A By-law to Regulate and Control Panhandling

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VANCOUVER, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

- 1. This By-law may be cited as the "Panhandling By-law".
- 2. In this By-law

"automated teller machine" means a device linked to a financial institution's account records which is able to carry out transactions including, but not limited to, account transfers, deposits, withdrawals, balance inquiries and mortgage and loan payments,

"bus stop" means an area on a street for the stopping of buses only that

- (a) is delineated by 2 signs, or
- (b) extends 36 m from and in the direction indicated on 1 sign, or
- (c) is within 36 m of the approach side of a sign which identifies a location where buses stop to load or unload passengers,

"panhandle" means to beg for or, without consideration, ask for money, donations, goods or other things of value whether by spoken, written or printed word or bodily gesture for one's self or for any other person but does not include soliciting for charity by the holder of a license for soliciting for charity under the provisions of the License By-law,

"street" includes a public road, highway, bridge, viaduct, lane and sidewalk, and any other way normally open to the use of the public, but does not include a private right-of-way on private property,

"traffic control signal" means a traffic control signal as defined in the Motor Vehicle Act.

"trust company" means an office or branch of a trust company to which the *Trust and Loans Companies Act (Canada)* applies and in which deposit accounts are held.

- 3. No person shall panhandle on a street within 10 m of
 - (a) an entrance to a bank, credit union or trust company,
 - (b) an automated teller machine,
 - (c) a bus stop,
 - (d) a bus shelter, or
 - (e) the entrance to a liquor store.
- 4. No person shall panhandle from an occupant of a motor vehicle which is
 - (a) parked,
 - (b) stopped at a traffic control signal, or
 - (c) standing temporarily for the purpose of loading or unloading.
- 5. No person shall panhandle on a street at any time during the period from sunset to sunrise.
- 6. No person shall sit or lie on a street for the purpose of panhandling.
- 7. No person shall continue to panhandle on a street from a person after that person has made a negative response.
- 8. Every person who offends against any provision of this By-law, or who suffers or permits any act or thing to be done in contravention or in violation of any of the

provisions of this By-law, or who neglects to do, or refrains from doing anything required to be done by any of the provisions of this By-law, or who does any act or thing which violates any of the provisions of this By-law, shall be deemed to be guilty of an infraction of this By-law, and shall be liable to the penalties hereby imposed.

- 9. Every person who commits an offence against this By-law is liable to a fine and penalty of not more than \$2,000 and not less than \$100 for each offence.
- 10. This By-law comes into force and takes effect on the date of its passing.

DONE AND PASSED in open Council this 30th day of April

1998.

Mayor

City Clerk