

## Community Based By-law Enforcement Strategy

### *Environmental Enforcement Team*

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Yard Waste/Maintenance By-law</b> (e.g., long weeds and grass; garbage and debris; inoperable vehicles)</li> <li>▪ <b>Snow and Ice By-law (Winter)</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Forestry By-law</b> (Emerald Ash Borer)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Parks By-law</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Forestry – Tree (Private and Public Property) By-laws</b> (5 By-laws)</li> <li>▪ <b>Anti-Idling By-law</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Firearm By-law</b> (education only)</li> <li>▪ <b>Motorized Snow Vehicle By-law</b> (in parks)</li> <li>▪ <b>Graffiti (Yard Maintenance By-law)</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Streets/Traffic By-law</b> (5 By-laws) (e.g., mud tracking; road encumbrances; road games)</li> <li>▪ <b>Water By-law</b> (Summer - as requested by Water/Wastewater during water shortages)</li> <li>▪ <b>Solid Waste By-laws</b> (2) – including 1 bag limit and illegal dumping</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Yard Waste/Maintenance Blitz</b> – Hotspots identified across the City including Downtown Core and BIA</li> <li>▪ <b>Snow and Ice Clearing Proactive</b> – Based on reactive complaint identify other properties in immediate vicinity where snow/ice not cleared from sidewalk</li> <li>▪ <b>Anti-Idling Blitzes</b> – Schools Zones, Taxi and areas identified across the City</li> </ul>

**Property Standards & Zoning Enforcement Team/ Proactive Rental Housing Enforcement Team**

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<p><b>Property Standards &amp; Zoning Enforcement Team</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Property Standards By-law*</b> (internal and external issues, e.g., open to trespass, handrails and guards, plumbing, windows, etc.)</li> <li>▪ <b>Zoning By-law</b> (6 By-laws) (Illegal use of property)</li> <li>▪ <b>Vacant Building Registry</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Residential Heat By-law</b> (Sept 1 - May 31)</li> </ul> <p><b>Proactive Rental Housing Enforcement Team</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ As per the Rental Housing Enforcement Strategy (focus areas) approved by City Council on June 25, 2014, proactively identify and enforce by-law infractions related to internal and external Property Standards deficiencies in rental housing accommodations.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Graffiti (Yard Maintenance By-law)</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Fences</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Property Standards</b> – Downtown Core and BIA (e.g., Nightwalks)</li> <li>▪ <b>Property Standards Blitz</b> – Highly visible areas and hotspots identified across the City</li> </ul>

**Licensing & Permits Enforcement Team**

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<p>All Licensing Activity is Proactive in nature due to the requirements of the Licensing By-law</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Business Licensing</b> (includes compliance with Property Standards, Zoning and Sign By-law)</li> <li>▪ <b>Zoning – Business Zoning</b> (if a zoning issue relates to a business licence then carried through to completion by Licensing and Permits) (6 By-laws)</li> <li>▪ <b>Mobile Licensing</b> - taxi inspections, food trucks, peddlers, etc.)</li> <li>▪ <b>Sign By-law</b> (except rural areas)</li> <li>▪ <b>Lodging Homes</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Residential Care Facilities</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Taxi Inspection</b> (mechanical Inspections)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Lottery Licensing</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Sign By-law</b> (reactive only in rural areas as per City Council Aug 12/10)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Sign Proactive</b> – Hotspots across the City based on streets with recurring multiple violations and business signs repeatedly without permits</li> <li>▪ <b>Street Vendors</b> (e.g., flower vendors (Easter and Mothers Day), concession stands, special events vendors)</li> <li>▪ <b>Special Events Management</b> - Attend Community Events/Festivals to educate and gain compliance with Licensing By-law</li> </ul>

## Special Enforcement Team

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Vital Services By-law</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Noise By-law</b> (e.g., barking dogs, industrial, loud music, parties, patios, nuisance noise)</li> <li>▪ <b>Multiple By-law Issues</b> – When a complaint deals with multiple issues or deficiencies with a property and may include but is not limited to property standards, zoning and yard maintenance and waste</li> <li>▪ <b>Multi-Agency Task Force</b> – Partner with Hamilton Police, Hamilton Fire Prevention, Public Health to address compliance for a variety of City By-laws</li> <li>▪ <b>Public Nuisance</b> - during such assignments as McMaster-Mohawk Proactive, Hess Village Proactive and nighttime noise proactive enforcement</li> <li>▪ <b>Noise By-law</b> – Council approved (2015) one-year pilot using a Special Duty Police Officer and a Municipal Law Enforcement Officer to respond to noise complaints between 9:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>McMaster-Mohawk Proactive</b> (September and April)</li> <li>▪ <b>Hess Village Proactive</b> (Spring and Summer)</li> <li>▪ <b>Adult Entertainment Blitz</b> – Body Rub Parlours, Adult Entertainment Venues, etc.</li> <li>▪ <b>Special Events Management</b> - Attend Community Events/Festivals to educate and gain compliance with Licensing By-law</li> <li>▪ <b>Special Projects with Hamilton Police Services and other Enforcement Agencies</b></li> </ul> <p><b><i>Participate in Proactive Periodic Enforcement Initiatives of the three other teams – Property Standards and Zoning, Licensing and Permits, and Environmental</i></b></p>