

City Guideline – 2017-6: Required rent increases for 2018 low end of market rents - Section 95

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August 15, 2017	Immediately

Applicability to Social Housing programs

The City Guideline is applicable to the programs for which there is an "X" in the table below

Applicability	Program
	Housing Services Act, Part VII Housing Projects, Market and Rent-Geared-to-Income , Section 78 Housing Providers (formerly 110)
	Housing Services Act, Part VII Housing Projects, 100% Rent-Geared-to-Income , Section 78 Housing Providers (formerly 110)
	Federal Non-Profit Housing, Section 26/27
X	Federal Non-Profit Housing, Section 95
	Rent Supplement Programs for Sections 26, 27, 95 and New Affordable Housing Providers
	Toronto Community Housing Corporation

If your program is not checked in the Applicability column, this City Guideline does **not** apply.

About City Guidelines

Under the authority of the Housing Services Act, the City of Toronto, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration (SSHA) Division City Guidelines and Rent-Geared-to-Income (RGI) Manual are the authority for housing administration and RGI administration for social housing providers in the City of Toronto.

City Guidelines are the City of Toronto's mandatory policies and procedures that social housing providers must follow. City Guidelines are most often issued when a Local Rule is established by the City of Toronto, the Rent-Geared-to-Income (RGI) manual is updated, or other relevant legislative changes or operational requirements occur. City Guidelines which impact RGI have been incorporated into the RGI Manual.

Please see www.toronto.ca/socialhousing for more information.

Background

Required Rent Increases for 2018 Low End of Market (LEM) rents are listed in Table 1. Required Rent Increases are based on:

- average Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) market rent increases/decreases by rent district; or
- the Ontario Rent Control Guideline, where CMHC data was not available.

Where CMHC recorded decreases in rent, the Required Rent Increase is zero. Where CMHC recorded increases greater than the Rent Control Guideline, the Required Rent Increase is equal to the Rent Control Guideline.

What you should know about Required Rent Increases

- There are different Required Rent Increase for each of the rent districts in Toronto.
- Apartments and townhouses each have a separate columns in the Required Rent Increase table.
- For stacked row housing, providers should use the Required Rent Increases for apartments.

Table 1 - Required Rent Increases for 2018 Low End of Market (LEM) Rents

Toronto District	Rent District Codes	Apartment Average Rent 2018 Market Rent Index	(Row)Townhouse Average Rent 2018 Market Rent Index
Toronto Zone 1 - Former City of Toronto (Central)	M1A1	-1.1 %	0.0 %
Toronto Zone 2 - Former City of Toronto (East)	M1A2	1.8 %	0.0 %
Toronto Zone 3 - Former City of Toronto (North)	M1A3	1.8 %	0.0 %
Toronto Zone 4 - Former City of Toronto (West)	M1A4	1.8 %	1.8 %
Toronto Zone 5 - Etobicoke (South)	M1C1	1.8 %	0.0 %
Toronto Zone 6 - Etobicoke (Central)	M1C2	1.8 %	1.8 %
Toronto Zone 7 - Etobicoke (North)	M1C3	0.7 %	0.9 %
Toronto Zone 8 - York	M1F	1.8 %	0.0 %

Toronto Zone 9 - East York	M1B	1.8 %	1.8 %
Toronto Zone 10 - Scarborough (Central)	M1E1	1.8 %	1.8 %
Toronto Zone 11 - Scarborough (North)	M1E2	1.8 %	0.0 %
Toronto Zone 12 - Scarborough (East)	M1E3	0.7 %	0.0%
Toronto Zone 13 - North York (Southeast)	M1D1	1.8%	-1.0 %
Toronto Zone 14 - North York (Northeast)	M1D2	1.8 %	-1.4 %
Toronto Zone 15 - North York (Southwest)	M1D3	1.8 %	0.0 %
Toronto Zone 16 - North York (North Central)	M1D5	1.8 %	0.0 %
Toronto Zone 17 - North York (Northwest)	M1D4	1.8 %	1.8 %

Actions required

Social housing provider RGI administrators (SHPs) to which this applies must take the following actions:

1. For 2018 budget year, all Section 95 social housing providers must increase their Low End of Market (LEM) rents by the Required Rent Increase for their rent district.
2. If Section 95 housing providers would like to increase LEM rents by more or less than the Required Rent Increase for their rent district, they must submit a business case to their Housing Consultant.

Questions

If you have any questions, please contact your Housing Consultant or the HSS:

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