APPENDIX A
JURISDICTIONAL SCAN - PROTECTING VULNERABLE SOCIAL INFRASTRUCTURE - BY-LAW CONTENT (v.December 2025)

	Vaughan, ON	Brampton, ON	Calgary, AB	Toronto, ON	Oakville, ON
BY-LAW #	143-2024	173-2024	17M2023	488-2025	2025-088
BY-LAW NAME	Protecting Vulnerable Social Infrastructure By-Law	Protecting Places of Worship from Nuisance Demonstrations By-law	Safe and Inclusive Access By-law	City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 743, Streets and Sidewalks, Use of, to provide access to Social Infrastructure	Safe Access to Places of Worship By-law
DATE PASSED	June 25, 2024	November 20, 2024	March 14, 2023	May 22, 2025	May 12, 2025
BY-LAW SCOPE (TYPES OF FACILITIES)	Childcare centres, congregate care facilities, hospitals, schools, places of worship	Places of worship	Recreation facilities (city operated swimming pool, hockey or skating rink, fitness centre or gym) Libraries	Places of worship, schools, childcare centres	Places of worship
BY-LAW SCOPE (TYPES OF BEHAVIOURS)	Behaviour, whether it is intended or not, that is likely, on an objective standard, to cause a reasonable Person to be intimidated, meaning that they are either concerned for their safety or security, or they are unable to access Vulnerable Social Infrastructure. For greater certainty, intimidation can be caused by, but not only by, actions or expressions that incite hatred, violence, intolerance or discrimination	Behaviour, whether it is intended or not, that is likely, on an objective standard, to cause a reasonable Person to be intimidated, meaning that they are either concerned for their safety or security, or they are unable to access any Place of Worship. For greater certainty, intimidation can be caused by, but not only by, actions or expressions that incite hatred, violence, intolerance or discrimination	N/A	No person shall: (1) perform or attempt to perform an act of discouragement concerning a person's attendance at, use of, or attempts to attend or use Social Infrastructure; (2) persistently request that a person refrain from accessing Social Infrastructure; (3) obstruct, hinder or interfere or attempt to obstruct, hinder or interfere with another person's access of or attempt to access Social Infrastructure; or (4) express an objection or disapproval towards any person based on race, ancestry, place of origin, colour, ethnic origin, citizenship, religion/creed, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, age, marital status, family status, disability or the receipt of public assistance by any means, including graphic, verbal, or written means.	Specified Protest Activity means a person(s) engaging in any of the following: (a) advise or persuade, or attempt to advise or persuade, a person to refrain from accessing a place of worship; (b) persistently request that a person refrain from accessing a place of worship; (c) physically interfere with or attempt to physically interfere with a person accessing a place of worship; (d) repeatedly approach, accompany or follow a person accessing a place of worship; or (e) intimidate or attempt to intimidate a person or otherwise do or say anything that could reasonably be expected to cause concern for a person's physical or mental safety when accessing a place of worship.

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BY-LAW SCOPE (TYPES OF DEMONSTRATIONS)	Nuisance Demonstration means one or more Persons, publicly and in person, protesting against something or expressing views on any issue, in any manner, whether it is intended or not, that is likely, on an objective standard, to cause a reasonable Person to be intimidated, meaning that they are either concerned for their safety or security, or they are unable to access Vulnerable Social Infrastructure. For greater certainty, intimidation can be caused by, but not only by, actions or expressions that incite hatred, violence, intolerance or discrimination	Nuisance demonstration means one or more Persons, publicly and in person, protesting against something or expressing views on any issue, in any manner, whether it is intended or not, that is likely, on an objective standard, to cause a reasonable Person to be intimidated, meaning that they are either concerned for their safety or security, or they are unable to access any Place of Worship. For greater certainty, intimidation can be caused by, but not only by, actions or expressions that incite hatred, violence, intolerance or discrimination	Specified protest means an expression of objection or disapproval towards an idea or action related to race, religious beliefs, colour, gender, gender identity, gender expression, physical disability, mental disability, age, ancestry, place of origin, marital status, source of income, family status or sexual orientation by any means, including graphic, verbal, or written means, but does not include messaging at an event scheduled by a recreation facility.	N/A	Specified Protest Activity means a person(s) engaging in any of the following: (a) advise or persuade, or attempt to advise or persuade, a person to refrain from accessing a place of worship; (b) persistently request that a person refrain from accessing a place of worship; (c) physically interfere with or attempt to physically interfere with a person accessing a place of worship; (d) repeatedly approach, accompany or follow a person accessing a place of worship; or (e) intimidate or attempt to intimidate a person or otherwise do or say anything that could reasonably be expected to cause concern for a person's physical or mental safety when accessing a place of worship.
DISTANCE RESTRICTION	Within 100 metres	Within 100 metres	Within 100 metres	Within 50 metres	Within 50 metres
DISTANCE REFERENCE POINT	Property line	Property line	Facility entrance Inside facilities	Boundaries of property on which Social Infrastructure is located	Boundaries of the property line
PENALTIES	Minimum Fine: $500 Maximum Fine: $100,000 Continuing Offence: minimum of $500/day; maximum of $10,000/day Administrative Penalty: $750	Minimum Fine: $500 Maximum Fine: $100,000 Continuing Offence: minimum of $500/day; maximum of $10,000/day Administrative Penalty: TBD	Maximum fine: $10,000 Imprisonment: 1 year	Maximum & minimum fines not defined in by-law 488-2025. Penalties are issued pursuant to Ontario's *Provincial Offences Act,* which were identified as up to $5,000.	Minimum Fine: $25,000 Maximum Fine: $50,000 Administrative Penalty, First Offence: $300 Administrative Penalty, Second Offence: $400 Administrative Penalty, Third Offence: $500
APPEAL OPTION (FINES)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
LEGAL AUTHORITY CITED	Municipal Act Provincial Offences Act Administrative Monetary Penalties By-Law	Municipal Act Community Safety & Policing Act, 2019 Provincial Offences Act Administrative Penalty (Non-Parking) By-Law (218-2019)	Municipal Government Act Human Rights Act Peace Officer Act Provincial Offences Procedure Act	Courts of Justice Act City of Toronto Act Provincial Offences Act	Municipal Act Administrative Penalties for Non-Parking Violations and Orders By-Law
EXCEPTIONS	Peaceful gatherings, protests, or demonstrations including activities that occur as part of labour union strikes	Labour union strike Protesting against foreign governments	Nil	Labour disputes	Labour action
ENFORCEMENT RESPONSIBILITY	City enforcement services; York Regional Police	City by-law officers; Peel Regional Police; Ontario Provincial Police	By-law enforcement officers; peace officers; Calgary Police Service	Enforcement officer; police officer	Any person authorized by Oakville to enforce by-laws, Municipal Law Enforcement Officers, police officers, provincial offences officers

SOURCES:

Vaughan, ON https://www.vaughan.ca/sites/default/files/2024-06/143-2024.pdf?file-verison=1765306847886

Brampton, ON https://www.brampton.ca/EN/City-Hall/Bylaws/All%20Bylaws/Protecting%20Places%20of%20Worship%20from%20Public%20Nuisance%20Demonstrations%20By-law%20173-2024.pdf

Calgary, AB https://www.calgary.ca/bylaws/safe-and-inclusive-access-bylaw.html

Toronto, ON https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/bylaws/2025/law0488.pdf

Oakville, ON https://bylaws.oakville.ca/bylaws-all/2025-088