# By-law Enforcement Priority Strategy

**Municipal Law Enforcement Team**

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<td>Parks By-law (violations other than waterfalls)</td>
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<td>Yard Waste/Maintenance By-law (e.g., long weeds and grass; garbage and debris; inoperable vehicles)</td>
<td>Cigarette Butt litter – if budget approved</td>
<td>Anti-Idling By-law</td>
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<td>Graffiti Enforcement Student Program in conjunction with Graffiti Management Strategy</td>
<td>Snow and Ice Clearing Proactive – Based on reactive complaint identify other properties in the vicinity that did not clear snow/ice from sidewalk</td>
<td>Discharge of Firearm By-law</td>
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<td>Property Standards – Downtown Core and BIA (e.g., Night walks)</td>
<td>Fence By-law</td>
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<td>Parks By-law (Waterfall enforcement)</td>
<td>Property Standards Blitz – Highly visible areas and hotspots identified across the City</td>
<td>Transit By-law (in partnership with HSR)</td>
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<td>Illegal Dumping on private property</td>
<td>McMaster-Mohawk Proactive (September and April)</td>
<td>Water By-law (Summer - as requested by Water/Wastewater during water shortages)</td>
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<td>Streets/Traffic By-law (5 By-laws) (e.g., mud tracking; road encumbrances; road games)</td>
<td>Special Projects with Hamilton Police Services and other Enforcement Agencies (tent city; no permit in parks, etc.)</td>
<td>Zoning By-law (6 By-laws)</td>
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<td>Forestry – Tree Private and Public</td>
<td>Yard Waste/Maintenance Blitz (Council approved and Ward rotation)</td>
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**Licensing Team**

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<td>All Licensing Activity is Proactive in nature due to the requirements of the Licensing By-law</td>
<td>▪ <strong>Sign Proactive</strong> – Hotspots across the City based on streets with recurring multiple violations and business signs repeatedly without permits</td>
<td>▪ <strong>Lottery Licensing</strong></td>
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<td>▪ <strong>Business Licensing</strong> (includes compliance with Property Standards, Zoning, Yard Maintenance and the Sign By-law)</td>
<td>▪ <strong>Special Events Management</strong> - Attend Community Events/Festivals to educate and gain compliance with Licensing By-law</td>
<td>▪ <strong>Sign By-law</strong> (reactive only in rural areas as per City Council Aug 12/10)</td>
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<td>▪ <strong>Zoning – Business Zoning</strong> (if a zoning issue relates to a business licence then carried through to completion by Licensing)</td>
<td>▪ <strong>Adult Entertainment Blitz</strong> – Body Rub Parlours, Adult Entertainment Venues, etc</td>
<td>▪ <strong>Street Vendors</strong> (e.g., flower vendors (Easter and Mother’s Day), concession stands, special events vendors)</td>
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<td>▪ <strong>Mobile Licensing Inspections</strong> – taxi, PTP (Uber &amp; Lyft) limos, food trucks, peddlers, etc.</td>
<td>▪ <strong>Trades</strong> (Schedule 29, locating unlicensed companies)</td>
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<td>▪ <strong>Sign By-law (except rural area)</strong></td>
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<td>▪ <strong>Lodging Homes</strong> (Schedule 9 of Licensing By-law) (at least during Council endorsed pilot program for the next two years)</td>
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<td>▪ <strong>Residential Care Facilities</strong> (Schedule 20 of Licensing By-law)</td>
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<td>▪ <strong>Cannabis Enforcement</strong> (ensuring legal dispensaries are in accordance with CLA 2018 and AGCO regulations and addressing illegal dispensaries by enforcing by-laws ie signs, property standard etc. No authority to close them down)</td>
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### Animal Services Team

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<td>▪ Responsible Animal Ownership By-law</td>
<td>▪ Park Patrols</td>
<td>▪ Dog at Large – reports where the owner was present, or it occurred in the past</td>
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<td>▪ Dog Licensing – expired licences</td>
<td>▪ Leash Free patrols</td>
<td>▪ New Licensing leads</td>
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<td>▪ Pet store inspections – in cooperation with Licensing Officers for the business licences</td>
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<td>▪ Feeding Wildlife By-law – rabies response and enforcement</td>
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<td>▪ Dogs at Large – no owners present and actively running at large</td>
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<td>▪ All bite complaints – Animal to Animal and Animal to Human</td>
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<td>▪ Dangerous and Potentially Dangerous Dog Designations</td>
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<td>▪ Dog Owners’ Liability Act (bites, attacks, pit bulls)</td>
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<td>▪ Injured wildlife and domestic animals to ensure public safety</td>
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<td>▪ Pick up and hold animals “Held In Trust” in cooperation with Hamilton Fire, Police and EMS</td>
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<td>▪ Pick-up, hold and release bats for Public Health monitoring/testing for possible rabies transmission to people/animals</td>
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<td>▪ Dogs in Hot Cars – in cooperation with Hamilton Police</td>
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<td>▪ Community events/meetings in cooperation with Public Health for rabies education.</td>
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<td>▪ Wildlife Seminars in cooperation with a Licensed Wildlife Rehabilitator</td>
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