

City Council

Notice of Motion

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Amendment of Municipal Code Chapter 395, Clothing Boxes - by Councillor Joe Mihevc, seconded by Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker

** 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 Joe Mihevc, seconded by Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker, recommends that:

1. City Council request the Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards, to consider the following options to strengthen Chapter 395, Clothing Boxes, as part of the forthcoming report on a review of Clothing Drop Boxes:

- a. amending Municipal Code Chapter 395, Clothing Boxes, which states refusal of an application will be "based on failure to comply with the provisions of the by-law", to allow for the right of a local Councillor to refuse a permit request for new clothing boxes in their Ward, or to have a minimal distance separation; and
- b. amending Municipal Code Chapter 395, Clothing Boxes, to include annual or bi-annual reviews of the permit.

Summary

Clothing Boxes are available for the public to make donations of clothes to organizations on the public right-of-way upon issuance of a permit, according to the subject Municipal Code. While some boxes have good oversight by the organizations who use them, many are not well maintained and become a mess on the boulevard. The use of the clothes or the funds generated by the donations as promoted by the organizations using the boxes have at times been found to also be misleading to the public.

With the recent closures of Goodwill locations across the City, it is probable that the number of applications to the City for these boxes will increase. I propose the issuing of permits for clothing boxes needs more oversight.

Background Information (City Council)

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<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2016/mm/bgrrd/backgroundfile-91490.pdf>