

Authority: Planning and Housing Committee
Item PH24.2, as adopted by City of Toronto
Council on July 14, 15, and 16, 2021

CITY OF TORONTO

BY-LAW 693-2021

To amend City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 547, Licensing and Registration of Short-Term Rentals.

Whereas authority is given to Council by the City of Toronto Act, 2006 to pass by-laws respecting business licensing; and

Whereas pursuant to this authority, Council adopted Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 547, Licensing and Registration of Short-Term Rentals; and

Whereas Chapter 547 prohibits any person, including short-term rental companies, from advertising, facilitating the advertisement or rental of, or brokering a short-term rental unless its operator holds a registration from the Municipal Licensing and Standards Division; and

Whereas Council wishes to clarify that this provision requires the person or short-term rental company to verify the operator's registration status in advance of advertising a short-term rental or carrying out these activities, and that this status shall be determined by reference to the Open Data Portal of valid registration information maintained by Municipal Licensing and Standards;

The Council of the City of Toronto enacts:

1. City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 547, Licensing and Registration of Short-Term Rentals, is amended by:

- A. Amending § 547-1.3 to read as follows:

§ 547-1.3. Prohibition on and removal of advertising related to unregistered operators.

- A. No person shall advertise, facilitate the advertising or rental of, or broker a short-term rental if its operator is not registered as such under this Chapter or is not using their corresponding registration number issued under this Chapter.
- B. Every person who advertises, facilitates the advertising or rental of, or brokers a short-term rental shall verify, at any time that such services are provided, that the short-term rental operator is registered under this Chapter and is using their corresponding registration number issued under this Chapter, by reference to the publicly-accessible Open Data Portal for short-term rental registrations that is maintained by Municipal Licensing and Standards on its website or by another method approved by the Executive Director.

- C. Without limiting the effect of Subsections A and B, every person shall take down or remove a listing or advertisement related to an unregistered operator within 24 hours of being requested to do so by Municipal Licensing and Standards.

2. This by-law shall come into force on the day it is passed.

Enacted and passed on July 16, 2021.

Frances Nunziata,
Speaker

John D. Elvidge,
City Clerk

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