



## STAFF REPORT INFORMATION ONLY

### Enforcement of Unlicensed Limousines

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| <b>Date:</b>             | November 16, 2007                 |
| <b>To:</b>               | Licensing and Standards Committee |
| <b>From:</b>             | Executive Director                |
| <b>Wards:</b>            | All                               |
| <b>Reference Number:</b> | 6035                              |

### SUMMARY

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Enforcement of the requirement under the City of Toronto Act (*COTA*) and the Municipal Code that vehicles, licensed by the Greater Toronto Airport Authority (GTAA), that are picking up passengers in the City must hold a Toronto license will commence February 1, 2008 by Municipal Licensing and Standards Division.

### FINANCIAL IMPACT

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

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### COMMENTS

Enforcement of the requirement under the City of Toronto Act (*COTA*) and the Municipal Code that vehicles, licensed by the Greater Toronto Airport Authority (GTAA), that are picking up passengers in the City must hold a Toronto license will commence February 1, 2008 by Municipal Licensing and Standards Division. This time frame is being provided to permit a transition period for both the travelling public and the affected GTAA operated businesses.

Effective February 1, 2008, Municipal Standards Officers will be assigned on a proactive basis to targeted locations throughout the City where GTAA plated vehicles are known to routinely pick up passengers. Such locations would include areas that are highly visible to the public (e.g., hotels, convention locations). GTAA plated vehicles that do not also hold a license issued by the City will be charged with violating the provision of the Municipal Code that require taxicabs and limousines picking up passengers in the City to hold licenses issued by the City.

In addition to enforcing the provision of the *Municipal Code*, Municipal Licensing and Standards (ML&S) will seek to educate the general public; the GTAA and its limousine operators; members of the Ontario Hotel and Motel Association, Toronto Board of Trade, Convention Centre; and, other organizations regarding the applicable provisions the Municipal Code.

Further, ML&S officers will be working with Toronto Police Service in joint enforcement projects to charge unlicensed limousines picking up fares under the provisions of the *Highway Traffic Act* (the HTA). Under Section 39.1 of the HTA, it is an offence for a driver to pick up passengers in the City for the purpose of transporting them for compensation without the licence as required by the City or, alternatively, a licence issued under the *Public Vehicles Act*.

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## **SIGNATURE**

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