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RE: MM27. 17 Municipal Muffler: Better Tools for Vehicular Noise Enforcement

Mayor Tory and Members of City Council

The Toronto Noise Coalition provided a voice for residents in the development of the 2019 Noise Bylaw. The loud noise from modified mufflers was one of the many issues we wanted addressed in new Noise Bylaw. But muffler noise continues to be a major problem in many locations around the City. We understand that enforcement is difficult. The occasional Police check points are not sufficient to catch offenders. The City of Toronto should take a proactive approach to reducing this excessive noise. It is not just annoying, it is a significant health issue. Given that emerging technologies and equipment can offer more effective to enforce its by-laws, such improvements, as well as others, should be part of 2021 Noise Bylaw review.

The Toronto Noise Coalition therefore urges City Council to support the motion by Councillor John Filion, seconded by Councillor Shelley Carroll, that recommends that: "City Council direct the Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards to report back to the Economic and Community Development Committee as part of the upcoming Noise By-law review on:

a. emerging technologies for automated noise enforcement and opportunities to test and implement them in Toronto; and b. strategies to prohibit the installation or modification of any automotive device that would have the purpose of amplifying vehicular noise in commercial locations licensed by the City."

Given our experience with this important issue, we request that the Toronto Noise Coalition be consulted with respect to the development of the needed changes to the Noise Bylaw and enforcement changes.

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