

Communiqué

September 9, 2026

The Requirements, Recommendations and Guidelines in this Communiqué are applicable to the social housing providers administered by the City of Hamilton.

Social Housing Providers	Applicable
All Providers Under Housing Services Act, 2011	Yes
Not for Profit Providers Under Housing Services Act, 2011	Yes
Co-Operative Providers Under Housing Services Act, 2011	Yes
Providers in receipt of Rent Supplements	Yes
Access to Housing	Yes
Requirement	No
Recommendation	Yes
Guidelines	No

SUBJECT: New Residential Tenancy Rules – effective September 21, 2026

Effective September 21, 2026 Ontario's amendment to the Residential Tenancies Act (RTA) through Bill 60 (Fighting Delays, Building Faster Act, 2025) [Bill 60, Fighting Delays, Building Faster Act, 2025 - Legislative Assembly of Ontario](#) will be implemented.

The proposed changes to the RTA under Bill 60 could contribute to housing instability, including the threat of eviction, frequent moves and unaffordable rents.

Social housing's primary goal is to preserve tenancies, create stable communities and keep operating costs down.

For guidance, Social Housing Providers should refer to the City of Hamilton local 'Eviction Prevention Policy' <https://www.hamilton.ca/sites/default/files/2022-08/supportedhousing-eviction-prevention-policy.pdf> as well as the Eviction Prevention Toolkit <https://www.hamilton.ca/sites/default/files/2022-08/supportedhousing-eviction-prevention-best-practices-toolkit.pdf>

The goal is to utilize best practices, exercise compassion and help tenants maintain their housing. Eviction is the last resort.

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