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CITY OF TORONTO

BY-LAW 1108-2025

To amend City of Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 545, Licensing and Chapter 441, Fees and Charges to delete or amend certain licensing requirements.

Whereas authority is given to Council by the *City of Toronto Act, 2006* to pass by-laws respecting business licensing; the economic, social, and environmental well-being of the City; the health, safety, and well-being of persons; and the protection of persons and property, including consumer protection; and

Whereas Council has adopted by-laws to licence and regulate many different types of businesses in Toronto, which are incorporated into Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 545, Licensing; and

Whereas Council wishes to amend Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 545, Licensing, to delete licensing requirements for some businesses, delete certain licence application requirements, delegate authority to the Municipal Licensing and Standards Division to place conditions on licences, and make various other amendments to licensing provisions; and

Whereas Council wishes to amend Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 441, Fees and Charges, to reflect the above amendments to Chapter 545, Licensing.

The Council of the City of Toronto enacts:

1. City of Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 545, Licensing, is amended by:

A. Deleting §§545-13(10), 545-13(11), 545-14, 545-166, 545-181, 545-208L, 545-328D, 545-333, 545-338, 545-346C, 545-350, 545-363C, 545-380, 545-425A, 545-425B, 545-432A, and 545-432B.

B. Adding a new §545-7.1 as follows:

§545-7.1 Municipal Licensing and Standards Division authority to place conditions on a business licence.

A. At any time, the Municipal Licensing and Standards Division may seek to place such conditions on a licence as it considers appropriate by notifying the applicant or licensee of the proposed conditions in writing. Such notice shall include a statement advising the applicant or licensee that they have a right not to agree to the proposed conditions and may request a hearing before the Toronto Licensing Tribunal should MLS proceed to deny their

application for a licence or its renewal.

- B. If the applicant or licensee agrees to the proposed conditions in the form and manner of agreement prescribed by the Executive Director, the Municipal Licensing and Standards Division may place the conditions on the licence for the term of the licence, including any period during which the licence is deemed to continue, or for any shorter period.
- C. If the applicant or licensee does not agree to the proposed conditions, the Municipal Licensing and Standards Division may deny the licence application or renewal or refer the licence to the Toronto Licensing Tribunal for a hearing, as appropriate, and may request that the Toronto Licensing Tribunal impose the proposed conditions or any other conditions, including more stringent conditions, on the licence.
- D. Any conditions placed by the Municipal Licensing and Standards Division on a licence pursuant to this section shall not be subject to further appeal or review, except by the Toronto Licensing Tribunal, but may be varied at any time by the Municipal Licensing and Standards Division by using the procedure set out in Subsections A and B.
- E. The Toronto Licensing Tribunal may consider any conditions that the Municipal Licensing and Standards Division places on a licence pursuant to this section as if the Toronto Licensing Tribunal had placed the conditions on the licence itself and, where a licensee is found to have contravened such conditions, the Toronto Licensing Tribunal may impose any penalty or further conditions as it considers just.

- C. Adding a new §545-3.1A(1.1) as follows:

- (1.1) In addition to any other requirements of this chapter, on an application for a licence or its renewal under this chapter, the applicant shall provide his or her name, phone number, and e-mail address or, where the applicant is a corporation or partnership, the name, phone number, and e-mail address of a person who shall be responsible for responding to all communications from the Municipal Licensing and Standards Division.

- D. Adding a new §545-3.2 as follows:

§545-3.2 Administrative provisions.

- A. An applicant or licensee shall immediately notify the Municipal Licensing and Standards Division in writing of any change to their name, phone number, or e-mail address or, where the applicant or licensee is a corporation or partnership, any change to the name, phone number, or e-mail address of the person who is responsible for responding to communications from the Municipal Licensing and Standards Division

- B. Despite any other provision of this chapter, all written communications relating to this chapter between the Municipal Licensing and Standards Division and an applicant or licensee shall be sent by e-mail to and from the e-mail address most recently provided by the applicant or licensee to the Municipal Licensing and Standards Division, except where another method is authorized by the Executive Director.
- C. Any e-mail sent in accordance with Subsection B shall be deemed for the purposes of this chapter to have been received by the addressee on the day it was sent.
- E. Deleting the following definitions from §545-1: Building Cleaner, Chimney Repairman, Dealers in Second-Hand Goods, School Bus, and Transient Traders.
- F. Amending the definition of “Building Renovator” in § 545-1 by replacing the phrase “or constructing radiation fallout shelters” with “except radiation fallout shelters”.
- G. Deleting the following: §§545-2A(6), 545-2A(11), 545-2A(37), 545-2A(49), 545-2A(51), and 545-2A(53).
- H. Deleting Article XIV, Operators of Boats for Hire, in its entirety.
- I. Deleting Article XXX, Building Cleaners, in its entirety.
- J. Amending the title of Article XV to read: “Drive-Self Vehicles for Hire”.
- K. Deleting §545-208.
- L. Deleting the phrase “and persons who go from house to house or along any street whether public or private for the purpose of collecting, purchasing or obtaining second-hand goods” from §545-274.
- M. Deleting §545-277 and §545-283.
- N. Amending the title of Article XXXVI to read “Persons Renovating Buildings”.
- O. Amending §545-433A by replacing the phrase “or constructing radiation fall-out shelters” with “except constructing radiation fallout shelters” and deleting the phrase “the repair of chimneys or”.
- P. Amending the definition of “Commercial Parking Lot” in §545-1 by adding the phrase “including visitor parking spots for residential buildings”, such that the first sentence of the definition reads: “Any location, including visitor parking spots for residential buildings, that demands compensation in relation to the use of a parking space, but does not include:”.
- Q. Adding a new §545-530A.1 as follows:

A.1. Despite Subsection A, the operator of a commercial parking lot that consists solely of residential visitor parking shall not display signage at any public entrance to the commercial parking lot, nor shall such operator display other signage or make any advertisement that might indicate to members of the public that the location is available for paid parking.

R. Amend §545-1 to add the following definition of “Laundry Premises”

LAUNDRY PREMISES – Any premises at which laundry services, including wet washing, dry cleaning, laundry collection or return, and self-serve washing machines or dryers are offered or provided to the public, but does not include a premises used solely for laundry collection or return that is operated by a licensed operator of a laundry premises.

S. Amending §545-2A(20) to read: “Every operator of a laundry premises”.

T. Deleting §545-2A(21).

U. Deleting the existing §545-228 and replacing it with the following:

§545-228. List of laundry collection or return premises.

Every applicant for a laundry premises operator licence or its renewal shall provide the Municipal Licensing and Standards Division with a list of all premises that are operated by the applicant or licensee and used solely for laundry collection or return and shall immediately notify the Municipal Licensing and Standards Division of any change to such list.

V. Amending §545-231 such that it reads: “Every operator of a laundry premises shall post their licence in a conspicuous place in the laundry premises.”

W. Deleting the existing §545-232 and replacing it with the following:

§545-232. Display of sign at laundry collection of return premises.

Every operator a laundry premises shall post a sign in a conspicuous place at each premises they use solely for laundry collection or return that states the operator’s name, e-mail address, mailing address, and telephone number.

X. Deleting §§545-229, 230, 233, and 234.

Y. Amending §545-15B such that it reads: “No driving school operator shall cause or permit driving instruction to be given in or upon the streets, highways, and areas described in Subsection A of this section.”

2. Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 441, Fees and Charges, Appendix C, Schedule 12 is amended by:

A. Deleting the fees found at reference numbers 185, 186, 247, 248, 341, 342, 351, 352, 361, 362, 399, and 400.

B. Adding the following fee:

Ref No.	Service Fee	Description	Category	Fee Basis	Fee	Annual Adjustment
516	Licence & Permit Issuance	Zoning review fee: Business licence application.	Full Cost Recovery	Per application	\$239.11	Yes

3. This by-law shall come into force on January 1, 2026.

Enacted and passed on October 9, 2025.

Frances Nunziata,
Speaker

(Seal of the City)

John D. Elvidge,
City Clerk