

City Council**Motion without Notice**

MM32.31	ACTION			Ward: All
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Extending 2021 Application Due Dates for Property Tax and Utility Relief Programs for Low-Income Seniors and Low-Income Disabled Persons - by Councillor Anthony Perruzza, seconded by Councillor Mike Colle

** Notice of this Motion has not been given. A two-thirds vote is required to waive notice.*
** This Motion is subject to referral to the Executive Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.*
** This Motion has been deemed urgent by the Chair.*

Recommendations

Councillor Anthony Perruzza, seconded by Councillor Mike Colle, recommends that:

1. City Council amend City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 767, Taxation, Property Tax, Chapter 844 Waste Collection, Residential Properties, and Chapter 849, Water and Sewage Services and Utility Bill to change the August 31st application deadline for the Tax Deferral and Tax Cancellation for Low-Income Persons program, the Single family residential low income relief program, and the Water rebate for eligible low-income disabled persons and low-income seniors program respectively to October 29, 2021 as the new deadline for the 2021 tax year.
2. City Council authorize the introduction of the necessary Bills in Council to give effect to City Council's decision.

Summary

Low-income Seniors and low-income disabled persons may have been disproportionately affected by the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. In 2020, Toronto City Council elected to extend the application due date for the City's property tax, water and solid waste relief programs for low-income seniors and low-income disabled persons from August 31st to October 30th for the 2020 tax year. In order to ensure that all eligible residents have ample opportunity to apply for this relief in 2021, it is recommended that the application due date for 2021 be extended from August 31, 2021 to October 29, 2021 for the 2021 tax year.

Background Information (City Council)

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