

THE CITY OF VAUGHAN

BY-LAW

BY-LAW NUMBER 188-2025

A By-law to amend Nuisance By-law 124-2024, as amended, to regulate conduct in relation to solicitation and loitering in the City of Vaughan.

WHEREAS section 128(1) the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, c. 25 states that a local 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 the Corporation of the City of Vaughan has passed Nuisance By-law 124-2024 to address nuisance on public property and public places;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the City of Vaughan wishes to maintain public safety, control nuisances and promote community standards by regulating conduct related to unsafe loitering and misleading solicitation;

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

1. THAT By-law 124-2024, as amended, is hereby further amended as follows:
 - (a) by deleting and replacing the definition of “Highway” with:

“Highway” includes a common and public *Highway*, street, avenue, parkway, driveway, square, place, bridge, viaduct or trestle, any part of which is intended for or used by the general public for the passage of *Vehicles*, whether under the jurisdiction of the City of Vaughan or the Region of York, and includes the area between the lateral property lines thereof;
 - (b) by deleting and replacing the definition of “Roadway” with:

“Roadway” means the part of the Highway, including on or within the travelled portion, that is improved, designed or ordinarily used for vehicular traffic;

- (c) by adding the definition of Sight Triangle:

“Site Triangle” means the area of a corner lot which is formed by measuring from the projected point of intersection of the two street curbs abutting the front and exterior side lot lines a distance of:

- i. 5 metres in the case of local to local street;
- ii. 8 metres in the case of local or collector to collector street; or
- iii. 15 metres in the case of local, collector or arterial to arterial street to two points, and the triangle area formed by the joining of those two points;

- (d) by adding the following definition of Loitering:

“Loitering” means the act of remaining, lingering, idling or travelling with frequent passes without an apparent destination or purposeful activity or obstructing or making difficult the passage of *Persons*;

- (e) by adding the following definition of Soliciting:

“Soliciting” means to request, in person, the immediate provision of money or another thing of value, regardless of whether consideration is offered or provided in return, using the spoken, written or printed word, a gesture or other means;

- (f) by adding the following subparagraphs to the definition of Nuisance:

(u) Soliciting a *Person* in a manner that causes a reasonable person to believe in a set of facts and circumstances which are not true, such as:

- i. wearing or displaying clothing, signage, or using props in a manner that gives the impression of personal destitution with the intent to elicit donations from the public; or
- ii. impersonating a person in need of immediate financial or material assistance where such representation is knowingly inaccurate;

(v) Loitering in a *Roadway*;

(w) Loitering in a *Sight Triangle*.

Voted in favour by City of Vaughan Council this 24th day of June, 2025.

Steven Del Duca, Mayor

Todd Coles, City Clerk

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Authorized by Item No. 28 of Report No. 25 of the Committee of the Whole.
Report adopted by Vaughan City Council on June 24, 2025.
City Council voted in favour of this by-law on June 24, 2025.
Approved by Mayoral Decision MDC 010-2025 dated June 24, 2025.
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