

## **Follow-Up on 2026.EC27.2 Review of Street Vending and Artists**

**Date:** May 12, 2026

**To:** City Council

**From:** Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards

**Wards:** All

### **SUMMARY**

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In April 2026, City Council adopted a Review of Toronto's Street Vending and Artists By-laws ([2026.EC27.2](#)) to enhance the City's regulatory framework for street vendors and artists. As part of the report, Council directed the Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards to report directly to the May 20, 21, 22, 2026 meeting of City Council on how to dissuade amplified disturbances in close proximity to residential neighbourhoods and Sankofa Square, where no donations are requested or no money changes hands.

Staff are finalizing a response to this direction and will be submitting a supplementary report ahead of the May 20, 21, 22, 2026 meeting of City Council with additional information.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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The Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards recommend that:

1. City Council receive this report for information.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

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There are no financial impacts resulting from the adoption of the recommendation in this report.

### **DECISION HISTORY**

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On April 22 and 23, 2026, City Council adopted [EC27.2 - Review of Toronto's Street Vending and Artists By-laws](#), and directed the Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards to report directly to the May 20, 21, 22, 2026 meeting of City Council on options to dissuade amplified disturbances in close proximity to residential neighbourhoods and Sankofa Square, where no donations are requested or no money changes hands.

On February 6, 2024, City Council adopted [EC9.6 - Implementation Review of the Noise By-law](#), which made amendments to Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 591, Noise, including updating definitions, amending decibel limits for amplified sound, updating fees and charges, and directed Municipal Licensing and Standards to monitor and research noise from overnight waste collection, look into setting limits for amplified sound that is above the ambient (or background) sound level, and consider waiving the noise exemption permit application fee for grassroots cultural organizations.

## **COMMENTS**

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This report responds to direction from City Council for Municipal Licensing and Standards to report on how to dissuade amplified disturbances in close proximity to residential neighbourhoods and Sankofa Square, where no donations are requested or no money changes hands. The direction relates to amplified activity by street performers who are not soliciting donations, which falls outside the scope of the street vending and busking by-laws but within the enforcement of the Noise By-law.

A forthcoming supplementary report will outline staff's response to this direction.

## **CONTACT**

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## **SIGNATURE**

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