

## **Update on Tenant Supports and Heat-related Directives: Standardizing the Air Conditioner Benefit (Pilot)**

**Date:** April 28, 2026

**To:** Executive Committee

**From:** Executive Director, Environment, Climate and Forestry, Executive Director, Social Development, Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards

**Wards:** All

### **SUMMARY**

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The Executive Director, Environment, Climate and Forestry, the Executive Director, Social Development, and the Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards, in consultation with the Housing Secretariat, will be submitting a report related to excessive heat in rental units and measures that target support to protect the health and safety of tenants most vulnerable to heat.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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The Executive Director, Environment, Climate and Forestry, the Executive Director, Social Development, and the Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards recommend that:

1. Executive Committee receive this report for information.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

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

### **DECISION HISTORY**

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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 on a 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 16 and 17, 2025, City Council adopted [2025.EX28.4 - Strengthening the City's Heat Relief Strategy](#), requesting the Deputy City Manager, Community Development and Social Services to improve the Hardship Fund application process and consider options to enhance accessibility to the Hardship Fund.

## **COMMENTS**

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City Council directed staff to report back on maximum indoor temperatures, no later than May 2026, considering varying building infrastructure and mechanisms to prevent above guideline rent increases. The forthcoming report will outline several existing City measures that are underway to protect residents from extreme heat and further assess the impacts of a maximum temperature bylaw.

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## **SIGNATURE**

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