

City Council**Notice of Motion**

MM13.15	ACTION			Ward: All
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**Improving the Relief Programs for Property Tax, Water and Solid Waste
- by Councillor James Pasternak, seconded by Councillor Mike Colle**

** Notice of this Motion has been given.*

** This Motion is subject to referral to the Executive Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.*

Recommendations

Councillor James Pasternak, seconded by Councillor Mike Colle, recommends that:

1. City Council request the City Manager and the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer to report on the feasibility and implications of amending the City's Tax, Water and Solid Waste Relief Programs, by amending the eligibility requirements to ensure that low-income residents who otherwise meet the eligibility criteria are not disqualified in cases where a co-owner is listed on title of the property but does not reside at the property.
2. City Council request the City Manager and the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer to report back on their findings in Part 1 above in the first quarter of 2020.

Summary

The City of Toronto provides a Property Tax, Water and Solid Waste Relief Program to ensure that low income-seniors and low-income persons living with a disability can maintain and live a good quality of life. However, the current eligibility criteria for this program disqualifies many applicants, specifically those where another family member or person co-owns the property, but does not reside at the property. This Motion seeks to direct a study on the feasibility and implications of amending the eligibility criteria for the City's Tax, Water and Solid Waste Relief Programs in order to allow low-income residents of Toronto to qualify for these programs in cases where the property may be jointly owned by a family member who does not reside at the property.

Background Information (City Council)

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