



MISSISSAUGA

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF MISSISSAUGA

Methadone Licensing By-law 0166-2014

(Amended by By-laws 0251-2021, 0051-2023)

WHEREAS section 11 of the *Municipal Act*, 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25, as amended, provides that a lower-tier municipality may pass by-laws respecting the health, safety and well-being of persons;

AND WHEREAS section 151 of the *Municipal Act*, 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25, as amended, provides that without limiting sections 9, 10 and 11 of the Act, a municipality may provide for a system of licences with respect to a business;

AND WHEREAS the Council for the City of Mississauga considers it necessary and desirable to regulate methadone clinics and methadone pharmacies for the purpose of protecting the health, safety and well-being of persons through a system of business licences;

AND WHEREAS section 128 of the *Municipal Act*, 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25, as amended, provides that a municipality may prohibit and regulate with respect to public nuisances, including matters that, in the opinion of council, are or could become or cause public nuisances;

AND WHEREAS subsection 391(1) of the *Municipal Act*, 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25, as amended, provides that a municipality may impose fees and charges on persons;

AND WHEREAS section 436 of the *Municipal Act*, 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25, as amended, provides that a municipality may pass a by-law providing that the municipality may enter on lands at any reasonable time for the purpose of carrying out an inspection to determine whether a by-law of the municipality has been complied with;

AND WHEREAS section 444 of the *Municipal Act*, 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25, as amended, provides that the municipality may make an order requiring the person who contravened the by-law or who caused or permitted the contravention or the owner or occupier of the land on which the contravention occurred to discontinue the contravening activity;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of The Corporation of the City of Mississauga hereby **ENACTS** as following:

DEFINITIONS

1. For the purpose of this By-law:

“**Appeal Tribunal**” Deleted by By-law 0051-2023.

“**Applicant**” means a Person applying for a Licence or the renewal of a Licence under this By-law;

“**City**” means the City of Mississauga;

“**Clerk**” means the Clerk of the City of Mississauga or his/her designate;

“**Council**” means the Council of the City of Mississauga;

“**Licence**” means the certificate issued by the Licence Manager under this By-law;

“**Licensee**” means any Person licensed under this By-law;

“Licence Manager” means the Manager of Compliance and Licensing Enforcement Unit of the City’s Enforcement Division and includes his/her designate;

“Methadone Clinic” means a clinic or medical office which wholly, or in part, is used for the prescription of methadone which may include other support services such as, but not limited to, a methadone pharmacy, the provision of counselling services, and/or laboratories, but does not include a hospital.

“Methadone Pharmacy” means a pharmacy which wholly, or in part, is used for the dispensing of methadone but does not include a hospital.

“Officer” means a duly appointed Municipal Law Enforcement Officer by Council and includes members of the Peel Regional Police;

“Person” includes an individual, a corporation and its directors and officers, or partnership and their heirs, executors, assignees and administrators;

“Premises” includes lands or buildings or similar structures where a Methadone Clinic and/or Methadone Pharmacy is located;

ADMINISTRATION OF THIS BY-LAW

2. The administration of this By-law is assigned to the Licence Manager who shall perform all of the administrative functions conferred upon him or her by this By-law.
3. The Licence Manager may delegate any responsibilities conferred to the Licence Manager under this By-law.

APPLICATION FOR A NEW LICENCE

4. An application for a new Licence shall be made to the Licence Manager using the forms provided by the Licence Manager.
5. Every application for a new Licence shall be accompanied by:
 - (1) The fee as set out in the applicable City User Fees and Charges By-law; (0251-2021)
 - (2) A zoning certificate issued by the zoning administrator with the City indicating that the use for which the application has been made is approved under the City’s Zoning By-law 225-2007, as amended, as an approved use for a medical office or pharmacy/retail space;
 - a. Where a zoning certificate has been issued based upon the use being approved by a Committee of Adjustment decision, the zoning certificate is subject to all conditions and restrictions imposed by the Committee of Adjustment on the use, including the term that the use is permitted, and upon expiry of the term, as permitted by the Committee of Adjustment, the zoning certificate shall no longer be valid.
 - (3) A letter or other documentation from Health Canada outlining that an exemption has been granted to prescribe methadone pursuant to the *Controlled Drugs and Substances Act* to at least one (1) physician that will be operating at the Premises and prescribing methadone;
 - (4) If the Applicant is a corporation, a copy of the incorporating document and a copy of the last annual return filed;
 - (5) If the Applicant is a registered partnership, a copy of the registered declaration of partnership and a copy of the business name registration;
 - (6) Proof of insurance which the Applicant or Licensee shall take out and keep in full force and effect throughout the term of the Licence and any renewals thereof which shall include general liability insurance with respect to the Methadone Clinic or Methadone Pharmacy against claims for personal injury, death or property damage or loss, indemnifying and protecting the Applicant or Licensee, their respective

employees, servants, agents, contractors, invitees or licensees, to the inclusive limit of not less than Two Million (\$2,000,000.00) Dollars on a per occurrence basis; and

- (7) Any other documentation or information as may be required by the Licence Manager.

APPLICATION FOR A RENEWAL LICENCE

6. An application for a renewal Licence shall be made to the Licence Manager using the forms provided by the Licence Manager.
7. Every application for a renewal Licence shall be accompanied by:
 - (1) The fee as set out in the applicable City User Fees and Charges By-law; (0251-2021)
 - (2) Confirmation that the exemption as described in subsection 5(3) of this By-law has been renewed or has not been revoked; and
 - (3) Any other documentation or information as may be required by the Licence Manager.
8. A zoning certificate will not be required by the Licence Manager for a renewal Licence if a zoning certificate was previously received as per subsection 5(2) of this By-law approving the use of the property for that which the renewal application has been made.
 - (1) Where a zoning certificate has been issued based upon the use being approved by a Committee of Adjustment decision, the zoning certificate is subject to all conditions and restrictions imposed by the Committee of Adjustment on the use, including the term that the use is permitted, and upon expiry of the term, as permitted by the Committee of Adjustment, the zoning certificate shall no longer be valid.
9. Where a corporation applies for a renewal of a Licence and there has been no change in the officers or directors of the corporation, only a copy of the last annual return filed must be submitted by the Applicant.

REVIEW OF APPLICATION FOR A LICENCE BY THE LICENCE MANAGER

10. The Licence Manager shall receive, process and review all applications for all new Licences and renewals of Licences under this By-law.
11. The Licence Manager shall maintain complete records showing all applications received and Licences issued.
12. The Licence Manager shall have the power and authority to:
 - (1) Issue a new or renew a Licence;
 - (2) Revoke a Licence;
 - (3) Suspend a Licence; and
 - (4) Impose terms or conditions on a Licence.

ISSUANCE OF A LICENCE

13. When an application for a new Licence or renewal of a Licence is made in accordance with sections 5 or 7 respectively and the Applicant meets all the requirements of this By-law, the Licence Manager shall issue a Licence.
14. Notwithstanding section 13 of this By-law, a Licence Manager may refuse to issue a new or renew a Licence or suspend a Licence on any of the grounds listed in section 21.

15. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this By-law, the Licence Manager may impose terms and conditions on any Licence at issuance, renewal or any time during the Licence period including but not limited to:
 - (1) Conditions restricting the hours of business; and
 - (2) Any conditions that are necessary to give effect to this By-law.
16. (1) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this By-law, the Licence Manager may impose additional fees on a Licensee, by way of a notice of additional fees at any time during the term of a Licence for costs incurred by the City attributable to the activities of the Licensee.
 - (2) The notice of additional fees shall be sent to the Licensee by registered mail and shall provide the Licensee with sixty (60) days to pay the outstanding amount from the date of such notice.
17. All Licences issued pursuant to this By-law shall expire one (1) year from the date of issuance.

RETURN OF THE LICENCE

18. When a Licence has been revoked, deemed unrenovable or suspended according to section 21 of this By-law, the holder of the Licence shall return the Licence to the Licence Manager within twenty four (24) hours of service of written notice of the decision of the Licence Manager.
19. Notwithstanding section 18, the Licence Manager or Officer may enter upon the Premises of the Licensee for the purpose of receiving or removing the said Licence, when a Licensee has his/her Licence revoked, deemed unrenovable or suspended under this By-law.
20. The Licensee shall notify the Licence Manager of any change in ownership of the Methadone Clinic or Methadone Pharmacy and shall surrender his, her or its Licence to the Licence Manager within seventy-two (72) hours of the completion of such change.

GROUND FOR REFUSAL TO ISSUE/RENEW, REVOKE OR SUSPEND A LICENCE

21. A Licence Manager may refuse to issue/renew, revoke, or suspend a Licence where there are reasonable grounds to believe that:
 - (1) an application or other document provided to the Licence Manager by or on behalf of the Applicant contains a false statement or false information; or
 - (2) Any physician(s) operating under a Licence is/are not in compliance with any of the rules, regulations or policies as set by the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario including but not limited to the Methadone Maintenance Treatment for Opioid Dependence and the Methadone Maintenance Treatment Program Standards and Clinical Guidelines; or
 - (3) Any pharmacists operating under a Licence is/are not in compliance with any of the rules, regulations or policies as set out by the Ontario College of Pharmacists including but not limited to the Methadone Maintenance Treatment and Dispensing Policy; or
 - (4) the Applicant or Licensee has failed to pay any fine imposed by a court as a sentence arising from convictions for breach of a By-law enacted by the City; or
 - (5) any additional fees imposed on a Licensee as set out in section 16 remain unpaid after the due date as indicated in the notice of additional fees sent to the Licensee; or
 - (6) The Applicant or Licensee does not meet all the requirements of:
 - a. this By-law or any other City By-law, including the Zoning By-law 225-07, as amended; or

- b. the *Building Code Act* and the *Fire Protection and Prevention Act*, and the Regulations of both legislations; or
 - c. any other federal and provincial laws and municipal by-laws.
- (7) The financial position of the Applicant or Licensee affords reasonable grounds to believe that the Applicant or Licensee would not operate the Methadone Clinic or Methadone Pharmacy in a financially responsible manner; or
 - (8) The past or present conduct of the Applicant or Licensee, or any partner, in the case of an Applicant or Licensee which is a partnership, or of any director or officer of the corporation, if the Applicant or Licensee is a corporation, affords reasonable grounds for the belief that the Applicant or Licensee will not carry on the activity for which they are to be licensed or to continue to be licensed in accordance with any applicable law and with integrity and honesty.
22. After a decision is made by the Licence Manager to refuse to issue/renew, revoke, or suspend a Licence, written notice of that decision shall be given to the Applicant or Licensee advising the Applicant or Licensee of the Licence Manager's decision with respect to the application or Licence.
 23. The written notice to be given under section 22 shall:
 - (1) Set out the grounds for the decision;
 - (2) Give reasonable particulars of the grounds;
 - (3) Be signed by the Licence Manager; and
 - (4) indicate the final date for giving notice of appeal from the decision. (0051-2023)

APPEAL (0051-2023)

24. An Applicant or Licensee who has been served with notice of a decision under section 22 may appeal to the Mississauga Appeals and Property Standards Committee by sending a notice of appeal to the Committee Coordinator within 10 days after being served with notice of the decision and paying the appeal fee as set out in the User Fees and Charges By-law 0244-2022. (0051-2023)
25. A decision that is not appealed within the time referred to in section 24 shall be final. (0051-2023)
26. An appeal under section 24 shall be commenced by a notice of appeal in such form as is required by the rules of the Mississauga Appeals and Property Standards Committee or if no such rule applies, in a written form setting out the reasons for the appeal. (0051-2023)
27. No person shall be permitted to re-apply for a Licence or a renewal of a Licence within one year after the date of the Licence Manager's decision to refuse to issue, renew or revoke a Licence pursuant to this by-law, or if such decision was appealed and the decision was upheld on appeal, from the date of the decision on the appeal. (0051-2023)
28. Deleted by By-law 0051-2023.
29. Deleted by By-law 0051-2023.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

30. Every Licensee shall prominently display the Licence at the Premises at all times and shall produce the Licence upon request by the Licence Manager or Officer.
31. Every Licence, at all times, is owned by and is the property of the City and is valid only in respect of the Person and for the Methadone Clinic or Methadone Pharmacy named therein.
32. A separate Licence shall be required for each Methadone Clinic or Methadone Pharmacy even if they operate on the same Premises.
33. (1) When a Licensee changes his or her name or address or any information relating to

the Licence, he or she shall notify the Licence Manager within three (3) days of the change of address or any other information relating to his or her Licence and shall return the Licence immediately to the Licence Manager for amendment.

- (2) When the Licensee is a corporation, and there is any change in the following information given on the application, namely: the names and addresses of officers and directors, the location of the corporate head office, and/or change of ownership of shares, the Licensee shall report the change to the Licensing Section within three (3) days of the change, and if necessary, the Licence shall be returned immediately to the Licence Manager for amendment.

34. Every Licensee shall keep the Premises in a clean and sanitary condition at all times including removing all refuse or debris from the Premises.

GENERAL PROHIBITIONS

35. No Person shall:

- (1) own or operate a Methadone Clinic or Methadone Pharmacy unless the Person is licensed under this By-law;
- (2) represent to the public that the Person is licensed under this By-law if the Person is not so licensed;
- (1) contravene or fail to comply with a term or condition of his, her or its Licence imposed under this By-law;
- (2) operate a Methadone Clinic or Methadone Pharmacy while their Licence issued under this By-law is under suspension; or
- (5) transfer a Licence issued under this By-law.

36. No Licensee shall permit any person to loiter, create a disturbance or cause undue noise while on the Premises.

GENERAL POWERS OF OFFICERS

37. An Officer may at any reasonable time, enter upon and inspect the Premises of any Licensee to ensure that the provisions of this By-law are complied with.

38. Upon an inspection, every Person shall produce all relevant Licences and permits, invoices, vouchers or like documents and all documents required to be kept and maintained under this By-law which may be removed for the purpose of photocopying and returned to the Licensee within forty-eight (48) hours of removal.

39. No Person shall obstruct the Officer inspecting the Premises or withhold, destroy, conceal or refuse to furnish any information or thing required by the Officer for the purpose of the inspection.

40. Where a Licensee contravenes any provision of this By-law, an Officer may:

- (1) Serve a written notice on the Licensee, advising of the contravention and directing compliance; or
- (2) Direct in a written order that a thing or matter is required to be done, and in default of such matter or thing being done, the matter or thing will be done at the Licensee's expense by the City and the City will recover the expense by action or in like manner as municipal taxes.

NOTICE

41. Any notice or order required to be given or served under this By-law is sufficiently given or served, if delivered personally or sent by registered mail, addressed to the Person to whom delivery or service is required to be made at the last address for service appearing on the records of the Licence Manager.

42. When service is made by registered mail, the service shall be deemed to be effected on the tenth (10th) day after the date provided on the letter, unless the Person on whom

service is being made establishes that he did not, acting in good faith, through absence, accident, illness, or other cause beyond his control, receive the notice or order until a later date.

PENALTY

43. Every Person who contravenes any provision of this By-law, and every director or officer of a corporation who concurs in such contravention by the corporation, is guilty of an offence and is liable to a fine, and such other penalties, as provided for in the *Provincial Offences Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. P. 33, and the *Municipal Act, 2001*, as both may be amended from time to time.
44. In addition to section 43 of this By-law, any Person who is charged with an offence under this By-law in accordance with Part III of the *Provincial Offences Act* and is found guilty of the offence, is liable, in addition to any other penalties:
 - (1) If a living person, to a fine of not more than \$25,000; or
 - (2) If a corporation, to a fine of not more than \$50,000.

MISCELLANEOUS

45. Any section of this By-law, or any part thereof, that is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid shall be severable, and the remainder of the By-law shall continue to be valid.
46. All schedules attached to this By-law shall form part of this By-law.
47. 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 so requires.

SHORT TITLE

48. This By-law may be referred to as the Methadone Licensing By-law.

ENACTED AND PASSED this 2ND day of July, 2014.

Signed by Hazel McCallion, Mayor and Crystal Greer, City Clerk

**SCHEDULE A
LICENCE FEES**

(Amended by By-law 0251-2021)

This Schedule has been deleted by By-law 0251-2021.