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Bill No. 180

## CITY OF HAMILTON

## BY-LAW NO. 08-180

## To Provide for Amended Collection Agency Fees

WHEREAS Council desires to provide that the fees charged by registered collection agencies working on behalf of the City be recovered from the debtor as part of the debt, and the City from time to time retains such agencies at reasonable and approved rates for its collection including for fines and costs under the Provincial Offences Act, which requires an amendment to City By-law No. 07-007;

**AND WHEREAS** the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, Chapter 25, section 304 allows the recovery of registered collection agency fees at rates approved by Council on debts of the municipality;

**NOW THEREFORE** the Council of the City of Hamilton enacts as follows:

- 1. City By-law No. 07-007 is hereby amended by repealing and replacing section 2 with the following;
  - "2. (1) Subject to subsection (2), the Collection Agency of shall include and recover a collection fee on the City debt assigned, calculated at the following rates:
    - ten percent (10%) of a debt owed by a corporation; and (a)
    - (b) fifteen point nine percent (15.9%) of a debt owed by an individual.

- (2) Where the City re-assigns the outstanding debt or part for collection to a second Collection Agency, the second Collection Agency shall recover a collection fee on the City debt assigned, calculated at the following rates:
  - (a) ten percent (10%) of a debt owed by a corporation; and
  - (b) thirty percent (30%) of a debt owed by an individual."
- 2. In all other respects City By-law No. 07-007 as amended is confirmed.
- 3. This by-law comes into force and effect on the date of enactment.

PASSED and ENACTED this 7<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2008.

Fred Eisenberger

Mayor

Kevin C. Christenson

City Clerk