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**Policy Statement:**     **Enforcement of New Business Operations Pending Rezoning Approval**

The Bylaw Services Division will enforce the *Business Bylaw* with respect to the licencing and operation of businesses prior to the disposition of a rezoning application regarding the premises at which the business will be conducted.

**Policy Procedure:**

Bylaw Services staff shall inform a business applicant that business operations which contravene the zoning bylaw for the business premises must not commence prior to a successful rezoning of the premises which allow the operation of that business activity.

This directive shall be delivered, in writing, to the business owner or the owner's agent. The directive shall notify the owner/agent that failure to comply with the directive will result in legal consequences including fines and injunctive action against the owner/agent.

The Bylaw Enforcement Officer may conduct an inspection of the premises following receipt of the directive in order to determine compliance with the above.

If the owner or occupant of the premises obstructs entry onto the site or premises for the purposes of an inspection in accordance with the bylaw, the Bylaw Enforcement Officer may issue a fine to the owner or occupant by *Municipal Ticket Information*.

If the business owner conducts, or attempts to conduct, business operations in violation of the directive noted above, the Bylaw Enforcement Officer shall commence legal action as described above.