

Licensing and Standards Committee

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To the City Clerk:

Please add my comments to the agenda for the May 19, 2016 Licensing and Standards Committee meeting on item 2016.LS11.2, Chapter 591, Noise - Amendments After Further Consultation

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Comments:

From Cabbagetown Residents Association

Dear Councillors and Members of the Licensing and Standards Committee,

Please note that the Cabbagetown Residents Association is generally opposed to the changes proposed in 2016.LS11.2, Chapter 591, Noise-Amendments.

The additional consultation referred to in the item name, does not seem to adequately reflect the concerns raised by many residents and community associations since initial changes were proposed in January 2016.

There has not been sufficient effort put forward to solicit resident and community input and there have been mixed messages from some within city council as to whether the proposed changes as they were put forward in January 2016 were even being considered any longer.

The Toronto Noise Coalition, of which the Cabbagetown Residents Association is a member, has analyzed the proposed new by-law and has found that it fails on three key fronts:

- 1) Key weaknesses in the original by-law remain unchanged;
- 2) The proposed changes further reduce noise protections;
- 3) No efforts have been made to strengthen enforcement.

In light of these shortcomings, the Cabbagetown Residents Association asks that councillors not approve the changes without amendment, and that any amendments are carefully prepared with input from the citizens who will be most affected by these changes.

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