



December 8, 2025

Re: EX28.3 - Towards Implementing a Maximum Indoor Temperature Requirement for Rental Units and Cooling Rooms

Dear Mayor and members of the executive committee,

ClimateFast is a grassroots Toronto group that believes we must act immediately on the fossil-fuel induced climatic crisis that we face here in the city and around the world. While identifying the causes and seeking ways to mitigate them, we thoroughly support the need to prepare for, and adapt to, the impacts of a fast-changing climate as well. Addressing the need for climate resiliency is an equity issue.

We fully support the implementation of the Maximum Indoor Temperature requirement for rental units and cooling rooms.

The fact that 77% of tenants when surveyed said that they are negatively impacted by the extreme heat and a full third of tenants do not have access to cooling speaks for itself. The number of extreme heat days in Toronto is unprecedented, and it is forecast to get much worse and sooner than previously thought.

We would like the city to explore the use of heat pumps wherever possible rather than air conditioners. Heat pumps in each unit, or at the very least in the cooling centres, will go a long way towards helping comfortably heat these spaces in the cold weather and thus reduce our dependency on fossil-gas. In the long-run this will be a more affordable option and if building owners are encouraged, perhaps incentivized, to install heat pumps now, it will help move us towards reducing our dependency on fossil fuels, something we must do as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

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