
Licensing and Standards Committee

Meeting No. 10 **Contact** Dela Ting, Acting Administrator
Meeting Date Friday, January 11, 2008 **Phone** 416-397-7769
Start Time 9:30 AM **E-mail** lsc@toronto.ca
Location Committee Room 1, City Hall

Licensing and Standards Committee		
Councillor Howard Moscoe (Chair)	Councillor Sandra Bussin	Councillor Rob Ford
Councillor Denzil Minnan-Wong (Vice Chair)	Councillor Mike Del Grande	Councillor Anthony Perruzza

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Speakers/Presentations: A complete list will be distributed at the meeting

Confirmation of Minutes: November 30, 2007

Communications/Reports

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Using Camera Phones to Report Graffiti, Litter and Maintenance Issues

(November 23, 2007) Member Motion from Councillor Palacio

Summary

City Council on November 19 and 29, 2007, referred the following Motion (M164) to the Licensing and Standards Committee for consideration:

"That the City Manager report to an upcoming meeting of the Licensing and Standards Committee on the feasibility of promoting the use of camera phones by the public to report litter, graffiti and maintenance issues as described in the motion moved by Councillor Palacio."

Background Information

M164 Motion to the Licensing and Standards Committee
<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/ls/bgrd/backgroundfile-9705.pdf>

LS10.2	ACTION			Wards: All
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Regulation of Queuing on the Public Sidewalk

Public Notice

(December 18, 2007) Report from Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards

Recommendations

The Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards Division, recommends that:

1. Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 545, Licensing, be amended to include in § 545-497. Noise control and crowd control plan, the following:
 - a. A queue shall not be comprised of more than two (2) files of persons.
 - b. A queue shall not be formed so as to obstruct pedestrians in any manner or location.
 - c. A queue shall not be formed other than in a straight line adjacent and parallel to the curb or edge of the sidewalk closest to the roadway.
 - d. A queue shall not extend beyond the limit of the business for which the patrons are seeking entrance.

- e. A queue shall not be formed when a minimum clearway of 1525 mm wide cannot be maintained at all times.
 - f. All queues shall be monitored by security guards, with at least one security guard for every 100 patrons in the queue.
2. City Staff be authorized and directed to take any other action necessary to implement the recommendations of this report.

Financial Impact

The recommendations will have no financial impact beyond what has already been approved in the current year's budget.

Summary

Consultations were undertaken with City Divisions, the Toronto Police Service (Divisions 52 and 14), the Alcohol and Gaming Commission (AGCO), the King-Spadina Residents Association (KSRA), the Toronto Entertainment District Association, as well as representatives of the club owners. Input was sought from the Toronto Pedestrian Committee.

The Toronto Pedestrian Charter reflects the principle that a city's walkability is one of the most important measures of the quality of its public realm, and of its health and vitality. The purpose of regulating queuing on the sidewalk would be to support the principles set out in Toronto Pedestrian Charter, and in particular: Accessibility; Personal and Community Safety; and, Community Cohesion and Vitality.

The City of Toronto Accessibility Design Guidelines and Vibrant Streets - Toronto's Coordinated Street Furniture Program both address the use of City sidewalks and recommend that in no case should clearways for pedestrians be less than 1525 mm wide.

Three possible options for the implementation of the regulations have been considered: a permitting scheme similar to that used with cafes and marketing; amending the crowd control plan requirements currently contained in Chapter 545, Licensing relating to Entertainment Establishments and Nightclubs; or seeking to apply conditions to the liquor licence through the licensing process of the AGCO.

Staff recommend that the Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 545, Licensing, ARTICLE XLI Entertainment Establishment/Nightclub § 545-497, Noise control and crowd control plan, of Chapter 545, Licensing be amended to include the regulations to be followed in the development of the required crowd control plan.

Background Information

Regulation of Queuing on the Public Sidewalk

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/ls/bgrd/backgroundfile-9706.pdf>)