

Follow Up on 2026.EX31.2: Framework for Implementing a Maximum Indoor Temperature By-law

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To: City Council

From: Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards

Wards: All

SUMMARY

At its meeting on May 20 and 21, 2026, City Council directed staff to report directly to the June 24, 25, 26, 2026 meeting of City Council with a framework for implementation of a maximum indoor temperature bylaw.

The Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards will be submitting a report that outlines a proposed framework and analysis on the implementation of a maximum indoor temperature bylaw. The report was developed in consultation with the Housing Secretariat, Toronto Public Health, Environment, Climate, and Forestry Division, Toronto Community Housing Corporation, Toronto Seniors Housing Corporation, and Toronto Hydro.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards recommends that:

1. City Council receive this report for information.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Further information on financial impacts will be outlined in the forthcoming report.

DECISION HISTORY

On May 20 and 21, 2026, City Council adopted [2026.EX31.2 – Standardizing the Air Conditioner Benefit \(Pilot\)](#), directing City staff to report back to the June 24, 25, 26, 2026 meeting of City Council with a framework for implementation of a maximum heat by-law, with alignment to implementation timelines in accordance with maximum temperature legislation in other municipalities, including New Westminster and New

York City, and to request to the Government of Ontario approve an exemption to Above Guideline rent increases for any costs incurred in alignment with a future maximum heat by-law, and convene a Stakeholder Working Group to further this process.

On December 16 and 17, 2025, City Council adopted [2025.EX28.3 – Towards Implementing a Maximum Indoor Temperature Requirement for Rental Units and Cooling Rooms](#), directing City staff to report back to the appropriate Committee no later than May 2026 with a proposed Maximum Temperature By-law for rental units, considering varying building infrastructure, mechanisms to prevent above guideline rent increases passed on to tenants and informed by a compliance analysis study.

On December 17 and 18, 2024, City Council adopted [2024.PH17.5 – Establishing a Framework to Address Excessive Indoor Temperatures in Leased Residential Premises](#), to report back by Q4 2025 with implementation considerations and recommended next steps, leading to City Council's endorsement of implementing a health-based maximum indoor temperature of 26°C for leased residential premises and cooling rooms.

COMMENTS

As part of Item [2026.EX31.2](#), City Council directed staff to report back to the June 24, 25, 26, 2026 meeting of City Council with a framework for implementation of a maximum indoor temperature bylaw.

The forthcoming report outlines a framework to consider the implementation of a by-law, informed by analysis, including a compliance cost study conducted by a third-party vendor, and consultation findings to date.

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