



Press Statement

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Dublin businesses welcome new controls on begging

Dublin City BID (Business Improvement District) welcomes the introduction of the new begging legislation which was passed late yesterday evening.

Dublin City BID has been highlighting this issue for a number of years on behalf of its members. Working alongside the Lord Mayor of Dublin and other partners, Dublin City BID has represented the widespread view of its members that uncontrolled begging is severely impacting business and the reputation of the city internationally.

The issue of begging is something Dublin City BID has been monitoring since 2008. In the two year period from 2008 – 2010 the number of incidents of aggressive begging reported by Dublin City BID ambassadors has more than doubled.

Richard Guiney, CEO of Dublin City BID says “We are glad to see this legislation come into effect. Many of our members have expressed their concerns to us about begging close to the entrances of their business. This can be intimidating to their customers and under the new laws, this will no longer be permitted. We are encouraging our members to support the Gardai in the enforcement of this new legislation.”

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About Dublin City BID

Dublin City BID is a not for profit organisation charged with creating a welcoming and economically viable city environment. It represents 2,500 businesses in the city centre and works with its partners to enhance the appeal of the city centre as a place for shopping, recreation and business development by increasing footfall and improving overall trading performance.