

City Council**Notice of Motion**

MM24.9	ACTION			Ward: All
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Turn Off the Lights: Requesting a Review of the Nuisance Lighting By-law - by Councillor Brad Bradford, seconded by Councillor Dianne Saxe

** 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 Brad Bradford, seconded by Councillor Dianne Saxe, recommends that:

1. City Council direct the Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards to include, as part of the planned fourth quarter of 2025 report back to Planning and Housing Committee on the review of Chapter 629, Property Standards, recommendations on strengthening nuisance lighting bylaw provisions, including issues arising from ambient, indirect lighting sources such as LED bulbs and soffit lighting.

Summary

The City of Toronto has existing bylaws intended to govern excessive exterior lighting that can cause a nuisance to neighbours. Under the existing Property Standards by-law, however, Municipal Licensing and Standards is only able to enforce these standards where the light is directly shining into a dwelling unit.

Recently, residents in both of our wards have raised concerns about the challenges presented by extremely bright lights from neighbouring properties that, after Municipal Licensing and Standards investigation, did not meet the criteria of the current by-law. Therefore, this motion requests that staff examine these provisions as part of their planned review of the Property Standards by-law to determine how to better address issues raised by disruptive ambient, indirect light sources.

Background Information (City Council)

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