Petition to Protect Tenants from Extreme Heat

Extreme heat is a public health emergency, and we must take action to reduce heat-related illness and death.

The past 10 years have been the hottest in history, with 2023 being the warmest year since global records began. At this rate, Earth will be pushed beyond critical climate tipping points leading to, among other threats, increasing periods of extreme heat.

Indoor temperatures above 26C can lead to illness and death. A recent survey of more than 450 Kingston tenants revealed that 47.83% felt their units were too hot in summer (Just Recovery Kingston, Kingston Tenant Experiences Survey, February 2024).

We, the undersigned, are concerned citizens who urge our leaders to act now to protect Kingston households from extreme heat. Just as legislation requires landlords to turn on heat to protect tenants from extreme cold in winter, we urge the City of Kingston to pass a bylaw requiring landlords to keep temperatures in their rental units below 26C in summer without passing on costs to tenants.

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