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CITY OF TORONTO

BY-LAW No. 788-2000

To amend By-law No. 749-1998, the Vital Services By-law.

WHEREAS Council enacted By-law No. 749-1998, a vital services by-law; and

WHEREAS By-law No. 749-1998 has operated well to minimise occurrences where vital services such as fuel, hydro, gas or hot or cold water, have been discontinued to a rental unit; and

WHEREAS the by-law would be strengthened by expressly delineating the landlord's obligations to provide vital services to a rental unit;

The Council of the City of Toronto HEREBY ENACTS as follows:

1. Section 5 of By-law No. 749-1998 is amended by removing the words and numbers "sections 2 or 4" and replacing them with the words and numbers "sections 2, 4, 5, 6 or 8" and renumbering section 5 as section 10.
2. Section 6 of By-law No. 749-1998 is renumbered as section 11.
3. By-law No. 749-1998 is amended by adding the following sections 5 through 9:
 5. Every landlord shall provide adequate and suitable vital services to each of the landlord's rental units.
 6. No landlord shall cease to provide a vital service for any rental unit.
 7. A landlord shall be deemed to have caused the cessation of a vital service for a rental unit if the landlord is obligated to pay the supplier for the vital service and fails to do so and, as a result of the non-payment, the vital service is no longer provided for the rental unit.
 8. A landlord may cease to provide a vital service only when such cessation is necessary to alter or repair the rental unit and only for the minimum period necessary to effect the alteration or repair.

9. This by-law does not apply to a landlord with respect to a rental unit to the extent that a tenant has expressly agreed to obtain and maintain the vital services.

ENACTED AND PASSED this 5th day of October, A.D. 2000.

CASE OOTES,
Deputy Mayor

NOVINA WONG,
City Clerk

(Corporate Seal)