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## City Council

### Notice of Motion

MM41.9	ACTION			Ward: All
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**Changing the Low Income Solid Waste Relief Program Eligibility Criteria to Include Low-Income Seniors and Persons with Disabilities that are Shareholders of a Housing Co-Operative- by Councillor Cynthia Lai, seconded by Councillor Gary Crawford**

*\* 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 Cynthia Lai, seconded by Councillor Gary Crawford, recommends that:

1. City Council request the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer to report to the Executive Committee on the feasibility and financial implications of amending the program eligibility criteria for the Single Family Residential Low Income Solid Waste Relief Program provided in Section 844-30.1 of the Toronto Municipal Code to include eligible persons that receive a separate solid waste bill and is a shareholder of a housing co-operative corporation.

#### Summary

Low-income seniors and persons with disabilities may apply annually to receive a rebate on the solid waste portion of their utility bill if they meet certain eligibility criteria. The solid waste rebate is based on the size of the garbage bin and applies to eligible persons that have a small, medium, or large bin and garbage bag only customers.

One of the eligibility requirements of the program stipulated in the current Municipal Code require the property to be occupied by the eligible person making the application and must be owned solely by one or more eligible persons, the estate of a low-income person, the widow or both or owned jointly by the eligible persons with one or more owners who do not reside at the property. By definition, this does not include shareholders of a housing co-operative as they are not listed as the assessed owner of the property and therefore would not qualify for the solid waste relief program offered by the City.

This Motion asks City staff to explore the possibility of including low income seniors and disabled shareholders of co-operative housing who receive a separate solid waste bill for their unit and would otherwise be eligible to take advantage of the rebate programs.

#### Background Information (City Council)

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