

# *THE CITY OF VAUGHAN*

# *BY-LAW*

## **BY-LAW NUMBER 029-2025**

**A By-law to amend the Short-Term Rental By-law 158-2019, as amended, to: reflect changes to the legislative authority for municipalities to appoint municipal by-law enforcement officers, clarify that licence applications do not need to be made in-person, delete and add other definitions, and clarify interpretation of the By-law.**

**WHEREAS** Section 11(3) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, c. 25, as amended, provides that a lower-tier municipality may pass by-laws respecting business licensing;

**AND WHEREAS** the City of Vaughan has enacted the Short-Term Rentals By-law 158-2019, as amended, in which municipal by-law enforcement officers have the authority to enforce the by-law;

**AND WHEREAS** section 55 of the *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019*, S.O. 2019, c. 1, Sched. 1 ("*Community Safety and Policing Act*") gives municipalities the authority to appoint *Municipal By-law Enforcement Officers* and repeals and replaces the *Police Services Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. P. 15 ("*Police Services Act*") which previously gave municipal councils that authority;

**AND WHEREAS** applicants for Short-Term Rental licenses now have the ability to apply for business licenses online;

**AND WHEREAS** the Council of The Corporation of Vaughan deems it necessary to amend the Short Term Rental By-law to reflect this change to legislative authority, as well as make other changes to reflect that Short Term Rental licences can be applied for online, and make other updates regarding definitions and interpretation of the By-law;

**NOW THEREFORE** the Council of The Corporation of the City of Vaughan ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. To amend By-law 158-2019, as amended, as follows:
  - a. to renumber section 3.0(1) to 3.0(4) and add the following definitions to section 3.0(4) in alphabetical order:

“Administrative Penalties By-law” refers to the *City’s* Administrative Penalties By-law 240-2024;
  - b. add sections 3.0(1) to 3.0(3) as follows:

### 3.0 Definition and Interpretation

- (1) In this By-law, unless the context otherwise requires, words imparting the singular number shall include the plural, and words imparting the masculine gender shall include the feminine and further, the converse of the foregoing also applies where the context requires.
  - (2) Wherever a word is used in this By-law with its first letter capitalized and the whole word italicized, the term is being used as it is defined in 3.0(4) of this By-law. Where any word appears in ordinary case, the commonly applied English language meaning is intended.
  - (3) Any reference to a statute, regulation, by-law or other legislation shall include such statute, regulation, by-law or legislation as amended, re-enacted, replaced, or superseded.
- c. delete references to “as amended”, “as amended from time to time”, and “as amended, or its successor by-law”;
- d. delete and replace the definition of “*Officer*” with:
- “Municipal By-law Enforcement Officer” means a *Person* appointed as a Municipal By-law Enforcement Officer, pursuant to section 15 of the *Police Services Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.15 or section 55 of the *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019*, S.O. 2019, c. 1, Sched. 1, to enforce the provisions of this By-law;
- e. delete and replace references to “*Officer*” with “*Municipal By-law Enforcement Officer*”;
- f. delete and replace section 5.0(7) with:
- (7) An application can be made by:
    - (a) the *Applicant*, who at the time of application shall submit one piece of Canadian government photo identification, to the satisfaction of the *Chief Licensing Officer*; or
    - (b) an *Authorized Agent* of the *Applicant*, who has written authorization from the *Applicant* to do so, who at the time of

application shall submit one piece of Canadian government photo identification, to the satisfaction of the *Chief Licensing Officer*.

- g. delete section 5.0(8);
- h. delete and replace references to “Administrative Monetary Penalties By-law” with “Administrative Penalties By-law”;
- i. delete and replace references to “administrative monetary penalties” with “administrative penalties”;
- j. delete and replace references to “administrative monetary penalty” with “administrative penalty”; and
- k. add section 21.1 as follows:

**21.1 Designated By-law**

- (1) This is a designated by-law as per Schedule 1 of the *Administrative Penalties By-law*.

Voted in favour by City of Vaughan Council this 25<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2025.

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Steven Del Duca, Mayor

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Todd Coles, City Clerk

Authorized by Item No. 13 of Report No. 1 of the Committee of the Whole.  
Report adopted by Vaughan City Council on January 28, 2025.  
City Council voted in favour of this by-law on February 25, 2025.  
Approved by Mayoral Decision MDC 002-2025 dated February 25, 2025.  
**Effective Date of By-Law: February 25, 2025**