

Dear Councillors and Mayor,

Please do NOT adopt this new Public Space Use Bylaw. It is an egregious and discriminatory set of rules that does nothing to improve the safety of the most vulnerable. In fact it makes them less safe by expanding the powers of the City Bylaw enforcement to criminalize and punish those who are just trying to survive. Imposing new and complicated rules on people who have no decent shelter, are not sure where their next meal is coming from and require healthcare and/or medical treatment is an exercise in futility and cruelty. They do not have the capacity to conform to these rules and even if they did they shouldn't have to as these rules violate their human rights.

Thank you!

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