

MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE

Allowing Staff to Tow Unlicensed Vehicles on City Streets

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SUMMARY:

Unlicensed and abandoned vehicles parked on City streets, boulevards, and other public properties create ongoing challenges for both residents and City operations. These vehicles often occupy limited parking spaces, and in some cases pose safety hazards by obstructing sightlines, or impeding pedestrians, cyclists, and emergency services. They can remain in place for extended periods resulting in repeated complaints.

To address these issues, it is recommended that staff investigate potential amendments to the City's bylaws to allow parking enforcement and right-of-way officers to immediately tow unlicensed vehicles from City streets, boulevards, and other municipal properties. This change would enable a more proactive and consistent enforcement approach, reduce public safety risks, and support the effective management of public spaces.

Reason for Urgency:

There are several urgent and high-risk locations across wards six and seven where numerous unlicensed vehicles are parked on the street. Following meetings with Parking Enforcement officers and communications with constituents, we believe these areas pose an imminent safety risk and that immediate action is required to prevent potential accidents.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. City Council request the General Manager of Transportation Services in consultation with the Toronto Police Service and the Toronto Parking Authority report to the Infrastructure and Environment Committee in Q1 of 2026 on any by-law and legislative changes needed to allow for unlicensed vehicles to be towed without warning by enforcement officers.

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