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**CITY OF TORONTO**

**BY-LAW No. 435-2007**

**To amend City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 545, Licensing, respecting Owners and Drivers of Limousines and Limousine Service Companies.**

WHEREAS the *Municipal Act, 2001* and its predecessor legislation gave municipalities the power to license taxicabs and limousines that picked up passengers within their jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS the *Municipal Act, 2001* and its predecessor legislation also contained exemptions to municipalities' power to require licences, including the "airport exemption", which prevented municipalities from requiring licences where a taxicab or limousine carried an airport permit; and

WHEREAS The City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 545, Licensing, restates the airport exemption; and

WHEREAS The *City of Toronto Act, 2006* gives the City of Toronto broad and permissive powers to pass by-laws with respect to business licensing and does not contain the airport exemption, enabling the City of Toronto to remove that exemption from Chapter 545; and

WHEREAS Council of the City of Toronto has requested the City Solicitor to report back to the Licensing and Standards Committee on the possibility of prohibiting taxicabs or limousines that are licensed by the City of Toronto from holding a licence or permit issued by another jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS the Council of the City of Toronto will not finally resolve this issue until such time as the City Solicitor has reported back and Council has considered her report; and

WHEREAS without limiting the City of Toronto's broad general power with respect to business licensing, section 86(1)(c) of *City of Toronto Act, 2006* gives the City the power to impose conditions as a requirement of obtaining a licence; and

WHEREAS the Council of the City of Toronto has decided that, as a temporary measure until such consultation has taken place, no limousine owner's licences should be issued by the City of Toronto to taxicab or limousine owners that hold a licence or permit issued by another jurisdiction;

The Council of the City of Toronto HEREBY ENACTS as follows:

1. Subsection 545-2B(1) of City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 545, Licensing, is amended by deleting the following:

"except where such conveyance is made to an airport owned and operated by the Crown in right of Canada situate outside the municipality by a cab bearing a valid and subsisting

plate issued in respect of such airport under The Government Airport Concession Operations Regulations made under the *Department of Transport Act (Canada)*".

2. The following subsection be added to City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 545, Licensing, Article XXXIX, in § 545-474:

A.1 No owner shall be granted a limousine owner's licence if he or she holds a limousine or taxicab owner's licence or permit issued by any jurisdiction other than the City of Toronto.

3. Section 1 of this by-law shall come into force one month after this by-law has been passed.

ENACTED AND PASSED this 24th day of April, A.D. 2007.

GLORIA LINDSAY LUBY,  
Deputy Speaker

ULLI S. WATKISS  
City Clerk

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