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## **CITY OF TORONTO**

### **BY-LAW 542-2020**

#### **To amend City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 354, Apartment Buildings with respect to reducing the risk from COVID-19 for residents of multi-tenanted buildings.**

Whereas under sections 7 and 8 of the City of Toronto Act, 2006, the City may pass by-laws in respect of the health, safety and well-being of persons and the economic, social and environmental well-being of the City; and

Whereas Council authorized the adoption of City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 354, Apartment Buildings, to provide regulations for the operation of apartment buildings within the City of Toronto to better protect the public and enhance the quality of life and living standards for tenants; and

Whereas the spread of COVID-19 has been declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization; and

Whereas Council has authorized amendments to City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 354, Apartment Buildings, with respect to reducing the risk from COVID-19 for residents of multi-tenanted buildings;

The Council of the City of Toronto enacts:

1. City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 354, Apartment Buildings, is amended by:

(a) adding a new § 354-3.11 as follows:

#### **§ 354-3.11. COVID-19 measures**

A. The owner or operator shall, until October, 2020:

- (1) Provide hand hygiene stations or alcohol-based hand sanitizer in all essential common area rooms that remain open such as laundry areas;
- (2) Close non-essential common areas such as gyms and playrooms and other high traffic areas to be consistent with provincial restrictions, with these common areas remaining closed until provincial restrictions are lifted to permit gyms, playrooms and other high traffic areas to be re-opened;

- (3) As part of the cleaning plan required by § 354-3.5.B:
  - (a) Add a schedule for the cleaning of frequently-touched surfaces in common areas, including doorknobs, elevator buttons, light switches, toilet handles, counters, hand rails, touch screen surfaces and keypads, that provides for the cleaning of these frequently-touched surfaces with common household cleaners and disinfectants twice daily and when visibly dirty; and
  - (b) Comply with the schedule added to the cleaning plan starting July 15, 2020; and
- (4) Post Toronto Public Health signage as recommended by the Medical Officer of Health.

2. This by-law shall come into force on the day it is passed.

Enacted and passed on June 30, 2020.

Frances Nunziata,  
Speaker

Ulli S. Watkiss,  
City Clerk

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