

**VILLE DE MONTRÉAL**  
**BY-LAW**  
**R.B.C.M., c. P-6 (office consolidation)**

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**BY-LAW CONCERNING THE PREVENTION OF BREACHES OF THE PEACE,  
PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY, AND THE USE OF PUBLIC PROPERTY**

**OFFICE CONSOLIDATION OF MAY 19, 2012**

**(R.B.C.M., c. P-6 - including amendments under by-laws 95-085 and 00-259- the whole,  
as amended by by-law 12-024)**

1. Every person is entitled to the use and enjoyment of public thoroughfares, parks and places, as well as of public property of the city, in peace, order and safety.
2. No assemblies, parades or other gatherings that disturb the peace, public order and safety may be held on public thoroughfares, in parks and places or other areas of public property.
  - 2.1. The exact location and itinerary, as the case may be, of an assembly, parade or other gathering must be disclosed, prior to the event, to the director of the *Service de police* or to the officer in charge.

Every assembly, parade or gathering for which the location or itinerary has not been disclosed, or that does not take place at the disclosed location or in accordance with the disclosed itinerary is deemed an assembly, parade or gathering held in violation of this by-law.

This provision does not apply where the *Service de police*, for the purposes of preventing breaches of the peace, public order and safety, demands that the disclosed location or itinerary be changed.

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12-024, a. 1.

3. No person participating in or present at an assembly, parade or gathering on public property may molest or jostle citizens also using public property on that occasion, or obstruct their movement, pace or presence.

**3.1.** No person participating in or present at an assembly, parade or gathering on public property may carry or have in his possession, without a reasonable excuse, a blunt instrument that is not used for the purposes for which it is intended.

For the purposes of this article, a blunt instrument is a baseball bat, a hockey stick and any other stick or bat.

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00-259, a. 1.

**3.2.** No person who participates in or attends an assembly, parade or gathering on public property may cover their face without a reasonable motive, namely using a scarf, hood or mask.

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12-024, a. 2.

**4.** Every assembly, parade or gathering on public property that gives rise to a breach of this by-law or gives rise to acts, behaviors or utterances that disturb the peace and public order, endangers the peace, public order and safety under article 2, and must be immediately dispersed.

**5.** Where the executive committee believes on reasonable grounds that the holding of an assembly, parade or gathering will create a commotion, endanger the peace, public order and safety, or give rise to those acts, it may, by ordinance and where an exceptional situation warrants preventive measures to maintain peace and order, prohibit, for a period to be determined and at any time it sets, the holding of any assembly, parade or gathering on all or part of public property.

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95-085, a. 64.

**6.** Every person must immediately comply with the order of a peace officer to leave the scene of an assembly, parade or gathering held in violation of this by-law.

**6.1.** This by-law applies to the entire city territory and replaces any provision that is similar or pertains to the same object, in as much as such provision is inconsistent with a provision of this by-law.

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12-024, a. 3.

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

- (1) for a first offence, to a fine of \$500 to \$1,000;
- (2) for a second offence, to a fine of \$1,000 to \$2,000;
- (3) for a subsequent offence, to a fine of \$2,000 to \$3,000.

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12-024, a. 4.

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*This consolidation of the By-law concerning the prevention of breaches of the peace, public order and safety, and the use of public property (R.B.C.M., c. P-6) contains amendments under the following by-law:*

- *12-024 By-law amending the By-law concerning the prevention of breaches of the peace, public order and safety, and the use of public property (R.B.C.M., c. P-6), adopted at the meeting of May 18, 2012.*