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## **BY-LAW CONCERNING TOURIST GUIDES**

**1.** In this by-law, the following words mean:

"guided tour": a guided tour of historic sites, buildings and monuments, picturesque places or of a cultural character;

"to guide": to act as a tourist guide;

"tourist guide" or "guide": a person who holds a certificate of qualification as such, issued by an institution accredited by the Ministère de l'Éducation et de la Science, and designated by the executive committee.

**2.** No guided tours may be conducted without the permit referred to in article 7.

**3.** Article 2 does not apply to a prerecorded text, provided it is broadcast inside a vehicle and has been filed beforehand with the city archives, together with a certificate from the director of the Service du développement économique attesting to its accuracy.

95-085, a. 42.

**4.** Article 2 does not apply to persons who conduct tours only of the institution or establishment where they work.

**5.** A pilgrimage involving the tour of more than one place of worship or other places in the city is a guided tour; guides must hold the permit provided for in article 7.

**6.** Each firm or organization offering guided tours must hire guides holding the permit referred to in article 7.

**7.** A tourist guide permit is issued to any person who is a tourist guide and complies with chapter II of the By-law concerning special taxes on businesses, occupations and activities (chapter T-3). However, volunteer guides are exempted from paying permit issue fees.

95-246, a. 31.

**8.** In the discharge of his duties, each tourist guide must:

- (1) display the identification card provided by the city and bearing his photograph and tourist guide permit number on the first side, and social insurance number on the back;

- (2) be properly and decently dressed;
- (3) not be under the influence of alcohol or drugs;
- (4) convey information strictly in accordance with historical, geographic, economic, social and cultural facts.

**9.** No vehicle used for guided tours may be parked elsewhere than at a station designated for that purpose by the director of the Service des travaux publics.

**10.** No tourist guides may, whether on sidewalks, on streets, in parks or in public places:

- (1) address passers-by by words or gestures, and offer them their services or those of their employers;
- (2) conduct advertising for commercial establishments, restaurants, hotels or similar establishments;
- (3) impede pedestrian traffic.

**11.** The director of the Service du développement économique may require that tourist guides who, before August 30, 1984, held a tourist guide permit under the By-law concerning tourist guides (2519), to pass a qualifying examination whose conditions he determines.

No person who fails that examination may have his permit renewed. However, a new permit may be obtained by complying with the provisions of article 7.

95-085, a. 43.

**12.** The executive committee may, by ordinance:

- (1) designate the institutions authorized to issue tourist guide certificates of qualification;
- (2) set the eligibility and other terms and conditions governing tourist guide courses and examinations, examination subject matter, applicant evaluation criteria, and procedure to obtain related certificates;
- (3) provide periodic retraining courses for tourist guides, and set their terms and conditions;
- (4) establish a tourist guide language proficiency evaluation method;
- (5) plan guided tours;
- (6) require that tourist guides file their fee schedule or set their fees.

**13.** Any peace officer or city agent who believes on reasonable grounds that a person not holding the permit provided for in this by-law acts as a tourist guide may order that person to immediately cease all activities.

Any person who fails to comply with the order of a peace officer or city agent, or resumes work after having stopped, contravenes this by-law.

**14.** Any person who contravenes this by-law is guilty of an offence and is liable:

- (1) for a first offence, to a fine of \$100 to \$300;
- (2) for a second offence, to a fine of \$300 to \$500;

(3) for a subsequent offence, to a fine of \$500 to \$1000.

**15.** A tourist guide who has been convicted of 2 offences under this by-law in the same year loses the right to renew his permit for a period of one year following the one during which he was found guilty of a second offence.