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## Notice of Motion to Enhance Enforcement and Penalties for Blocking Intersections ("Blocking the Box")

Moved: Councillor Tedjo

Seconded: Councillor Kovac

WHEREAS blocking intersections, known as "blocking the box," significantly impedes traffic flow and increases the risk of accidents involving motorists, cyclists, and pedestrians;

WHEREAS the City of Mississauga is committed to ensuring safe and efficient movement of traffic within its jurisdiction;

WHEREAS Section 4(5)(a) of Mississauga's Traffic By-law 555-00 prohibits drivers from entering an intersection on a green signal unless they can reasonably clear it before the signal turns red;

WHEREAS enhanced enforcement and increased penalties have proven effective in other municipalities, such as Toronto, in reducing the incidence of blocking intersections;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Staff bring back a report to Council on recommendations regarding fines for violations of Section 4(5)(a) of Traffic By-law 555-00, with a scan of neighbouring jurisdictions;
2. That the report includes a signage and communications plan for key intersections prone to congestion, informing drivers of the increased fines and the importance of keeping intersections clear;
3. That the City engages with Peel Regional Police to enhance enforcement efforts targeting drivers who block intersections, particularly during peak traffic hours;
4. That the City explores the feasibility of utilizing technology, such as automated cameras, for the enforcement of intersection-blocking violations;
5. And that staff reports back to Council with findings and recommendations by the end of the calendar year.

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