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A bylaw to Regulate and Control Aggressive Solicitation

WHEREAS Council wishes to exercise its authority pursuant to the *Community Charter [SBC] 2003, c.26*;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed necessary to regulate, abate and prohibit aggressive solicitation in the City of Maple Ridge;

AND WHEREAS section 8 (3) (h) of the *Community Charter* provides authority to prevent, abate and prohibit nuisances for the protection and enhancement of the well-being of its community in relation to matters referred to in section 64 [nuisances, disturbances and other objectionable situations];

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to section 64 of the *Community Charter*, the Council of the City of Maple Ridge, in open meeting assembled, **ENACTS AS FOLLOWS**:

Part 1 Citation

1.1 This bylaw may be cited as “Safer Streets Bylaw No. 7581 – 2019”

Part 2 Severability

2.1 If a portion of this bylaw is held invalid by a Court of competent jurisdiction, then the invalid portion must be severed and the remainder of this bylaw is deemed to have been adopted without the severed section, subsequent, paragraph, subparagraph, clause or phrase.

Part 3 Definitions

3.1 In this bylaw:

Automated Bank Teller Machine means a device linked to a financial institution’s account records which is able to carry out transactions, including, but not limited to, account transfers, withdrawals, deposits, balance inquiries, and mortgage and loan payments;

Bus Stop means a section of the street which is reserved for the loading and unloading of buses and where parking and stopping of all other vehicles is prohibited;

Financial Institution includes a bank, credit union, cheque cashing business and trust company;

Solicit means to, without consideration, ask for money, donations, goods or other things of value whether by spoken, written or printed word or bodily gesture, for oneself or for another person, but excludes a person acting as a “solicitor for charity”, as that term is defined in the *Business Licencing and Regulation Bylaw No. 6815-2011*.

Street means any roadway, sidewalk, boulevard, place or way which the public is ordinarily entitled or permitted to use for the passage of vehicles or pedestrians and includes a structure located in any of those areas;

Traffic Control Signal means a traffic control signal as defined in the *Motor Vehicle Act*, RSBC 1996, c 318;

Part 4 Prohibitions

4.1 No person may **solicit** in a manner that causes an obstruction

4.2 For the purposes of 4.1 “cause an obstruction” means:

- a) To sit or lie on a street in a manner which obstructs or impedes the convenient passage of any pedestrian traffic in a street;
- b) To continue to **solicit** from or otherwise harass a pedestrian after that person has made a negative initial response to the solicitation or has otherwise indicated a refusal;
- c) To physically approach and solicit from a pedestrian as a member of a group of three or more persons.

4.3 No person shall **solicit** within 10 metres of:

- a) an entrance to a **financial institution**;
- b) an **automated teller machine**;
- c) a **bus stop**;
- d) a daycare centre;
- e) the entrance to a liquor store; or
- f) an entrance to a licensed non-medical cannabis retailer.

- 4.4 No person shall **solicit** from a driver or passenger of a motor vehicle:
- a) while the motor vehicle is parked;
 - b) while the motor vehicle is stopped at a **traffic control signal**;
 - c) while the driver or passenger is at a gas station and in the act of filling the motor vehicle with fuel; or
 - d) in a manner which obstructs or impedes the convenient passage of any vehicular traffic in a street.
- 4.5 No person shall **solicit** after sunset on any given day.

Part 5 Offence and Penalty

- 5.1 Every person who violates a provision of this bylaw, or who consents, allows or permits an act or thing to be done in violation of a provision of this bylaw, or who neglects to or refrains from doing anything required to be done by a provision of this bylaw, is guilty of an offence and is liable to the penalties imposed under this bylaw, and is guilty of a separate offence each day that a violation continues to exist.
- 5.2 Every person who commits an offence is liable on summary conviction to a fine or to imprisonment, or to both a fine and imprisonment, not exceeding the maximum allowed by the *Offence Act*.

READ A FIRST TIME this 29th day of October, 2019.

READ A SECOND TIME this 29th day of October, 2019.

READ A THIRD TIME this 29th day of October, 2019.

ADOPTED this 12th day of November, 2019.

PRESIDING MEMBER

CORPORATE OFFICER