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Tenant Utility Arrears: Another Surprise Cost of Property Ownership?

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In 2001 the *Municipal Act* in Ontario was completely revamped, becoming the *Municipal Act, 2001*. As part of those changes, many of the provisions of the *Public Utilities Act* were repealed and brought within the ambit of the Act.

Little noticed among the changes at that time was the inclusion of a provision in the *Municipal Act, 2001* allowing municipalities to add utility arrears incurred by a tenant to the tax bill of the property owner.