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Councillor Alejandra Bravo Chair, Economic and Community Development Committee City of Toronto

Dangerous Dog Signage in Condominiums

Dear Chair and Members of the Economic and Community Development Committee,

We should all be very appreciative of the proactive enforcement by Municipal Licensing and Standards (MLS) in ensuring compliance from owners with Dangerous Dogs throughout the last year and for their upcoming enforcement plans.

In response to my motion at Council last November, MLS has proposed a bylaw amendment that would allow Dangerous Dog signage on condominium doors. In the enforcement blitz in 2024, bylaw enforcement officers were hampered by some condominiums having their own rules restricting signage on doors.

The proposed bylaw amendment to Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 349, Animals amends section 349-15.1A(4) so that it reads:

- "(4) That a warning sign is posted in the form and location required by the Executive Director, with such locations potentially including, but not being limited to, the following:
- (a) on the owners' private property in a location where it is visible to any person passing or entering the property;
- (b) on the outside of the unit door for the apartment unit **or condominium** unit where the dog owner resides."

This change will ensure that there is public awareness of where Dangerous Dog orders have been served and will protect the health and safety of residents as part of the City's Dangerous Dog enforcement program.

Recommendations:

- 1. The Executive Director of Municipal Licensing and Standards to issue letters to the following groups to notify them of the bylaw change and requirements to post signage where applicable:
 - a) Issue a letter to Dangerous Dog owners residing in condominiums.



- b) Issue a letter to all Condominium Boards and property management groups where the property has a Dangerous Dog.
- 2. Municipal Licensing and Standards bylaw officers to implement a plan to deliver these signs and complete compliance checks to ensure that owners of dangerous dogs have the signage posted and to complete annual compliance checks.

Sincerely,

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