

City Council**Notice of Motion**

MM52.6	ACTION			Ward:All
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Maintaining the Cleanliness of our Business - by Councillor Cesar Palacio, seconded by Councillor Frances Nunziata

** Notice of this Motion has been given.*

** This Motion is subject to referral to the Licensing and Standards Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.*

Recommendations

Councillor Cesar Palacio, seconded by Councillor Frances Nunziata, recommends that:

1. City Council request the Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards to review the feasibility of adding a condition to business licences to ensure that business operators are held responsible for maintaining the streetscape fronting their business store fronts in a neat and orderly fashion, and clear of all debris, cigarette butts, etc.
2. City Council request the Multi-divisional Litter Working Group to investigate the feasibility of mandating cigarette dispensers at locations that have a habitual problem, but take no action, as part of the pilot project on cigarette butt receptacles at restaurant, bars, nightclubs and other businesses.

Summary

Toronto's commercial strips have become the economic engine of our local neighbourhoods. Our communities work very hard and invest tremendous amounts of time and talent to attract businesses that serve the diverse needs of Toronto, including restaurants, salons, boutiques, cafés, and medical offices.

In order to establish safer and healthier communities throughout the City, it is important that the uses and activities along these commercial strips live in harmony with residents in the surrounding area.

As the Chair of the Licensing and Standards Committee, I have received numerous complaints regarding some establishments that cater to a boisterous clientele which have become an ongoing issue that is deflating Torontonians' sense of community and safety. Unruly behavior, excessive loud noise and litter, are preventing residents from enjoying the peace and tranquility of their homes.

One of the major complaints we receive on a continual basis is the level of litter, especially cigarette butts that plague certain establishments creating a real eyesore on the public sidewalks and precipitating a slippery slope leading to a rundown area.

While most establishments act responsibly and clean up after their patrons, some have taken the approach that what happens outside their business is not their problem and take no action to keep the area clean.

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Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM52.6

Photographs of cigarette butts on City streets

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2014/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-70076.pdf>