

City Council, Standing Committee and Commission
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Committee/Council Motion

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Item / Article: 5.2 New Zoning By-law – Final Draft

Re: Nightclubs in the ByWard Market

Moved by / Motion de: Vice-Chair G. Gower (on behalf of Councillor S. Plante)

WHEREAS zoning restrictions on the locations of nightclubs in the ByWard Market in Section 193 of Zoning By-law 2008-250 have not been carried forward in the draft Zoning By-law; and

WHEREAS the restrictions on the locations of nightclubs in the current Zoning By-law 2008-250 limit the size of nightclubs and apply separation distances between nightclubs; and

WHEREAS the current Zoning By-law 2008-250 applies additional regulations to the area shown on Schedule 7 in relation to maximum floor area, distance between nightclubs and bars, institutional, and residential zones.

WHEREAS the Public Policy Development Services Branch in the Emergency and Protective Services Department is currently undertaking a review and update of licensing regulations for Food Premises (Schedule 7 of the Licensing By-law No. 2002-189) including food premises offering late-night expanded activities such as live music and dancing, as well as a review of regulations for Amusement Places which include nightclubs and other businesses offering entertainment (Schedule 5 of Licensing By-law No. 2002-189) that will consider a new definition for “nightclub” with a view to aligning with definitions proposed in the draft new Zoning By-law; and

WHEREAS the staff reports for the review of Schedule 7 (Food Premises) and Schedule 5 (Amusement Places) of the Licensing By-law 2002-189 are scheduled before Committee and Council in March and May 2026, respectively; and

WHEREAS the Emergency and Protective Services Department will share findings from these reviews as well as data concerning the location of licensed businesses offering late night entertainment such as nightclubs with the

Planning, Development and Building Services department so that enforceable zoning restrictions for nightclubs may be considered in the future;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that, with respect to ACS2025-PDB-PS-0020, the Planning, Development and Building Services Department are directed to recommend to Council amendments for the zoning of nightclubs in the ByWard Market, within six months of the adoption of the definitions for a food premises with expanded activities and for a nightclub in Schedules 5 and 7 of the Licensing By-law 2002-189 by Council.