

CITY OF HAMILTON

NOTICE OF MOTION

General Issues Committee: November 4, 2020

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR B. CLARK.....

Temporary Cap on Food Delivery Service Charges

WHEREAS, the restaurant industry plays a crucial role in the City's economy, as well as the livelihoods of residents, families and communities;

WHEREAS, the restaurant industry has been severely impacted throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, particularly due to substantially decreased indoor dining;

WHEREAS, restaurant owners have become increasingly dependent on delivery and take-out services for the viability of their businesses;

WHEREAS, restaurants are under pressure from high commission fees being charged by the major food delivery service apps;

WHEREAS, major cities throughout the United States have implemented temporary caps on the fees charged by food delivery service apps, as an option to assist the restaurant industry throughout the COVID-19 pandemic; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton does not have the authority to regulate food delivery service company fees or cap the fees that they charge;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Mayor correspond with the Premier of Ontario, and local Members of Provincial Parliament to ask that the Province implement a temporary cap on commissions for food service delivery companies; and,
- (b) That a copy of that request be sent to other municipalities in Ontario and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario for their endorsement.