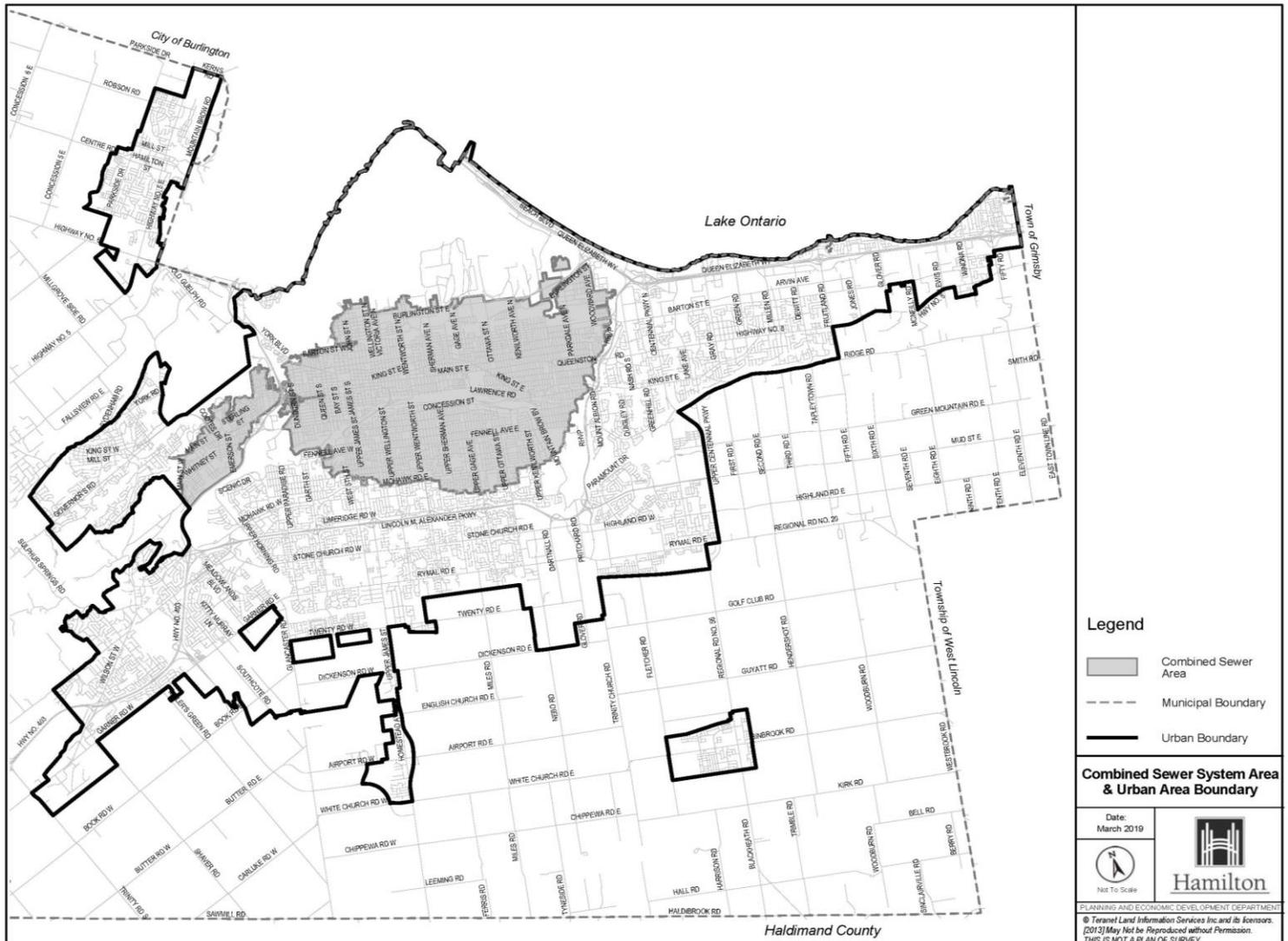
Complaints Procedure:

A person required to pay a development charge, or the person's agent, may complain under Section 20 of the DC Act to the Council of the municipality that:

1. the amount of the development charge was incorrectly determined;
2. whether a credit is available to be used against the development charge, or the amount of the credit or the service with respect to which the credit was given, was incorrectly determined; or
3. there was an error in the application of the development charges by-law(s).

The complaint must be made in writing to the City Clerk with a copy to Corporate Services and must identify that it is a Section 20 complaint and include all information required by the DC Act. The complaint may not be made more than 90 days after the development charge, or any part of it, is payable.

Combined Sewer System Area & Urban Area Boundary Map



Legend

- Combined Sewer Area
- Municipal Boundary
- Urban Boundary

Combined Sewer System Area & Urban Area Boundary

Date: March 2019

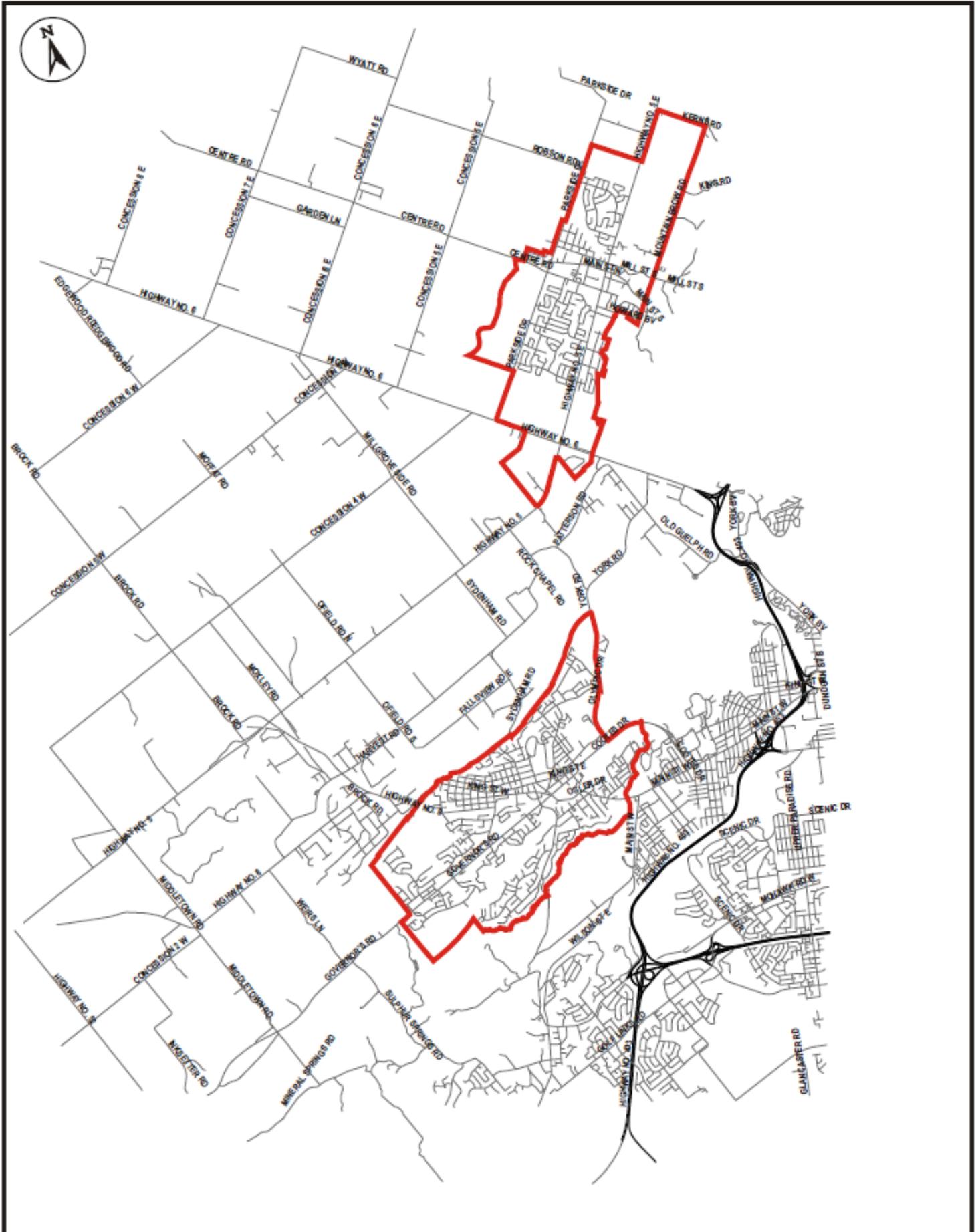


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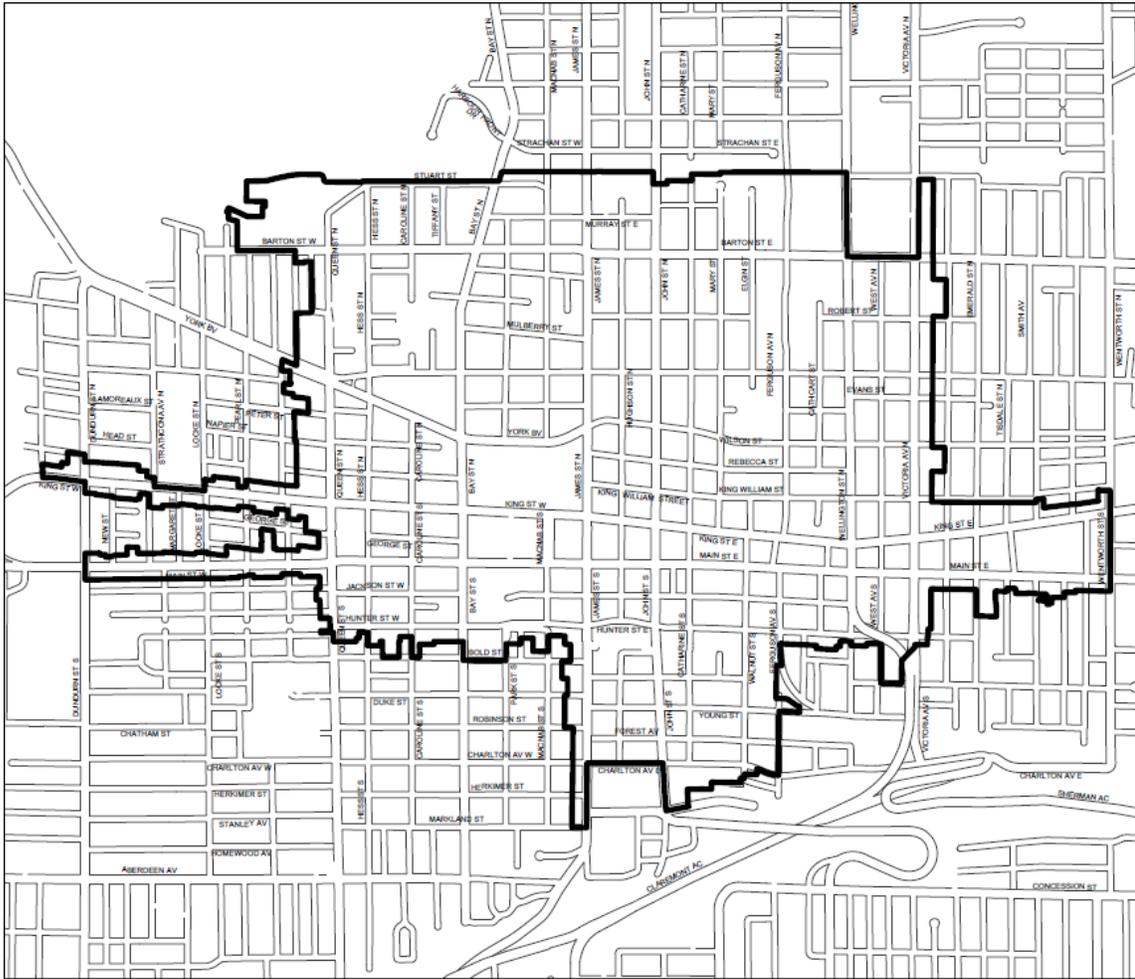
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Waterdown/Dundas Special Area Charge Map



To request enlarged version of maps, please email DCRequest@hamilton.ca.

Downtown Hamilton CIPA Exemption Borders Map & CIPA Exemption Height Map



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