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CITY OF TORONTO

Bill 249

BY-LAW -2021

To amend City of Toronto By-law 541-2020, as amended, by imposing temporary regulations requiring persons to wear masks or other face coverings within enclosed common areas of apartment buildings and condominium buildings.

Whereas COVID-19 is a disease which is present in the City of Toronto, is readily communicable from person to person and carries a risk of serious complications such as pneumonia or respiratory failure, and may result in death;

Whereas the spread of COVID-19 has been declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization on March 11, 2020;

Whereas subsection 8(1) of the Act provides the City with broad authority to provide any service or thing the City considers necessary or desirable for the public;

Whereas the City has the authority to pass by-laws respecting matters related to the economic, social and environmental well-being of the City, and the health, safety and well-being of persons under paragraphs 5 and 6 of subsection 8(2) of the Act; and

Whereas physical distancing is difficult to maintain in enclosed common areas of apartment buildings and condominium buildings, the following temporary regulations require persons wear a mask or face covering as this is a necessary, recognized, practicable and effective method to limit the spread of COVID-19 and helps protect the health, safety and well-being of the residents of the City of Toronto;

The Council of the City of Toronto enacts:

1. City of Toronto By-law 541-2020 is amended by adding the following new section:
 - 4.2 (a) Every person within any Enclosed Common Area of an Apartment Building or condominium building shall wear a Mask or Face Covering, in a manner which covers their mouth, nose and chin.
 - (b) Subsection 4.2(a) does not require a person to wear a Mask or Face Covering if they are subject to an exemption set out under subsections 2(a) or (b).

- (c) Persons are not required to provide proof that they are subject to any of the exemptions set out in subsections 2(a) or (b).

Enacted and passed on April , 2021.

Frances Nunziata,
Speaker

John D. Elvidge,
Interim City Clerk

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