Agenda – Executive Policy Committee – December 16, 2025

BUDGET REVIEW

Item No. 9 Amendment to the Tax Penalty By-law 5796/91 and Tax Sale Penalty By-law 8157/2002

COUNCIL DECISION:

On November 27, 2025, Council concurred in the recommendation of the Executive Policy Committee, which included the following recommendation:

3. That the reduced penalty revenue of $2.3 million annually be referred to the 2026 Budget Review Process.

DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

COUNCIL DECISION:

On November 27, 2025, Council concurred in the recommendation of the Executive Policy Committee and adopted the following:

1. That Council enact a by-law to amend the Tax Penalty By-law No. 5796/92, and the Tax Sale Penalty By-law No. 8157/2002 in accordance with this report, a draft of which is attached to this report as Appendix B. These amendments:

    A. Reduce the 7.50 percent penalty rate to 2.5 percent in August for business taxes and September for property taxes.

    B. Eliminate the tax sale penalty of 10 percent applicable on the date of tax sale offset by increasing the monthly tax sale penalty from 2.5 percent to 2.75 percent.

2. That, subject to approval of Recommendation 1, the Public Service adjust tax accounts for property and business owners to reflect the reduced penalty rate effective January 1, 2025.

3. That the reduced penalty revenue of $2.3 million annually be referred to the 2026 Budget Review Process.

4. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.