
City Council

Motion without Notice

MM25.58	ACTION			Ward:All
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Request for signage to protect children and pets in hot weather - by Councillor Gloria Lindsay Luby, seconded by Councillor Michael Thompson

- * This Motion has been deemed urgent by the Chair.*
- * This Motion is not subject to a vote to waive referral.*
- * This Motion has been added to the agenda and is before Council for debate.*

Recommendations

Councillor Gloria Lindsay Luby, seconded by Councillor Michael Thompson, recommends that:

1. City Council authorize the Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards to request owners of shopping malls and similar retail facilities to install signs warning of the dangers of leaving children and pets in cars while parked.

Summary

Toronto has been enjoying sunny and extremely hot weather this year. The Medical Office of Health has issued several heat alerts and extreme heat alerts in recent weeks. We can expect this to continue all summer and in future years.

There have been several reports of pets and children suffering the consequences of being left in parked cars during the recent heat wave.

In some jurisdictions parking lot owners have installed signs reminding people of the dangers of leaving children and pets in parked cars. We should consider asking parking lot owners in Toronto to do the same in an effort to avoid any further incidents in our city.

This motion is urgent as we have entered the summer months and City Council will not be meeting again until October, 2012.

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