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To: Economic and Community Development Committee

Re: Reporting Noise Exemptions and Noise Complaints Transparently

Recommendation,

1. That City Council direct the Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards and the Chief Technology Officer, in consultation with the Executive Director Customer Experience, to create a webpage on the City's website that provides transparency regarding noise exemption permits, and noise by-law complaints, by the second quarter of 2025.

Background

I am writing to propose the creation of a dedicated page on the City of Toronto's Licensing website that provides transparency regarding noise exemption permits and noise by-law complaints. This page would serve as a valuable resource for businesses and residents alike, offering a clear and accessible overview of noise-related activities and potential impacts within the city.

The proposed page would include the following information:

- **Noise Exemption Permit Locations:** A map or list indicating the locations where noise exemptions have been granted, along with relevant details such as the date, duration, and reason for the exemption.
- **Noise Bylaw Complaint Data:** A summary or visualization of noise by-law complaints received, including the areas affected, the nature of the complaints, and any resulting actions taken.

By making this information readily available, the City would be promoting transparency, accountability, and informed decision-making. Businesses could use this data to assess the potential noise impact of their operations and to make informed decisions regarding their licensing applications. Residents could also use the page to stay informed about noise-related activities in their neighborhoods and to report any concerns.

I believe that the creation of this transparency page would be a significant step towards improving the quality of life for both businesses and residents in Toronto. I urge the Economic and Community Development Committee to consider this proposal and to take the necessary steps to implement it.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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