

City Council

Motion without Notice

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Farmers' Markets - Deferral of Parking Permit Fee - by Councillor Mike Layton, seconded by Councillor Gary Crawford

** This Motion has been deemed urgent by the Chair.*

** This Motion is not subject to a vote to waive referral. This Motion has been added to the agenda and is before Council for debate.*

Recommendations

Councillor Mike Layton, seconded by Councillor Gary Crawford, recommends that:

1. City Council direct the General Manager, Transportation Services to defer the implementation of the Street and other Event Fee increases for the Farmers' Market One-Time Fee (fee ref. no. 61.10, Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 441, Fees and Charges, Appendix C – Schedule 2, Transportation Services) that was approved by City Council in the 2017 Operating Budget for Transportation Services until January 1, 2018.
2. City Council direct the General Manager, Transportation Services to provide notice to all farmers' markets which operate in the City and who are required to pay the increased fees in order to obtain the required permits from Transportation Services for 2017 of the anticipated increase in permit fees for 2018.

Summary

City Council, at its meeting of 2017, approved the 2017 Operating Budget for Transportation Services, including 2017 fee increases with respect to Permission to use the street or part of it for the purpose of staging a park-based farmers' market event ("farmers' market one-time fee") for a Farmers' Market Application/Permit. The proposed fee went from \$81.08 to \$500.

The operators of various farmers' markets indicate that they had no prior knowledge of this fee increase.

This has resulted in an increase in the amount of the fee from \$81.08 to \$500, and will therefore have an unduly negative impact on the 8 farmers' markets in 2017, which operate in various locations in the City and who are required to pay the increased fees in order to obtain the required permits from Transportation Services for 2017.

As these markets are scheduled to commence operation in May, it is important that City Council consider this matter at its meeting of April 26, 27 and 28, 2017.

Background Information (City Council)

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