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CITY OF TORONTO

BY-LAW No. 127-2001

To amend the City of Toronto Municipal Code Ch. 797, Tenant Support Grant Program, to permit the advance payment of additional grants under the Tenant Support Grant Program in certain circumstances.

"WHEREAS Council enacted By-law No. 48-2000 (the "By-law") on February 3, 2000, to establish the criteria and process for implementing the Tenant Support Grant Program under the Tenant Defence Fund to assist tenants in disputing landlords' applications for above-guideline rent increases; and

WHEREAS Council enacted By-law No. 838-2000 on October 5, 2000, to amend the By-law by expanding the scope of the Tenant Support Grant Program to include assisting tenants who appeal to the Divisional Court regarding an Order issued by the Ontario Rental Housing Tribunal with respect to above-guideline rent increase applications; and

WHEREAS the By-law, as amended, has been codified in Chapter 797, Tenant Support Grant Program, of the City of Toronto Municipal Code; and

WHEREAS Chapter 797, Tenant Support Grant Program, of the City of Toronto Municipal Code provides for the advance payment of basic grants but does not provide for the advance payment of additional grants; and

WHEREAS Council recognizes that there are circumstances in which it may be desirable to advance payment of an additional grant;

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

1. Chapter 797, Tenant Support Grant Program, of the City of Toronto Municipal Code is amended by adding the following subsections to section §797-8:

§797-8E

Notwithstanding subsection §797-8D the Commissioner may make an advance payment of up to \$1,000.00 to an eligible group to whom a commitment for an additional grant has been made, if, prior to the making of the advance payment, the eligible group provides documentation which verifies that a retainer fee is required to engage the services of an eligible professional.

§797-8F

The amount payable to an eligible group under subsection §797-8D shall be reduced by the amount paid in advance, if any, to the eligible group in accordance with subsection §797-8E.

ENACTED AND PASSED this 8th day of March, A.D. 2001.

CASE OOTES, Deputy Mayor NOVINA WONG, City Clerk

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