

# Communiqué

**Issue**  
**2020-7**

**September 14, 2020**

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

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## **SUBJECT:**

### **2021 Rent Increase Guideline**

## **BACKGROUND:**

The Government of Ontario has released its rent increase guideline for 2021. The 2021 guideline will be 1.5 per cent.

The annual guideline is the maximum amount that most landlords can increase a tenant's rent without making an application to the Landlord and Tenant Board. The guideline applies to most private residential rental units covered by the Residential Tenancies Act, but does not apply to social housing units. The 2021 guideline is effective from January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021.

On August 28, 2020, the government announced that it will bring forward legislation this Fall that, if passed, would "freeze rents at 2020 levels so that the vast majority of tenants will not face an increase in 2021." Details of what units will be covered by the proposed freeze will be spelled out in the legislation. Updates will be published on the [Government of Ontario's website - https://www.ontario.ca/page/rent-increase-guideline](https://www.ontario.ca/page/rent-increase-guideline).

If you have any questions, contact your Housing Officer.