

# ***THE CITY OF VAUGHAN***

# ***BY-LAW***

## **BY-LAW NUMBER 226-2022**

**A By-law to amend the Short-Term Rental Licensing By-law 158-2019, as amended, to allow applicants to apply for a Short-Term Rental Brokerage or Short-Term Rental Owner licence by other means in addition to in person, such as by mail, email, the online licensing portal, or other manner acceptable to the Director and Chief Licensing Officer of By-law and Compliance, Licensing and Permit Services.**

**WHEREAS** section 8(1) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25 ("*Municipal Act*"), as amended, provides that the powers of a municipality shall be interpreted broadly as to confer broad authority on a municipality to (a) enable it to govern its affairs as it considers appropriate, and (b) enhance its ability to respond to municipal issues;

**AND WHEREAS** section 11(2) of the *Municipal Act*, as amended, provides that a lower-tier municipality may pass by-laws respecting health, safety and well-being of persons and protection of persons and property, including consumer protection;

**AND WHEREAS** section 11(3) of the *Municipal Act*, as amended, provides that a lower-tier municipality may pass by-laws respecting business licensing;

**AND WHEREAS** section 151(5) of the *Municipal Act*, as amended, provides that a lower-tier municipality may pass by-laws with respect to any activity, matter or thing for which a by-law may be passed under sections 9, 10 and 11 as if it were a system of licences with respect to a business;

**AND WHEREAS** the Council of the Corporation of the City of Vaughan deems the licensing of short-term rental brokerages and owners and the regulation of all related activity to be in the interest of public safety, community well-being and nuisance control;

**AND WHEREAS** By-law and Compliance, Licensing and Permit Services now offers several choices for applicants to apply for various licences and permits, including in person, by email, by mail and online through a licensing portal website;

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

- (1) To amend the *Short-Term Rental Licensing By-law 158-2019*, as amended, to delete the current definition of "Applicant" in 3.0(1)(a) and to replace it with:

“Applicant” means a *Person* seeking to become licensed under this By-law (i.e., become a Licensee) and who makes such an application or does so through an Authorized Agent;

- (2) To amend the *Short-Term Rental Licensing By-law 158-2019*, as amended, to delete 4.0(6) and replace it with: “Despite 4.0(2) and 4.0(3), an application for a licence or a renewal thereof may be made in person or in a manner satisfactory to *Chief Licensing Officer*, either by the *Applicant*, or an *Authorized Agent*, provided that he or she has written authorization to do so from the *Applicant* and provides one piece of Canadian government photo identification, both to the satisfaction of the *Chief Licensing Officer*.”

Enacted by City of Vaughan Council this 28<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2022.

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Hon. Maurizio Bevilacqua, Mayor

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Todd Coles, City Clerk