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CITY OF TORONTO

BY-LAW 1482-2025

To amend City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 608 Parks.

Whereas under sections 7 and 8 of the City of Toronto Act, 2006, the City may pass by-laws respecting the use of its parks system; and

Whereas Council has approved various changes to update Municipal Code Chapter 608, Parks, to remove outdated, burdensome or unnecessary provisions;

The Council of the City of Toronto enacts:

1. City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 608, Parks, is amended as follows:
 - A. Delete the definition of "General Manager" in § 608-1, and replace it with a new definition, so that it reads as follows:

GENERAL MANAGER –The General Manager of Parks and Recreation or their successor or designate.
 - B. Amend the definition of "Park" in § 608-1 by adding the words "parking lots, " between the words "facilities, " and "erections" so that it reads as follows:

PARK - Land and land covered by water and all portions of it owned by or made available by lease, agreement, or otherwise to the City, that is or may be established, dedicated, set apart or made available for use as public open space or golf course, and that has been or may be placed under the jurisdiction of the General Manager, including any and all buildings, structures, facilities, parking lots, erections, and improvements located in or on the land, save and except where the land is governed by other by-laws of the City.
 - C. Delete section B of the definition of "Prohibited Areas" in § 608-1 and replace it with a new definition, so that it reads as follows:
 - B. Playground safety surface or playground equipment, splash pads or wading pools.

- D. Delete the definition of "Smoke or Smoking" in § 608-1 and replace it with a new definition, so that it reads as follows:

SMOKE OR SMOKING - The use or holding of a lighted cigar, cigarette, pipe, hookah, or any other lighted device or material, such as tobacco or cannabis, and includes any of the following:

- A. Inhaling smoke from a lighted cigar, cigarette, pipe, hookah or any other lighted device or material;
- B. Exhaling smoke from a lighted cigar, cigarette, pipe, hookah or any other lighted device or material; or
- C. Holding a lit cigar, cigarette, pipe, hookah or any other lighted device or material

- E. Delete the definition of "Vehicle" in § 608-1 and replace it with a new definition, so that it reads as follows:

VEHICLE - A Vehicle as defined under the Highway Traffic Act, being a motor vehicle, trailer, traction engine, farm tractor, road-building machine, bicycle and any vehicle drawn, propelled or driven by any kind of power, including muscular power, but excludes a baby carriage or cart, child's wagon, child's stroller, child's sleigh, wheelchair or similar device (powered or otherwise) used by an individual due to a disability, or other similar conveyance.

- F. Add the following definitions to § 608-1 in alphabetical order:

DRONE – A Remotely Piloted Aircraft System as defined in the Canadian Aviation Regulations, being a set of configurable elements consisting of a remotely piloted aircraft, its control station, the command and control links and any other system elements required during flight operation.

GLIDER – A Glider as defined in the Canadian Aviation Regulations, being a non-power-driven heavier-than-air aircraft that derives its lift in flight from aerodynamic reactions on surfaces that remain fixed during flight.

HARASSMENT – As defined in the Ontario Human Rights Code, meaning engaging in a course of vexatious comment or conduct that is known or ought reasonably to be known to be unwelcome.

REMOTE-CONTROLLED VEHICLE: Any navigable aircraft, ground-based, or water-based vehicle, irrespective of its weight, that is operated by a pilot that is not on board, including drones, boats, cars, or similar devices, but excluding balloons, rockets, or kites.

VAPE OR VAPING – The use or holding of a vaporizer or inhalant-type device, whether called an electronic cigarette or any other name, whether or not the vapour contains nicotine or cannabis, and includes any of the following:

- A. Inhaling vapour from a vaporizer or inhalant-type device;
 - B. Exhaling vapour from a vaporizer or inhalant-type device; or
 - C. Holding an activated vaporizer or inhalant-type device.
- G. Delete § 608-3A(1) and replace it with a new definition, so that it reads as follows:
- (1) "Engage in any form of harassment or riotous, violent, threatening, or illegal conduct; or use abusive language/"
- H. Delete § 608-3A(5), 3A(6) and 3B.
- I. Amend § 608-3D by deleting the word "warning" between the words "and" and "signage" so it reads as follows:
- D. No person shall remove, disturb, relocate, damage or destroy protective fencing, lifesaving equipment, barriers and signage put in place for protection of the public.
- J. Delete § 608-7 and replace it with a new § 608-7, so that it reads as follows:

§ 608-7. Encroachment.

Unless authorized by permit, no person shall encroach upon or take possession of a park by any means whatsoever, including the construction, installation or maintenance of a fence or structure; the dumping or storage of materials, soil or plantings; or planting, cultivating, grooming or landscaping.

- K. Amend the title of § 608-7.1 to read **§ 608-7.1. Water and wastewater discharge.**
- L. Delete § 608-7.1 and replace it with a new § 608-7.1, so that it reads as follows:
- 7.1 Unless authorized by permit, no person shall cause or permit the discharge, flow or runoff of water or wastewater from private property into or onto a park, from any source including but not

limited to a hose or similar device, sewage, a roof drainage system, parking lot, hot tub, swimming pool or pond.

- M. Amend the title of § 608-8.1 to read **§ 608-8.1. Smoking and vaping.**
- N. Delete § 608-8.1A and replace it with a new § 608-8.1A, so that it reads as follows:
- A. While in a park no person shall smoke or vape within the boundaries of and within a 20-metre radius surrounding the following amenities or areas in a park:
- O. Amend 608-8.1B by deleting "or" at the end of Subsection (2), deleting the period at the end of Subsection (3) and substituting "or" and adding a new Subsection (4) to read as follows:
- (4) In a designated off-leash area.
- P. Add a new § 608-8.1C to read as follows:
- C. Despite Subsections A and B and in accordance with the Smoke-Free Ontario Act, nothing in this Chapter:
- (1) prohibits an Indigenous person from smoking tobacco or holding lighted tobacco there, if the activity is carried out for traditional Indigenous cultural or spiritual purposes; or
- (2) prohibits a non-Indigenous person from smoking tobacco or holding lighted tobacco there, if the activity is carried out with an Indigenous person and for traditional Indigenous cultural or spiritual purposes.
- Q. Delete § 608-16 and replace it with a new § 608-16, so that it reads as follows:
- § 608-16. Use of wash and change rooms.**
- In a park, no person shall enter gender-segregated washrooms, change rooms or other facilities that do not correspond to their gender identity.
- R. Amend the title of § 608-19 to read **§ 608-19. Drones and remote-controlled vehicles.**
- S. Delete § 608-19 and replace it with a new § 608-19, so that it reads as follows:

While in a park, no person shall operate a drone, rocket or remote-controlled vehicle unless authorized by permit.

- T. Amend the title of § 608-20 to read **§ 608-20. Aircraft and gliders.**
- U. Delete § 608-20 and replace it with a new § 608-20, so that it reads as follows:

Unless authorized by permit, no person shall tether, launch or land any aircraft described in the Canadian Aviation Regulations including a glider, ultra-light aircraft or similar conveyance in a park.

- V. Amend § 608-28 by deleting the words "roadway or parking lot in" and replace them with the words "any area of", so that it reads as follows:

§ 608-28. Other activities.

No person shall make use of any area of a park for:

- W. Amend § 608-34A(6) to add the words "has been determined to be a dangerous dog under Chapter 349, Animals, or the dog" between the words "dog" and "is", so that it reads as follows:
- (6) Allow a dog to enter a designated off-leash area if the dog has been determined to be a dangerous dog under Chapter 349, Animals, or the dog is required to be equipped with a muzzle or secured by a leash under:
- X. Amend § 608-34A(6)(a) to add the words "or order" between the words "notice" and "issued" so that it reads:
- (a) A notice or order issued under Chapter 349, Animals; or
- Y. Amend § 608-34C(1) to change the maximum leash length from 2.4 metres to two metres.
- Z. Amend § 608-46A(3) to add the word "lessons" between the words "service," and "or", so that it reads as follows:
- (3) Any art, skill, service, lessons or work.
- AA. Delete § 608-47 and replace it with a new § 608-47, so that it reads as follows:

§ 608-47. Filming and videotaping

- A. While in a park, unless authorized by permit under this Chapter or permitted under Chapter 459, Filming and authorized by permit from the Toronto Film and Television Office, no person shall:

- (1) Take or permit to be taken for remuneration any film, photograph, videotape or television broadcast; or
 - (2) Take or permit to be taken any film, photograph, videotape or television broadcast in a washroom or change room.
- B. No video surveillance system shall be installed in a park except in accordance with the City of Toronto Security Video Surveillance Policy.
- BB. Amend § 608-49A by deleting the word "obtained" and replacing it with the words "applied for" and deleting the words "the Customer Service Section of", so that it reads as follows:
 - A. Permits for activities contemplated in this chapter may be applied for by contacting the City's Parks and Recreation Division.
- CC. Amend § 608-52A by deleting the word "or" at the end of Subsection (2), and adding a new subsection as Subsection (2.1) so that it reads as follows:

§ 608-52. Exclusions and exemptions.

- A. This chapter does not apply to:
 - (1) An officer or personnel of Emergency Medical Services or Fire Services while engaged in the performance of their duties;
 - (2) Employees or agents of the City while responding to an emergency situation occurring while engaged in works or services undertaken for or on behalf of the City, or as authorized by the General Manager;
 - (2.1) Employees or agents of the City while engaged in works or services undertaken for or on behalf of the City as authorized by the General Manager; or
 - (3) A park, property or building that is under the jurisdiction of a board established by Council or by statute, the members of which are appointed by Council.
- DD. Delete § 608-55 and replace it with a new § 608-55, so that it reads as follows:

§ 608-55. Removal of vehicles.

An officer or the General Manager, upon discovery of a vehicle parked or standing in contravention of this chapter, may cause it to be moved or taken to and placed or stored in a suitable place and all costs and charges for removing, care of and storing the vehicle, if any, are a lien upon the vehicle which may be enforced in the manner provided by the Repair and Storage Liens Act.

2. This by-law shall come into force on March 2, 2026.

Enacted and passed on December 17, 2025.

Frances Nunziata,
Speaker

John D. Elvidge,
City Clerk

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