

City Council

Notice of Motion

MM47.18	ACTION			Ward: All
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Nuisance Lighting By-law Review - by Councillor Gary Crawford, seconded by Councillor Jennifer McKelvie

** Notice of this Motion has been given.*

** This Motion is subject to referral to the Planning and Housing Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.*

Recommendations

Councillor Gary Crawford, seconded by Councillor Jennifer McKelvie, recommends that:

1. City Council request the Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards to include in the report back to the Planning and Housing Committee as part of their Phase II report on the review of Chapter 629, a review of nuisance lighting rules, a scan of other jurisdictions, relevant enforcement technology and potential financial impacts, and that the review could give recommendations for soffit lighting that may include:

- a. any and all soffit light currently installed on a structure's elevation which abuts a neighbouring property on which an existing dwelling exists, shall be made inoperable;
- b. prohibit the installation of any and all soffit lighting on infill builds and/or renovations from being installed on any structure's elevation which abuts a neighbouring property on which an existing dwelling is present; and
- c. limit the installation of all soffit lighting to a structure's elevation which front a road allowance only.

Summary

The issue of nuisance lighting and its negative impact on neighbouring properties has increased in tandem with the number of private properties being renovated or redeveloped. Modern technology has changed the nature and characteristics of lighting, particularly outdoors, causing a significant number of challenges for residents whose homes abut a property where said lighting has been incorporated into the final design.

This Motion is to direct staff to review the nuisance lighting rules and by-laws, including those of other jurisdictions, and determine if the current by-laws and relevant enforcement practises require updating in keeping with the newer modern technology.

Background Information (City Council)

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