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**Subject:** Amended final response - LGOIMA 423707 - [REDACTED] - Nuisance behaviour  
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Kia ora,

We refer to your information request below. Hamilton City Council provides the following response.

**Your request:**

*We are inquiring around the effectiveness of the following bylaw: Nuisance behaviour  
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**Our response:**

We would like to amend our response from below. We apologise for any inconvenience that this causes.

Crime within the Central City has reduced by 35% since the introduction of the Safety In Public Places Bylaw and Safety Officer Patrols. This is based on Police Statistics.

Our Hamilton City Council statistical data is based on interactions. These statistics do not reflect a reduction in breaches of the Bylaw. If begging is taken as an example, when the number of beggars reduce the interactions may not, as focus is then directed at those that continue to attempt to beg. When Safety Officers were first introduced there were approximately 80 beggars in our Central City. Currently there are approximately 7. Seldom are any of these 'Homeless'. We work very closely with The People's Project to ensure support is provided to anyone who is found Sleeping Rough. We also have a very close relationship with Police. The Safety Officers use passive techniques to move beggars, all of whom the team know well.

The following data covers the period from 1/1/2024 to 31/9/2024. These are incidents across the city that were responded to by Hamilton City Council, City Safe, Safety Officers.

I am available if you require any help to understand the data. I understand this may be for a school project. If it helps I can make myself available, via Teams, to answer any questions from the students.

	Total
Aggressive Behaviour	628
Anti Social Behaviour	1507
Assault	225
Begging	2452
Bylaw Animal Control	133
Bylaw Liquor	324
Consuming Mind Alter Substances	124
Drunkenness	190
Interfering with A Vehicle	230
Offensive Behaviour	98
Sleeping Obstruction	1329
Sleeping Rough	1732
Smoking Ban	1037
Suspicious Activity	1414
Theft	248
Theft Ex Car	158
Trespass Breach	121
Urinating/Defecating	51
042	12042

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**Ngaa mihi**

**Keeley Faulkner**

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**Subject:** Final response - LGOIMA 423707 - Brad Stokes Scassidy - Nuisance behaviour

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**Our response:**

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There are penalties under the Safety in Public Places Bylaw 2020 under section 6.1. Under section 242 of the Local Government Act 2002, any person who breaches this bylaw, commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding \$20,000. These fines are made by the Courts, which means we would need to prosecute a person. We haven't prosecuted any one in the recent past, our staff find that the best approach is to talk to people to try and get

them to change their behaviour. If we have serious concerns about behaviour that can't be resolved our staff would call the Police to attend an incident.

You can read the whole bylaw here: [https://storage.googleapis.com/hccproduction-web-assets/public/Uploads/Documents/Bylaws/Safety-in-Public-Places-Bylaw-2020\\_D-1630042\\_22-October-2020.pdf](https://storage.googleapis.com/hccproduction-web-assets/public/Uploads/Documents/Bylaws/Safety-in-Public-Places-Bylaw-2020_D-1630042_22-October-2020.pdf)

This bylaw is monitored in part by our CitySafe Unit, as we receive complaints, and also the NZ Police. We do not have stats on this as CitySafe attend complaints as they receive calls, they are not lodged.

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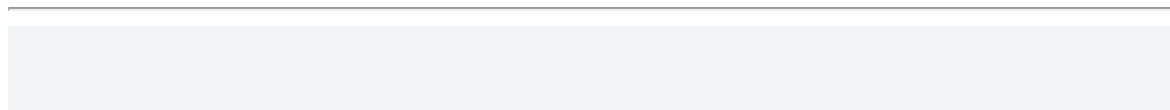
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**Subject:** General website enquiry - HCC-GEN-240830-XAQA0





## We've received an enquiry for you.

This request was received on 30 August 2024 @ 12:20PM.

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		<b>Phone number</b>	[REDACTED]	<b>How</b>	

**can we help?** Hi there,

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