

City Council

Notice of Motion

MM6.8	ACTION			Ward: All
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Extending 2023 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 James Pasternak

** 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 Anthony Perruzza, seconded by Councillor James Pasternak, recommends that:

1. City Council amend the 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 31 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 31, 2023 as the new deadline for the 2023 tax year.

Summary

In 2020, 2021, and 2022 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 31 to the end of October. Low-income seniors and low-income disabled persons may have been disproportionately affected by lingering effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and inflation. In order to ensure that all eligible residents have ample opportunity to apply for this relief in 2023, it is recommended that the application due date for 2023 be extended from August 31, 2023 to October 31, 2023 for the 2023 tax year.

Background Information (City Council)

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