



## **Councillor Joe Mihevc**

Toronto City Hall  
St. Paul's West  
Ward 21

# MEMO

TO: Licensing and Standards Committee

FROM: Councillor Joe Mihevc, Ward 21, St. Paul's West

RE: Report Request on Amending Chapter 629-38, Property Standards, Heating and Air Conditioning

DATE: December 20, 2011

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### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Licensing and Standards Committee direct staff to review Municipal Code Chapter 629 to consider the viability of amending Municipal Code Chapter 629 to require heating be provided between October 1<sup>st</sup> – May 15<sup>th</sup> and air conditioning be provided between May 16<sup>th</sup> and September 30<sup>th</sup>.

### **SUMMARY:**

The dates for mandatory heating and cooling requirements as outlined in Chapter 629 of the Municipal Code, were selected based on long-term climate trends (i.e. last 30 years) as opposed to recent trends. This was done to mitigate the impact of short-term variability that is often seen in our weather patterns.

That being said, there is growing evidence showing that global warming is affecting our long-term climate.

Constituents in Ward 21, who rent apartments, have noted that the current requirements lead to unnecessary discomfort. Changing the current requirements to better reflect more recent climate trends could lead to more comfortable home environments as well as reduced energy consumption.

Sincerely,

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Councillor Joe Mihevc  
Ward 21, St. Paul's West