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Licensing and Standards Committee
100 Queen St W
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RE: Item LS 17.1 Toronto's New Bylaw for Apartment Buildings

Dear Chair and Committee members,

I am writing in regards to LS 17.1 Toronto's New By-Law for Apartment Buildings and asking for your support of the accompanying recommendations below.

City Staff have done a remarkable job to bring forward a comprehensive by-law to support Toronto renters in just a few short months. I applaud them for their hard work on behalf of the Tenant Issues Committee.

The motions below are minor additions to the by-law. The first strengthens protections for tenants by providing further incentives for landlords to address interruptions to vital services in a timely manner. The second give City Staff direction to discuss the possibility of incorporating existing landlord initiatives to improve apartment standards within the new by-law.

Thank you for your consideration of these motions.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Amend recommendation 26 to say: City Council direct that no person may rent a unit to a new tenant if there is a confirmed property standards order pursuant to Municipal Code Chapter 629 related to the unit or if there is a discontinuance of any vital service (fuel, electricity, gas, heat, or hot or cold water) in the building.
2. City Council direct the Executive Director of Municipal Licensing and Standards to review and report back in Q3 2018 on the Certified Rental Building program and its relationship to the new apartment bylaw.

Sincerely,

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