
Licensing and Standards Committee

Meeting No.	20	Contact	Dela Ting, Acting Administrator
Meeting Date	Wednesday, April 15, 2009	Phone	416-397-7769
Start Time	9:30 AM	E-mail	lsc@toronto.ca
Location	Committee Room 2, City Hall	Chair	Councillor Howard Moscoe

Licensing and Standards Committee		
Councillor Howard Moscoe (Chair)	Councillor Mike Feldman	Councillor Anthony Perruzza
Councillor Denzil Minnan-Wong (Vice Chair)	Councillor Rob Ford	Councillor David Shiner

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

Confirmation of Minutes: February 6, 2009**Communications/Reports**

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Proposed Amendment to the City of Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 545, Licensing, Regarding the Toronto Licensing Tribunal*Public Notice***Origin**

(March 26, 2009) Report from Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards

Recommendations

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

1. The City of Toronto, Municipal Code, Chapter 545, Licensing, be amended by removing from § 545-6D(2) the words “the panel of the Toronto Licensing Tribunal which issued the conditions may:” and replacing them with the words “the Toronto Licensing Tribunal may:”; and
2. The City Solicitor be directed to prepare the necessary bill to give effect to the recommendations in this report, effective immediately; and,
3. All other appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary actions to give effect thereto.

Summary

To report on and recommend amendments to the City of Toronto, Municipal Code, Chapter 545, Licensing, regarding provisions relating to conditions placed on licences by the adjudicating panels of the Toronto Licensing Tribunal.

Currently the Municipal Code requires that the same panel which ordered conditions to be placed on a licence adjudicate the issue of the subsequent breach of those conditions. This provision causes tribunal panel scheduling problems along with the fact that the former members of the tribunal panel may no longer be available to adjudicate on the matter brought before the tribunal.

Financial Impact

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

Background Information

Staff Report from Executive Director Municipal Licensing and Standards
<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/ls/bgrd/backgroundfile-20196.pdf>

LS20.2	ACTION			Ward: All
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Vehicle Branding and Continuous Registration of Vehicles in Ontario for Use as Toronto Licensed Limousines and Taxicabs

Public Notice

Origin

(March 26, 2009) Report from Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards

Recommendations

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

1. The City of Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 545, Licensing, be amended to require that vehicles to be used as Toronto licensed limousines not be branded under the Ontario Ministry of Transportation's branding program as a "rebuilt" vehicle;
2. The City of Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 545, Licensing, be amended to remove the requirement that vehicles to be used as Toronto licensed taxicabs have been registered in Ontario since the time of the original purchase of the vehicle and shall have maintained continuous registration in Ontario from the time of the original purchase;
3. The City Solicitor be directed to prepare the necessary bill to give effect to the recommendations in this report, effective immediately; and
4. All other appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary actions to give effect thereto.

See the draft Municipal Code amendments attached to this report as "Appendix A".

Summary

To report on a proposal to amend the City of Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 545, Licensing, relating to harmonizing the provisions in the Municipal Code, regarding continuous registration in Ontario, and provincial vehicle branding for vehicles to be used as licensed limousines and taxicabs in the City of Toronto.

Specifically, to not allow vehicles that the Ontario Ministry of Transportation branding program has indicated as "rebuilt" to be registered for use as licensed limousines and taxicabs in the City of Toronto.

Financial Impact

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

Background Information

Staff Report from Executive Director Municipal Licensing and Standards
<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/ls/bgrd/backgroundfile-20197.pdf>

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Wind Screens for Street Vending Locations

Origin

(March 27, 2009) Report from Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards

Recommendations

The Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards recommends that:

1. That Municipal Code Chapter 315, Street Vending of the former City of Toronto be amended substantially as set out in Attachment 1 to this report to permit and regulate the erection of wind screens by street vendors; and
2. That the City Solicitor be directed to prepare the necessary bill to give effect to the recommendation in this report.

Summary

At this time, many street vendors in the City of Toronto, in an attempt to provide themselves with protection from inclement weather, have erected screens on or around their permitted areas. These screens are varied in appearance and construction, and at this time are not permitted by Chapter 315 of the former City of Toronto Municipal Code.

The purpose of this report is to provide an interim measure in response to an immediate need, pending the potential harmonization of vending regulations city wide, including the new Toronto 'A la carte' program under Chapter 738 and future rationalization with the new street furniture program.

It is recommended that Chapter 315 of the former City of Toronto Municipal Code be amended to permit and regulate the erection of wind screens to provide protection to vendors from inclement weather.

Toronto Public Health, the Public Realm Section of Transportation Services and Legal Services were consulted in the preparation of this report.

Financial Impact

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

Background Information

Staff Report from Executive Director Municipal Licensing and Standards
<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/ls/bgrd/backgroundfile-20198.pdf>

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Licensing of Pedicabs in the City of Toronto

Public Notice

Origin

(March 30, 2009) Report from Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards

Recommendations

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

1. The City of Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 545, Licensing, be amended to define pedicabs to include pedal powered pedicabs;
2. The City Solicitor be directed to prepare the necessary bill to give effect to the recommendations in this report, effective immediately; and
3. All other appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary actions to give effect thereto.

Summary

To report on a proposal to amend the definition of pedicabs in the City of Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 545, Licensing, to include pedal powered and power assisted pedicabs. This amendment and the regulations for these types of pedicabs and their drivers are necessary for the purposes of consumer protection and public safety.

Financial Impact

The adoption of the recommendations in this report will not result in any financial impact beyond what has been approved in the current year's budget.

Background Information

Staff Report from Executive Director Municipal Licensing and Standards
<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/ls/bgrd/backgroundfile-20199.pdf>

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Making Child Restraint Seats Mandatory in Taxis

Origin

(February 19, 2009) Letter from Councillor Frances Nunziata, Ward 11 York South-Weston

Summary

Requesting the Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards Division to report on developing a City by-law requiring taxis to have child restraint seats readily available in each vehicle.

Background Information

Letter from Councillor Frances Nunziata, Ward 11 York South-Weston
<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/ls/bgrd/backgroundfile-20200.pdf>

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Cameras for Taxis Entering Wheel-Trans Service**Origin**

(March 23, 2009) Letter from Councillor Howard Moscoe, Ward 15 Eglinton-Lawrence

Summary

Requesting that the Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards Division consider permitting cars to retain their present regulation cameras and stop rejecting these vehicles on the basis of their Wheel-Trans status.

Background Information

Letter from Councillor Howard Moscoe, Ward 15 Eglinton-Lawrence
<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/ls/bgrd/backgroundfile-20201.pdf>