



Amendments to Chapter 740, Street Vending - Portrait Artists

Date: April 20, 2018

To: Licensing and Standards Committee

From: Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards

Wards: All

SUMMARY

As directed by the Licensing and Standards Committee at its meeting on April 10, 2018, this report outlines amendments to Chapter 740, Street Vending for portrait artists in the city of Toronto.

As directed by committee, this report outlines the necessary bylaw amendments to:

- remove the moratorium on portrait artist permits,
- remove the requirement for portrait artists to carry general liability insurance of \$2 million,
- provide additional locations for portrait artists to work; and
- reduces the annual portrait artist permit fee to \$39.73 plus HST.

Staff will be reporting on other outstanding issues relating to street vending in 2019.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards recommends that:

1. City Council amend Chapter 740, Street Vending, as follows:
 - a. remove the moratorium on the issuance of portrait artist permits;
 - b. exempt the requirement for portrait artist permit applicants to carry general liability insurance; and
 - c. allow portrait artist permit holders to vend in any area that would meet the criteria as set out in Chapter 740-7.
2. City Council amend Chapter 441, Fees and Charges, to reduce the portrait artist annual permit fee amount from \$468.17 to \$39.73.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There are no financial implications beyond what has already been approved in the current year's budget. The reduction in the fees will not have an impact to the budget since there are currently no portrait artists permitted. Any future budget impacts would be reported through the appropriate budget process.

The Acting Chief Financial Officer has reviewed this report and agrees with the financial impact information.

DECISION HISTORY

On April 24, 2018, Licensing and Standards Committee, in [LS24.8 Amendments to Chapter 740, Street Vending - Portrait Artists](#) (<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2018.LS24.8>), directed the Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards, to report back to the Licensing and Standards Committee with amendments to Chapter 740, Street Vending.

COMMENTS

Portrait artists draw pictures and caricatures of people. Portrait artists are permitted to set up work stations within a designated area on the sidewalk to create drawings and sell them to people. There are 26 designated locations on the right-of-way that a portrait artist can operate from in Toronto. Portrait artist workstations usually consist of two chairs, a waste receptacle and art supplies.

Chapter 740, Street Vending requires portrait artists to obtain a permit to operate. Currently, there are no regulated portrait artists in Toronto.

This report provides the necessary amendments to Chapter 740, Street Vending as directed by the Licensing and Standards Committee on April 10, 2018. The changes are as follows:

- remove the moratorium on portrait artist permits,
- remove the requirement for general liability insurance of \$2 million,
- provide additional locations for portrait artists to work; and
- reduce the annual licence fee to \$39.73 plus HST.

Removing the moratorium on portrait artist permits will allow new portrait artists to operate in Toronto.

Removing the requirement for general liability insurance of \$2 million, reducing the annual fee from \$468.17 to \$39.73 and permitting more locations for portrait artists to operate more closely aligns the portrait artist regulations with current busking regulations.

Staff will be reporting on other outstanding issues relating to street vending in 2019.

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