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## **CITY OF TORONTO**

### **BY-LAW No. 606-2015**

#### **To amend City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 545, Licensing, Article I, General Licensing Provisions to reflect amendments respecting disability and discrimination.**

Whereas under sections 7 and 8 of the *City of Toronto Act, 2006* (the "Act"), the City may pass by-laws in respect of the health, safety and well-being of persons and the economic, social and environmental well-being of the City; and

Whereas the Act grants the City of Toronto the authority to enact by-laws for the licensing, regulating and governing of businesses wholly or partly carried on in the City of Toronto, including the ability to require the payment of fees; and

Whereas Council is desirous of promoting inclusiveness and strengthening protections against discrimination for all persons, including those who are seeking goods and services from licensed businesses operating in the City of Toronto; and

Whereas notice of the intention to enact this by-law has been provided in accordance with the Act and its regulations;

The Council of the City of Toronto enacts:

1. Section 545-1 of City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 545, Licensing, is amended by adding the following definitions in alphabetical order:

"guide dog" means a guide dog as defined in section 1 of the *Blind Persons' Rights Act*; and

"service animal" means an animal described in subsection 4(9) of *Accessibility Standards for Customer Service*, O. Reg. 429/07.

2. Subsection 545-5C of City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 545, Licensing, is amended by replacing the subsection with the following:

C. No person licensed under this chapter shall, because of race, ancestry, place of origin, colour, ethnic origin, citizenship, creed, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, age, marital status, family status, or disability, discriminate against any member of the public in the carrying on of the trade, business or occupation in respect of which the license is issued.

3. Subsection 545-5D of City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 545, Licensing, is amended by replacing the subsection with the following:
- D. No person licensed under this chapter shall, in respect of any person with a disability being accompanied by a guide dog or service animal, by reason only of the presence of the said guide dog or service animal:
- (1) Refuse to serve such person;
- (2) Refuse to permit such person to enter with such guide dog or service animal into or upon any place, premises, vehicle or thing to which the licence relates; or
- (3) Refuse to permit such person and such guide dog or service animal to remain in or upon such place, premises, vehicle or thing.
4. Subsection 545-5E of City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 545, Licensing, is deleted.

Enacted and passed on June 12, 2015.

Frances Nunziata,  
Speaker

Ulli S. Watkiss,  
City Clerk

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