

City Council**Notice of Motion**

MM36.21	ACTION			Ward: All
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Consideration of the Impact of COVID-19 in Development of Future High Rise Towers - by Councillor Mike Colle, seconded by Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam

** Notice of this Motion has been given.*

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

Recommendations

Councillor Mike Colle, seconded by Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam, recommends that:

1. City Council request the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning and the Chief Building Official and Executive Director, Toronto Building to consult with the Medical Officer of Health and Toronto Public Health to study the impact of super high rise towers on the safety of residents given the potential for crowding in elevators and other public areas; such study should consider factors such as, but not limited to:

- a. the impact of close quarters on the spread of COVID-19; and
- b. how to deal with the limited space issues in these towers given the need for enhanced ventilation and physical distancing because of COVID-19.

Summary

Given the unprecedented number of development application for high-rise residential towers reaching up to 70 plus stories in height and that elevator crowding is a serious concern in the spreading of COVID-19 in close quarters, in order to protect the health safety of those living in future super high rise residential towers, it is critical that we have a study to assess the impact of the spread of COVID-19 in these towers and the impact to health of the residents.

Background Information (City Council)

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