

City Council

Notice of Motion

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Toronto Community Crisis Service Vehicle Exemption along King Street Priority Corridor - by Councillor Chris Moise, seconded by Deputy Mayor Ausma Malik

**Notice of this Motion has been given.*

**This motion is subject to referral to the Infrastructure and Environment Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.*

Recommendations

Councillor Chris Moise, seconded by Deputy Mayor Ausma Malik, recommends that:

1. City Council authorize Toronto Community Crisis Service Vehicles to proceed through an intersection along the King Street corridor when through travel is restricted.
2. City Council approve the amendments to City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 950, Traffic and Parking, associated with Recommendation 1 above, generally as outlined in Attachment 1 to this motion.
3. City Council authorize the City Solicitor to introduce the necessary Bills to give effect to City Council's decision and City Council authorize the City Solicitor to make any necessary clarifications, refinements, minor modifications, technical amendments, or By-law amendments as may be identified by the City Solicitor, in consultation with the General Manager, Transportation Services in order to give effect to the Recommendations above.

Summary

General traffic is required to turn right off of King Street at most major intersections, with the exception of streetcars, buses, Toronto Transit Commission-operated Wheel-Trans vehicles, Billy Bishop Airport Shuttle Buses (certain intersections) and bicycles. A further exemption for licensed taxicabs is provided between 10:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m.

We are requesting that the Toronto Community Crisis Service receive a similar exemption for their vehicles that operate 24 hours a day, 7 days a week responding to residents who are experiencing mental health crises.

As our fourth emergency service, we believe it is critical that Toronto Community Crisis Service vehicles, which are clearly marked with the Toronto Community Crisis Service logo and the City of Toronto logo, receive this exemption. Having unrestricted through-access for the Toronto Community Crisis Service vehicles along the King Street corridor, when responding to crisis calls, would improve their response times to deal with emerging crisis situations.

After working with staff from Transportation Services and Social Development, Finance, and Administration, it is recommended to amend the City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 950 to allow the Toronto Community Crisis Service vehicles to proceed along King Street when required without restriction.

Background Information (City Council)

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Attachment 1 - Amendments to Traffic and Parking Regulations - Chapter 950

(<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2024/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-249994.pdf>)