

Municipal Licensing and Standards Committee, City Hall
100 Queen Street West,
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Attention: **Dela Ting,**
Municipal Licensing and Standards Committee Secretariat.

Re: LS11.2 Chapter 591, Noise – Amendments after Further Consultation

The Wellington Place Neighbourhood Association (WPNA) welcomes this opportunity to respond to the proposed changes to the City of Toronto's Noise Bylaw.

WPNA represents the community that lives and works in the area bound by Spadina Avenue and Bathurst Street, and from Front Street to Adelaide Streets West. The governance of noise levels within our area is of great importance to us.

Although we are pleased to see important and overdue improvements (new Executive Director Powers, Fines and Penalties, etc.) in the latest version of the changes, it is our strong opinion that the proposal before you still requires further work. Specifically, there remain key weaknesses from the original and draft bylaw that still need to be addressed. We are particularly concerned that the proposed changes further reduce needed noise protections for healthy living and working environments. Toronto takes great pride in its global 'live-ability' rating; we fear that this will be at risk without a more responsive enforcement regime.

Toronto's strength has always been its ability to work together to build the best solutions. The Wellington Place Neighbourhood Association is happy to work with Municipal Licensing and Standards, the Music Strategy Office, Business Associations and others to help develop solutions on these remaining issues. We therefore recommend that this item be referred back to staff to allow them to pursue this needed consultation.

The members of the Wellington Place Neighbourhood Association thank MLS for undertaking this initiative. We appreciate the complexity of this task at hand. However, it is our sincere view that the present draft By-Law is incomplete and risks burdening residents with omissions and excessively limited definitions of what constitutes a noise disturbance.

Regards,

The Wellington Place Neighbourhood Association

cc: Councillor Cressy
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