

**NOTICE OF MOTION**

**Licensing of Clothing Drop Boxes**

**Moved by:** Councillor Moscoe

**Seconded by:** Councillor Holyday

“**WHEREAS** charitable organizations invite people to donate used clothing to be sold to raise funds for charitable purposes; and

**WHEREAS** clothing drop boxes are commonly located on shopping plaza lots; and

**WHEREAS** drop boxes masquerading as charitable, but which are entirely private business ventures, have been located on private lots or City property throughout the City without authorization; and

**WHEREAS** these boxes take advantage of the good nature of people by displaying messages that imply or indicate that the clothing will be used for charitable purposes when, in fact, they are fraudulent; and

**WHEREAS** these boxes rip off not only contributors but also legitimate charities by drawing away used clothing that would otherwise go to charitable purposes; and

**WHEREAS** these boxes are often located on or near a property line so that the property owners or tenant businesses assume that they are on City property; and

**WHEREAS** most are located without authorization; and

**WHEREAS** the ‘Clean and Beautiful City’ initiative has been adopted as a priority in the City’s recent budget; and

**WHEREAS** on September 23, 24, and 25, 2003, Council adopted a resolution that would require anyone wishing to locate a clothing drop box on City property to:

- (a) secure the permission of the City;
- (b) agree to maintain and keep clean the area in and around the drop box; and
- (c) produce a legally registered charitable number; and

**WHEREAS** at its meeting of July 30, 31 and August 1, 2002, Council adopted a Resolution indicating that the licensing of clothing drop boxes be the preferred option for controlling their indiscriminate use; and

**WHEREAS** nothing has been done about the Council’s determination to see the boxes licensed;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** staff report to next meeting of Council, through the

Planning and Transportation Committee, on what actions they have taken to put into effect the direction of Council with respect to drop boxes on City Property (September 2003);

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the Planning and Transportation Committee hold a public meeting to give consideration to amending Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 545, Licensing, to license clothing drop boxes as follows:

- (1) the licenses be for a nominal sum;
- (2) in order to receive a license sticker, the applicant must:
  - (a) provide proof of charitable status;
  - (b) prove that they have permission from the owner of the land to locate the box on the property;
  - (c) agree to keep the area free of litter;
  - (d) agree to remove graffiti from the box; and
  - (e) agree to keep the box in good repair;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the By-law provide for the removal of a box by City staff and a provision for a removal and storage fee commensurate with the provisions of the new mobile sign by-law;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** any related cost be paid out of the existing funds budgeted for the ‘Clean and Beautiful City’ initiative;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the City Solicitor be requested to prepare a draft by-law for consideration at the public meeting;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the necessary provisions of Chapter 27 of the City of Toronto Municipal Code be waived to permit introduction and debate of this Notice of Motion at the meeting of Council to be held on April 12, 2005.”

April 12, 2005

According to Chapter 27 of the Municipal Code, the foregoing Notice of Motion:

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| Notice was previously given   |     |
| Meets Municipal Code provisions and only requires a simple majority to introduce and debate |     |
| Requires two-thirds to waive notice   | (v) |
| Requires two-thirds to re-open  |     |
| Fiscal Impact Statement provided  | *   |
| Should have Fiscal Impact Statement prior to debate   | *   |
| Requires two-thirds to waive requirement if Council wishes to debate                        |     |
| Should be referred to the Planning and Transportation Committee                             | (v) |
| Requires two-thirds to waive referral if Council wishes to debate                           |     |
| Recommendations are time sensitive  |     |

\* Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer to advise.