To designate an area along Queen Street East from Empire Avenue to Vancouver Avenue, as an improvement area.

Whereas under section 7 and paragraph 5 of subsection 8(2) of the City of Toronto Act, 2006 (the "Act"), the City may designate business improvement areas as part of its authority to pass by-laws respecting the economic, social and environmental well-being of the City; and

Whereas under sections 7 and 8 of the Act and the specific power in section 141, the City may establish city boards for those purposes; and

Whereas Chapter 19, Business Improvement Areas of the City of Toronto Municipal Code ("Chapter 19") sets out the procedures for the adoption by Council of a designating by-law and the establishment and operation of a business improvement area board of management; and

Whereas Council has authorized the designation of an area along Queen Street East from Empire Avenue to Vancouver Avenue as an improvement area; and

Whereas section 19-5 of Chapter 19 provides that before passing a by-law designating an improvement area, notice of intention to pass the by-law shall be sent by prepaid mail to every person who is listed as owner and is assessed for rateable property that is in a business property class that is located in the proposed improvement area; and

Whereas for the purposes of section 19-5 of Chapter 19, O.Reg. 406/98, as amended, prescribes the commercial classes and the industrial classes, as defined in subsection 308(1) of the Municipal Act, 2001, as the business property classes; and

Whereas section 19-5B of Chapter 19 provides that if a person who receives notice under section 19-5A has leased any of their rateable property in the area that is in a prescribed business property class, the person shall, within 30 days of the date of the notice, give a copy of the notice to each commercial and industrial tenant of such property; and

Whereas sections 19-5H and I of Chapter 19 provide that Council shall not pass a by-law to establish a new business improvement area if, within 60 days after the date the notice is mailed, the number of ballots received by the Clerk fails to exceed the lesser of a minimum of 30% of the number mailed, or 100 ballots, or if 50% or more of the ballots accepted by the Clerk respond in the negative; and

Whereas notice of the intention to pass the by-law has been sent as required by section 19-5A, and although petitions objecting to the passing of the by-law have been received by the Clerk within the time frame set out in section 19-5I, the number of objections received is not enough to prevent the passing of this by-law; and

Whereas Council has authorized the designation of an area along Queen Street East from Empire Avenue to Vancouver Avenue as an improvement area;
The Council of the City of Toronto enacts:

1. The area shown on the attached Maps 1 to 5 is designated as a business improvement area under Municipal Code Chapter 19, Business Improvement Areas.

Enacted and passed on February , 2013.

Frances Nunziata,                        Ulli S. Watkiss,
Speaker                          City Clerk

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