

# ATTACHMENT 1

## AMENDMENTS TO CITY OF TORONTO MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 743, TO ALLOW TEMPORARY RAMPS AS A PERMITTED ENCROACHMENT WITHIN THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY

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1. Section 743-1D of Municipal Code Chapter 743, Streets and Sidewalks, Use of, is amended by adding the following definitions, in alphabetical order:

MOVABLE - The characteristic of being easily lifted or moved and not permanently affixed to the sidewalk or road.

PEDESTRIAN CLEARWAY - A continuous and unobstructed portion of the sidewalk or boulevard intended for pedestrian travel.

TEMPORARY RAMP - A fabricated ramp which is movable, provides a sloped entrance from the sidewalk into a building entrance and is not considered a building projection.

2. Section 743-31 of Municipal Code Chapter 743, Streets and Sidewalks, Use of, is amended by adding the following:

“L. The placement of temporary ramps on a street are permitted encroachments and shall not require an agreement or the payment of any permit or encroachment fee, provided that the temporary ramp is maintained pursuant to Article V at the expense of the owner or occupier of land to which the temporary ramp is appurtenant and complies with the following conditions:

- (1) They do not obstruct pedestrian and vehicle sight lines;
- (2) They do not obstruct driveways, impede or pose a hazard or potential hazard to pedestrian or vehicle traffic;
- (3) They do not interfere with the City's ability to maintain the street in a state of good repair or to keep it free of litter, snow and ice;
- (4) They do not interfere with traffic control devices or the existing and future location and maintenance of sidewalks, bicycle trails, or utilities;
- (5) They are stable and have a slip-resistant surface with high color contrast surface;
- (6) They have a slope only in the direction perpendicular to the step or the building entrance;

- (7) Their top edge is level with the step landing;
- (8) They are brought inside after business hours at all times;
- (9) They may include cane-detectable features on either side of the ramp to support visibility and cane detectability for individuals with visual impairments. These features may take the form of a traffic control device or a small frontage café and small marketing display, as defined in Chapter 742;
- (10) They shall be properly maintained, free of debris, and stored safely during adverse weather conditions;
- (11) They are movable and not affixed to the sidewalk, building or curb using screws, bolts, or any permanent materials;
- (12) Their placement maintains the required pedestrian clearway of 2.1 meters on an arterial road or a collector road and 1.8 meters on a local road and 2.5 metres on streets identified in Chapter 742, Appendix A, at all times;
- (13) The pedestrian clearway must remain free of any street furniture, utilities, or other physical features and provide safe and accessible passage at all times;
- (14) They do not extend into the boulevard area fronting any neighbouring property when the common lot line is projected perpendicular to the road;
- (15) They are in compliance with the “*Recommended Practices for the Placement of Temporary Ramps on City Sidewalks*,” a two-page guide developed and updated by the General Manager of Transportation Services to illustrate appropriate ramp placement using plain language and images;
- (16) They do not impede accessibility for persons with disabilities;

This section 743-31(L) does not apply to permanent access ramps constructed in accordance with section 743-34(A)(4)

- 3. Section 743-31 of Municipal Code Chapter 743, Streets and Sidewalks, Use of, is amended by deleting subsection 743-31J and adding:

- J. Encroachments permitted under Subsections H, I and L shall be exempt from the requirement of Subsection D.