



City of Richmond

Report to Committee

To: General Purposes Committee **Date:** April 22, 2020
From: Cecilia Achiam **File:** 12-8060-02-01/2020-
 General Manager, Community Safety Vol 01
Re: **Business Regulation Bylaw No. 7538, Amendment Bylaw No. 10127**
Part Ten: Karaoke Box Room Regulation

Staff Recommendation

That Business Regulation Bylaw No. 7538, Amendment Bylaw No. 10127, which amends Part Ten: Karaoke Box Room Regulation to prevent mosaic patterns of glass coverage, be introduced and given first, second and third readings.

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Staff Report

Origin

The Business Regulation Bylaw No. 7538, Part Ten: Karaoke Box Room Regulation (hereinafter referred to as: Karaoke Box Room Regulation), requires every room used for karaoke to be easily accessible and visible from the main entrance or restaurant area. The regulations further specify that at least half of the wall be constructed of clear, non-glare, non-reflected, non-tinted glass which must remain unobstructed at all times.

This report deals with an additional amendment to the regulation to prevent future applicants from introducing mosaic glass which can have a detrimental effect on visibility into the rooms and the intent of the Karaoke Box Room Regulation.

This report supports Council's Strategic Plan 2018-2022 Strategy #7 A Supported Economic Sector:

Facilitate diversified economic growth through innovative and sustainable policies, practices and partnerships.

Analysis

Since the inception of the Karaoke Box Room Regulation, new businesses have conformed to the regulations and have provided the required glass coverage over the middle half of every room. This makes it easy for staff or others to see inside the rooms and gives the occupants of the rooms a sense of safety and awareness that they can be seen. This also aids inspections of the businesses when either RCMP presence or bylaw enforcement is required.

More recently, an application was submitted with a mosaic pattern on room visibility windows. The mosaic includes numerous separated glass areas throughout the wall and door. The intent of the applicant was to use the mosaic pattern to contribute to an extensive lighting system around the mosaic patterns and the rest of the walls. While the pattern met the technical requirements of the regulation, the pattern makes it more difficult to see into the rooms and does not meet the intent of the Karaoke Box Room Regulation. This application was approved as the mosaic glass met the 50% requirement as stipulated by the Karaoke Box Room Regulation.

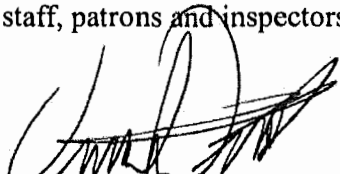
The proposed bylaw amendment will prevent further mosaic patterns from being introduced and provide clarity for applications on the approval process. The specific wording proposed for the Karaoke Box Room Regulation will require glass coverage with no more than one continuous piece, for the wall and door. This will ensure that all new karaoke rooms have sufficient visibility for staff, patrons and inspectors.

Financial Impact

None.

Conclusion

The amendments presented in this report will provide more specific requirements for glass viewing areas into karaoke rooms as part of Business Regulation Bylaw No. 7538, Part Ten: Karaoke Box Room Regulation. Staff are recommending the approval of the amendment so that all future business meet the intent of this regulation by providing visibility into the rooms for staff, patrons and inspectors.



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Business Regulation Bylaw No. 7538, Amendment Bylaw No. 10127

The Council of the City of Richmond enacts as follows:

1. Business Regulation Bylaw No. 7538, as amended, is further amended at Section 10.3 by inserting the following new sub-section (c):

 “(c) be constructed such that the glass portion of any wall or door, required to satisfy subsection 10.3(b), is one uninterrupted section of glass.”
2. This Bylaw is cited as “**Business Regulation Bylaw No. 7538, Amendment Bylaw No. 10127**”.

FIRST READING

SECOND READING

THIRD READING

LEGAL REQUIREMENTS SATISFIED

ADOPTED

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MAYOR

CORPORATE OFFICER