



## STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

### Taxicab Lease Agreements

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| <b>Date:</b>             | February 26, 2010                                     |
| <b>To:</b>               | Licensing and Standards Committee                     |
| <b>From:</b>             | Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards |
| <b>Wards:</b>            | All   |
| <b>Reference Number:</b> | P:\2010\Cluster B\MLS\Ls10012                         |

### SUMMARY

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The purpose of this report is to inform the Licensing and Standards Committee on the issue of a review by Municipal Licensing and Standards of the current provisions in the City of Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 545, Licensing, relative to the terms and conditions of taxicab leasing in the City of Toronto.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. Municipal Licensing and Standards staff continue consultations on the issue of the terms and conditions of taxicab leasing found in the City of Toronto Municipal Code, pending a further report to the Licensing and Standards Committee from the Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards and the City Solicitor on taxicab leasing.

#### **Financial Impact**

The recommendation in this report will have no financial impact beyond what has already been approved in the current year's budget for the Municipal Licensing and Standards Division.

## **DECISION HISTORY**

At its meeting of February 10, 2010, the Licensing and Standards Committee was in receipt of a letter, dated February 2, 2010, (see the link below) regarding a review of the licensing provisions relative to taxicab leasing.

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2010/ls/bgrd/backgroundfile-27168.pdf>

The Licensing and Standards Committee referred the letter (February 2, 2010) from Councillor Denzil Minnan-Wong to the Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards, with a request to report back to the Committee on March 10, 2010 on the feasibility of requiring taxi plate owners to enter into contracts with lessees for the life of the vehicle (three years).

## **ISSUE BACKGROUND**

The issue of taxicab leasing in general and specifically the termination of these taxicab leases to licensed taxicab drivers by taxicab owners has been viewed by some in the taxicab industry as unfair and arbitrary. The inclusion of this issue on the agenda of the Licensing and Standards Committee agenda will allow for members of the taxicab industry to depute on this matter and will allow staff of Municipal Licensing and Standards to gather input from the industry regarding taxicab lease agreements.

This report has been prepared in consultation with the City Solicitor.

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## **SIGNATURE**

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