



City Councillor – Ward 17 • Davenport

March 28, 2017

TO: MEMBERS LICENSING AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE

RE: Municipal Code Chapter 740 Amendment

SUMMARY:

Portrait Artists are an integral part of street entertainment who add to the diverse flavour of street life in the City of Toronto.

Currently there are only one (1) or two (2) artists who are regulated by the respective, corresponding licence, as it is more restrictive and costly than a regular sidewalk Vending Permit. If this reality continues, the City will be in danger of losing a cherished form of street entertainment entirely.

The City is in the middle of a comprehensive review of Chapter 740. The following recommendation will allow staff to study the impacts, if any, of amending Chapter 740 for Portrait Artists, and facilitate informed decision-making when a report is brought forward in the fall of this year.

RECOMMENDATION:

City Council amend, pending the full review expected Fall 2017, City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 740, Street Vending, such that the holder(s) of a Sidewalk Vending Permit who is currently licensed under Code Chapter 740 to vend portraits created at a work station (a) are exempted from paying the Application fee in Chapter 441, line 273 (b) are exempted from the requirement to provide insurance, and (c) are permitted to vend in any area that would meet the criteria as set out in Chapter 740, Section 7.

Thank you,

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