

City Council

Motion without Notice

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Extending 2024 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

** This Motion has been deemed urgent by the Chair.*

** This Motion is not subject to a vote to waive referral. This Motion has been added to the agenda and is before Council for debate.*

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, 2024 as the new deadline for the 2024 tax year.
2. City Council authorize the introduction of the necessary Bills in Council to give effect to City Council's decision.

Summary

From 2020 to 2023 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. In order to ensure that all eligible residents have ample opportunity to apply for this relief in 2024, it is recommended that the application due date for 2024 be extended from August 31, 2024 to October 31, 2024 for the 2024 tax year. To provide residents with adequate notice of the application period I am recommending that change be made at the Council Meeting on March 20, 21, and 22, 2024.

Background Information (City Council)

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