

CITY OF TORONTO

Bill 1155

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To amend City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 79, Fire Services; Chapter 349, Animals; Chapter 395, Clothing Drop Boxes; Chapter 459, Filming; Chapter 466, Fireworks; Chapter 470, Fire Safety Boxes; Chapter 485, Graffiti; Chapter 517, Idling of Vehicles and Boats; Chapter 546, Licensing of Vehicles-For-Hire; Chapter 548, Littering and Dumping; Chapter 608, Parks; Chapter 659, Refrigerators and Other Appliances, Abandoned; Chapter 719, Snow and Ice Removal; Chapter 743, Streets and Sidewalks, Use of; Chapter 758, Taxation, Municipal Accommodation Tax; Chapter 760, Taxation, Municipal Land Transfer Tax; Chapter 771, Taxation, Third Party Sign Tax; Chapter 880, Fire Routes; and Chapter 918, Parking on Residential Front Yards and Boulevards, in respect of increasing maximum fines for offences and establishing new offences for a director or officer of a corporation who knowingly concurs in a corporate contravention of the aforementioned Chapters, where previously not included therein.

Whereas under sections 7 and 8 of the City of Toronto Act, 2006 (the "Act"), the City is provided with the capacity, rights, powers and privileges of a natural person for the purpose of exercising its authority, under the Act; and may pass by-laws on matters within the specified spheres of authority; and

Whereas under section 8(2), paras. 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, and 11, of the Act, the City may pass by-laws in respect of the health, safety and well-being of persons; the economic, social and environmental well-being of the City; protection of persons and property, including consumer protection; animals; structures, including fences and signs; and, business licensing; and

Whereas subsection 8(1) of the Act, provides the City with broad authority to provide any service or thing the City considers necessary or desirable for the public; and

Whereas section 8(2) of the Act authorizes the City of Toronto to pass by-laws in respect of certain matters, including: the health, safety and well-being of persons; and protection of persons and property, including consumer protection; and

Whereas section 8(3) of the Act provides that a by-law in respect of the health, safety and well-being of persons may: regulate or prohibit respecting the matter; require persons to do things respecting the matter; and provide for a system of licenses respecting the matter; and

Whereas the City provides the fire-fighting and fire protection services to the citizens of Toronto as a necessary and desirable service; and

Whereas the City previously enacted regulations establishing standards concerning the location and conditions with respect to the storage of fire safety plans as to assist in the preservation of health, safety and well-being of persons; and protection of persons and property; and

Whereas the City previously enacted regulations respecting animals, including prohibited animals, the care of animals, the registration and licensing of dogs and cats, dangerous dogs and the adoption, seizure and sheltering of animals; and

Whereas the City previously enacted regulations respecting clothing drop boxes as a necessary and desirable service, for the protection of the health and safety of the public and to contribute to the City of Toronto's appearance, image and attractiveness; and

Whereas the City previously enacted regulations respecting the permitting of the practice of location filming in the City of Toronto and with respect to regulating the use of highways, properties and parks under the City's jurisdiction for purposes of location filming; and,

Whereas the City previously enacted regulations to ensure the safe sale and discharge of fireworks within the geographic limits of the City of Toronto; and

Whereas the City previously enacted regulations to protect the economic, social and environmental well-being of the City from graffiti vandalism while supporting graffiti art and other street art that adds vibrancy and artistic delight to City streets; and

Whereas the City has previously enacted regulations governing the licensing of taxicabs, limousines, and private transportation vehicles in Toronto; and

Whereas the City previously enacted regulations respecting littering and dumping; and

Whereas the City previously enacted regulations establishing standards and regulations concerning the use and enjoyment of parks provided by the City for the public's enjoyment as a necessary or desirable resource for the public; and

Whereas the City previously enacted regulations to regulate the keeping, storage and disposal of unused ice boxes, refrigerators, freezers, clothes washers or dryers, and other similar appliances or containers; and

Whereas the City provides and maintains public streets, sidewalks and other public spaces as necessary and desirable municipal services for the safe and orderly movement of persons and vehicles and the enjoyment of the public realm; and

Whereas the City previously enacted regulations respecting the use of streets, sidewalks and other public highways within the City, including provisions to regulate activities occurring on streets and sidewalks, to protect the safe and orderly use of public spaces, respecting the clearing of snow and ice to promote safe access and travel for users of the public right of way, and respecting parking on public rights of way and residential front yards and boulevards; and

Whereas the City has previously adopted a municipal accommodation tax to be imposed on purchasers of transient accommodations within the City of Toronto for the purpose of supplementing the revenue of the City, pursuant to its power to impose taxes as provided for in Part X under the Act, and adopted tax design features of the municipal accommodation tax, including administration, collection and enforcement procedures; and

Whereas the City has previously adopted a municipal land transfer tax to be imposed on persons tendering for registration a conveyance within the City of Toronto, pursuant to its power to impose taxes as provided for in Part X under the Act, and adopted tax design features of the municipal land transfer tax, including administration, collection and enforcement procedures; and

Whereas the City has previously adopted a third party sign tax to be imposed on owners of third party signs located within the City of Toronto for the purpose of supplementing the revenue of the City, pursuant to its power to impose taxes as provided for in Part X under the Act, and adopted tax design features of the third party sign tax, including administration, collection and enforcement procedures; and

Whereas Part X, specifically subsection 267(1) of the Act provides that the City may, by by-law, impose a tax in the City if the tax is a direct tax, if the by-law satisfies the criteria described in subsection 267(3) and if such other conditions as may be prescribed are also satisfied; and

Whereas the City has previously adopted a single by-law for the purpose of designating private roads as municipal fire routes in the City along which no parking of vehicles shall be permitted and providing for the removal and impounding of any vehicle parked or left along any of the fire routes at the expense of the owner of the vehicle; and

Whereas Part XV (Enforcement) of the Act, restricts the establishment of fines of by-laws of the City only where the provisions of any other Act, other than the *Provincial Offences Act*, provide for the fines for a contravention of a city by-law; and

Whereas no provisions of any other Act, other than the *Provincial Offences Act*, provide for the fines for a contravention of the specified city by-laws which are the subject to the current amendments; and

Whereas under section 366 of the Act, the City may pass by-laws providing that a person who contravenes a by-law of the City passed under this Act is guilty of an offence; and

Whereas under section 366(3) of the Act, a by-law established under this section may provide that a director or officer of a corporation who knowingly concurs in the contravention of a by-law by the corporation is guilty of an offence; and

Whereas under section 370 of the Act, section the City may establish a system of fines for offences under a by-law passed under the Act, subject to the maximum fine shall not exceed \$100,000; and

Whereas the City believes it is appropriate for the effective enforcement and regulation of various by-laws of the City to establish that maximum fines for offences to not exceed \$100,000, and that offences be created for director or officer of a corporation who knowingly concurs in the contravention of specific City by-laws by the corporation;

The Council of the City of Toronto hereby enacts as follows:

1. City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 79, Fire Services, is amended as follows:

- A. Deleting the phrase “the penalty established by the Provincial Offences Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.33 (as may be amended or replaced from time to time), being on the date of enactment of this chapter, a fine not exceeding \$5,000 exclusive of costs” from section 79-22 and replacing it with the phrase “a penalty of no more than \$100,000.”, so it now reads as follows:

“Every person who contravenes any of §§ 79-12 and 79-13, 79-14A, 79-15 and 79-16, 79-17A and 79-19 to 79-21, inclusive, or who contravenes an order made under § 79-14B is guilty of an offence and on conviction is liable to a penalty of no more than \$100,000.”

- B. Adding the following new section as section 79-22.1. thereto:

“§79-22.1. Offences, Director or Officer.

Every person who is a director or officer of a corporation and knowingly concurs with actions taken by or on behalf of the corporation in relation to an offence described in Section 79-22 is guilty of an offence and on conviction is liable to a penalty of no more than \$100,000.”

2. City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 349, Animals, is amended as follows:

- A. Deleting the reference to “\$25,000” in subsection 349-27E and replacing it with “\$100,000”, so it now reads as follows:

“Where a corporation contravenes any of the provisions of this chapter, every director or officer who concurs in such contravention is guilty of an offence and on conviction is liable to a fine of no more than \$100,000.”

3. City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 395, Clothing Drop Boxes, is amended as follows:

- A. Deleting the phrase “described in Subsection C(1) to (7).” from subsection 395-5C(8), and replacing it with the phrase “under this chapter.”, so it now reads as follows:

“(8) Is a director or officer of a corporation and knowingly concurs with actions taken by or on behalf of the corporation in relation to an offence under this chapter.”

4. City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 459, Filming, is amended as follows:

- A. Deleting section 459-8 and replacing it with a new section 459-8, so it now reads as follows:

“§459-8. Offences.

- a. Any person who contravenes any provision of this chapter is guilty of an offence and on conviction is liable to a fine with a maximum penalty of \$100,000.
 - b. Any Director or Officer of a corporation who knowingly concurs in the contravention of this chapter is guilty of an offence and on conviction is liable to a fine with a maximum penalty of \$100,000.”
5. City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 466, Fireworks, is amended by adding the following new subsection to subsection 466-17I as subsection (3) thereto:

“(3) A person who is convicted of an offence under this Chapter is liable to a fine of not more than \$100,000.00.”
6. City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 470, Fire Safety Boxes, is amended as follows:
 - A. Adding the following new section as section 470-12 thereto:

“§470-12. Offences, Director or Officer.

Every director or officer of a corporation who knowingly concurs in the contravention of any provision of this chapter, by the corporation is guilty of an offence.”
 - B. Adding the following new section as section 470-13 thereto:

“§470-13. Penalty.

A person who is convicted of an offence under this Chapter is liable to a fine of not more than \$100,000.00.”
7. City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 485, Graffiti, is amended as follows:
 - A. Adding the phrase “and on conviction is liable to a penalty of no more than \$100,000” to the end of subsection 485-8A, so it now reads as follows:

“A. Any person who contravenes any provision of this chapter is guilty of an offence and on conviction is liable to a penalty of no more than \$100,000.”
 - B. Deleting the phrase “described in Subsections B(1) to (3)” from subsection 485-8B(4) and replacing it with the phrase “under this chapter”, so it now reads as follows:

“(4) Is a director or officer of a corporation and knowingly concurs with actions taken by or on behalf of the corporation in relation to an offence under this chapter.”

8. City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 517, Idling of Vehicles and Boats, is amended as follows:
- A. Deleting section 517-3 and replacing it with a new section 517-3, so it now reads as follows:
- “§517-3. Offences.**
- A. Every person who contravenes any provision of this chapter is guilty of an offence.
- B. Every director or officer of a corporation who knowingly concurs in the contravention of any provision of this chapter is guilty of an offence.
- C. A person who is convicted of an offence is liable to a fine of not more than \$100,000.00.”
9. City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 546, Licensing of Vehicles-For-Hire, is amended as follows:
- A. Deleting the reference to “\$50,000” in subsection 546-120A and replacing it with “\$100,000”, so it now reads as follows:
- “A. Every person who contravenes any of the provisions of this chapter is guilty of an offence and on conviction is liable to a fine not exceeding \$100,000.”
- B. Deleting the reference to “\$50,000” in subsection 546-120C and replacing it with “100,000”, so it now reads as follows:
- “C. Where a corporation contravenes any of the provisions of this chapter, every director or officer who concurs in such contravention is guilty of an offence and, upon conviction, is liable to a fine not exceeding \$50,000.”
10. City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 548, Littering and Dumping, is amended as follows:
- A. Adding the phrase “and on conviction is liable to a penalty of no more than \$100,000.” to the end of subsection 548-9A, so it now reads as follows:
- “A. Any person who contravenes § 548-3, 548-5, or 548-6 is guilty of an offence and on conviction is liable to a penalty of no more than \$100,000.”
- B. Deleting the reference to “\$25,000” in subsection 548-9B and replacing it with “\$100,000”, so it now reads as follows:

“B. Any person who contravenes § 548-4 is guilty of an offence and upon a first conviction is liable to a fine of not more than \$10,000 and \$100,000 for any subsequent conviction, except that where a corporation is convicted of an offence the maximum penalties shall be \$50,000 for the first conviction and \$100,000 for any subsequent conviction.”

C. Adding a new subsection C to subsection 548-9, so it reads as follows:

“C. Any person who is a director or officer of a corporation who knowingly concurs with actions taken by or on behalf of the corporation in relation to an offence described in § 548-9A and § 548-9B is guilty of an offence and on conviction is liable to a penalty of no more than \$100,000.”

11. City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 608, Parks, is amended as follows:

A. Adding the following new subsection as subsection 608-54A.1. thereto:

“A.1 Every person who is a director or officer of a corporation and knowingly concurs with the corporation’s contravention of any provisions of this chapter, other than § 608-32 resulting from the operation of a motor vehicle, is guilty of an offence or is liable to an administrative penalty.”

B. Deleting the phrase “as provided for in the Provincial Offences Act” from subsection 608-54E. and replacing it with the following: “of no more than \$100,000.”, so it now reads as follows:

“E. Every person convicted of an offence under this chapter, other than an administrative penalty under §§ 608-27A, B, C, D, E.1, F or 608-30.1 or an offence under § 608-32, is liable to a fine of no more than \$100,000.”

12. City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 659, Refrigerators and Other Appliances, Abandoned, is amended as follows:

A. Deleting section 659-3 and replacing it with a new section 659-3, so it reads as follows:

“§659-3. Offences.

A. Every person who contravenes any provision of this chapter is guilty of an offence.

B. Every director or officer of a corporation who knowingly concurs in the contravention of any provision of this chapter is guilty of an offence.

C. A person who is convicted of an offence is liable to a fine of not more than \$100,000.”

13. City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 719, Snow and Ice Removal, is amended as follows:

- A. Deleting section 719-6 and replacing it with a new section 719-6, so it now reads as follows:

“§719-6. Offences.

- A. Every person who contravenes any provision of this chapter is guilty of an offence.
- B. Every director or officer of a corporation who knowingly concurs in the contravention of any provision of this chapter is guilty of an offence.
- C. A person who is convicted of an offence is liable to a fine of not more than \$100,000.00.”

14. City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 743, Streets and Sidewalks, Use of, is amended as follows:

- A. Deleting subsection 743-51A and replacing it with a new subsection 743-51A, so it now reads as follows:

“A. Any person who contravenes any provision of this chapter, other than contraventions of provisions of Article XII, or any provision of a permit or agreement made hereunder, or any condition thereof, is guilty of an offence or is liable to an administrative penalty.”

- B. Deleting subsection 743-51C and replacing it with a new subsection 743-51C, so it now reads as follows:

“C. Every director or officer of a corporation who knowingly concurs in the contravention of any provision of this chapter, other than provisions of Article XII, or any provision of a permit or agreement made hereunder, or any condition thereof, is guilty of an offence.”

- C. Adding a new subsection 743-51D, so it reads as follows:

“D. Every person convicted of an offence under this chapter, other than an administrative penalty under §§ 743-8D(4) or 743-29I(5) or an offence under §743-57, is liable to a fine of not more than \$100,000.00.”

15. City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 758, Taxation, Municipal Accommodation Tax, is amended as follows:

- A. Deleting section 758-10.2 and replacing it with a new section 758-10.2, so it reads as follows:

“§ 758-10.2. Offence, general.

- A. Subject to § 758-10.1, every person who knowingly contravenes any

provisions of this chapter is guilty of an offence and on conviction is liable to a fine not exceeding a maximum total fine of \$100,000, if no other penalty is provided for the offence.

- B. Subject to § 758-10.1, every director or officer of a corporation who knowingly concurs in the contravention of any provision of this chapter is guilty of an offence and on conviction is liable to a fine not exceeding a maximum total fine of \$100,000.”

16. City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 760, Taxation, Municipal Land Transfer Tax, is amended as follows:

- A. Deleting section 760-52 and replacing it with a new section 760-52, so it reads as follows:

“§ 760-52. Offence, general.

- A. Subject to §760-48 through §760-51, every person who knowingly contravenes any provision of this chapter is guilty of an offence and on conviction is liable to a fine for each day during which the contravention continues, not exceeding a maximum total fine of \$100,000, if no other penalty is provided for the offence.
- B. Subject to §760-48 through §760-51, every director or officer of a corporation who knowingly concurs in the contravention of any provision of this chapter is guilty of an offence and on conviction is liable to a fine not exceeding a maximum total fine of \$100,000.”

17. City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 771, Taxation, Third Party Sign Tax is amended as follows:

- A. Deleting the phrase “\$5,000” from subsection 771-22B and replacing it with the following: “\$100,000”, so it now reads as follows:

“B. In addition to any penalty otherwise provided by this chapter, every person is liable on conviction of an offence under § 771-22A, to a minimum fine of \$500 for each day during which the offence continues, not exceeding a maximum total fine of \$100,000.”

- B. Deleting section 771-23 and replacing it with a new section 771-23, so it reads as follows:

“§ 771-23. Failure to deliver information, pay tax.

- A. Every person who fails to deliver the information as required by this chapter or who fails to remit the tax payable is guilty of an offence and, in addition to any penalty otherwise provided by this chapter, on conviction is liable to a fine for each day which the person fails to deliver the

documents or fails to remit the tax payable, not exceeding a maximum total fine of \$100,000.

- B. Every person who is a director or officer of a corporation and knowingly concurs with the corporation's failure to deliver the information as required by this chapter or the corporation's failure to remit the tax payable is guilty of an offence and, in addition to any penalty otherwise provided by this chapter, on conviction is liable to a fine for each day which the corporation fails to deliver the documents or fails to remit the tax payable, not exceeding a maximum total fine of \$100,000."
- C. Deleting section 771-24 and replacing it with a new section 771-24, so it now reads as follows:

"§ 771-24. Failure to comply with audit or inspection.

- A. Every person who has failed to comply with or has contravened Article VIII of this chapter is guilty of an offence and, in addition to any penalty otherwise provided by this chapter, is liable on conviction to a fine for each day during which the failure to comply with Article VIII of this chapter or the contravention of Article VIII of this chapter continues, not exceeding a maximum total fine of \$100,000.
- B. Every person who is a director or officer of a corporation and knowingly concurs with the corporation's failure to deliver the information as required by this chapter or the corporation's failure to comply with Article VIII of this chapter or the corporation's contravention of Article VIII of this chapter is guilty of an offence and, in addition to any penalty otherwise provided by this chapter, on conviction is liable to a fine for each day which the corporation's failure to comply with Article VIII of this chapter or the corporation's contravention of Article VIII of this chapter continues, not exceeding a maximum total fine of \$100,000."
- D. Deleting section 771-25 and replacing it with a new section 771-25, so it now reads as follows:

§ 771-25. Offence, general

- A. Subject to §§ 771-22, 771-23, and 771-24 every person who knowingly contravenes any provisions of this chapter is guilty of an offence and on conviction is liable to a fine for each day during which the contravention continues, not exceeding a maximum total fine of \$100,000, if no other penalty is provided for the offence.
- B. Subject to §§ 771-22, 771-23, and 771-24 every person who is a director or officer of a corporation and knowingly concurs with the corporation's contravention of any provisions of this chapter is guilty of an offence and on conviction is liable to a fine for each day during which the

contravention continues, not exceeding a maximum total fine of \$100,000, if no other penalty is provided for the offence.

18. City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 880, Fire Routes, is amended as follows:

A. Adding the following as subsection 880-15A.1. thereto:

“A.1 Every person who is a director or officer of a corporation and knowingly concurs with the corporation’s contravention of any provisions of this chapter is guilty of an offence or is liable to an administrative penalty.”

B. Deleting the phrase “as provided for in the Provincial Offences Act” from subsection 880-15C. and replacing it with the following: “of no more than \$100,000.”, so it now reads as follows:

“C. Every person convicted of an offence under this chapter, other than an administrative penalty under § 880-14A, is liable to a fine of no more than \$100,000.”

19. City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 918, Parking on Residential Front Yards and Boulevards, is amended as follows:

A. Deleting subsection 918-28C and replacing it with a new subsection 918-28C, so it now reads as follows:

“C. Every director or officer of a corporation who knowingly concurs in the contravention of any provision of this chapter is guilty of an offence.”

B. Adding a new subsection 918-28D, so it reads as follows:

“D. Every person convicted of an offence under this chapter, other than an administrative penalty under §§ 918-2B, 918-2C, 918-2E, 918-3A, 918-3B, 918-10F(1), 918-10F(2), 918-10F(3), 918-10F(4) or 918-10F(5), is liable to a fine of not more than \$100,000.00.”

20. That, for greater clarity, and in general accordance with the provisions of section 1-3 City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter, General Provisions, none of the above amendments to the Municipal Code provisions noted above, will affect any penalty, or punishment with respect to an offence, the date of which predates the effective date of this by-law and such provisions shall remain good and unrepealed to the extent necessary to give effect to legal proceedings reflecting an offence which the date of the offense predates the effective date of this by-law, regardless of whether the proceedings are instituted, continued or enforced, prior to the effective date of this by-law and a penalty, or punishment may be imposed with offenses which predate the effective date of this by-law, as if the above by-laws were unamended.

21. That this by-law come into effect on September 1, 2026.

Enacted and passed on July , 2026.

Frances Nunziata,
Speaker

John D. Elvidge,
City Clerk

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