



Council Report For the Meeting of September 22, 2022

To: Council **Date:** September 9, 2022
From: Curt Kingsley, City Clerk
Subject: Business Licence Bylaw, Amendment Bylaw No. 22-090

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That *Business Licence Bylaw, Amendment Bylaw No. 22-090* be given first, second and third readings.
2. That Council direct staff to schedule an opportunity for persons who consider they are affected by the bylaw to make representations to Council, and give notice of this opportunity to municipally licensed cannabis retailer stores.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

At the January 13, 2022 Committee of the Whole meeting, staff reported back to Council in response to Council's previous resolution to undertake a review and analysis of business licence fees for cannabis retailers once Provincial licencing and enforcement had stabilized. Council adopted the following resolution:

That Council:

1. *Direct the City Solicitor to draft necessary bylaws to:*
 - a. *Amend the Business Licence Bylaw to establish a business licensing fee of \$1,500 for cannabis retail stores and bring it forward for first and second readings.*
 - b. *Amend the Business Licence Bylaw to regulate ground floor commercial display windows to ensure that windows of cannabis retail stores on any street frontage are not blocked by translucent or opaque material, artwork, posters, shelving, display cases or similar elements that prevent visibility into and out of the premises, maintain minimum staffing levels from the previous bylaw and bring it forward for first and second readings.*
 - c. *Repeal the Storefront Cannabis Retailer Regulation Bylaw 19-053, but not before the necessary amendments to the Business Licence Bylaw*
2. *Direct staff to schedule an opportunity for public comment at a Council meeting.*
3. *Direct staff to review the cannabis fee regulations bi-annually.*

The proposed amendment bylaw is attached as Attachment A. If Council adopts this bylaw, it would:

- set business licensing fees at \$1500,
- require two employees at all in times in each store, including one manager, and
- require transparent and unobstructed windows above 4 feet while allowing for each store to animate the windows without impacting visibility into and out of the store by adults.

Prior to adoption, the *Community Charter* requires that Council provide an opportunity for persons who consider they are affected by the bylaw to make representations to Council.

Respectfully submitted,

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Report accepted and recommended by the City Manager

List of Attachments

Attachment A: *Business Licence Bylaw, Amendment Bylaw No. 22-090*