

COUNCIL MEMBERS' MOTION

For consideration at the Standing Committee meeting of City Council on July 23, 2025

4. Closing a Tenant Relocation and Protection Policy Loophole to Protect More Tenants

Submitted by: Councillor Orr

WHEREAS

1. The city-wide Tenant Relocation and Protection Policy is intended to protect tenants in long-term rental housing, including:
 - Purpose-built rental housing;
 - Buildings with rentals above commercial spaces; and
 - Multiple conversion dwellings with five or more units.
2. But in some rare edge cases, vagueness in the existing Policy's language has required staff to interpret this to not include builds that were originally built as strata units, but later purchased by a single buyer and operated as rental housing; and
3. This means that some tenants who are living in long-term rental housing, including rentals above commercial spaces, are not protected by the TRPP, against the spirit of the Policy.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT Council direct staff to report back with a proposed amendment to the Tenant Relocation and Protection Policy to clarify that any building that operates its housing units as rentals under a single landlord is "primary" rental stock and those tenants are eligible for compensation under the Policy.

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