

BYLAW NO. 4660, 2016

A Bylaw to amend Fire Prevention and Life Safety Bylaw No. 3712, 2005

WHEREAS:

- A. Council of the City of Coquitlam ("Council") has previously enacted the Fire Prevention and Life Safety Bylaw No. 3712, 2005 (the "Fire Prevention and Life Safety Bylaw"); and
- B. Council considers it advisable to make amendments to the Fire Prevention and Life Safety Bylaw,

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the City of Coquitlam, in open meeting lawfully assembled, ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. Name of Bylaw

This Bylaw may be cited for all purposes as the "Fire Prevention and Life Safety Amendment Bylaw No. 4660, 2016".

2. Amendment to Fire Prevention and Life Safety Bylaw

The Fire Prevention and Life Safety Bylaw is amended by:

- 2.1 removing the subsection references in section 3.1 and having the definitions in that section listed in alphabetical order;
- 2.2 deleting the definition of "Fees & Charges Bylaw" and replacing it with the following:

"Fees & Charges Bylaw" means the Fees and Charges Bylaw in effect in the City, as amended or replaced from time to time;
- 2.3 deleting the definition of "Fire Code" and replacing it with the following:

"Fire Code" means the British Columbia Fire Code, as amended or replaced from time to time;
- 2.4 deleting the definition of "National Fire Code";
- 2.5 adding the following to section 3.1 immediately after "tank":

"vacant building" means a building or structure:

 - (i) that has remained unoccupied by the owner or an occupier for a continuous period of 30 days;

- (ii) in respect of which a water, sewer, gas, or electrical service has been intentionally disconnected other than for temporary maintenance; or
- (iii) where a demolition permit has been applied for in respect of that building or structure, a building that has actually been left vacant, regardless of the amount of time it has been left vacant.

2.6 deleting the section heading for section 4 and replacing it with the following:

4. British Columbia Fire Code

2.7 renumbering section 7.5 as section 7.3;

2.8 deleting section 8.3(d) and replacing it with the following:

- (d) the operation of any appliance specifically designed as an outdoor heater provided that such appliance is certified by an accredited certification body recognized and in good standing with the Standards Council of Canada.

2.9 adding the following immediately after section 8.3:

- 8.4 Section 8.1 does not apply if a person or organization has received a permit in the prescribed form from the Fire Chief to start, light, ignite or burn any fire in the open air or in any portable incinerator or other portable appliance or device located in the open air. The Fire Chief may, in issuing a permit pursuant to this section, impose any and all conditions which he or she deems necessary to provide for the protection of persons and property. The person or organization to whom or to which a permit is issued pursuant to this section is responsible for ensuring compliance with all provisions contained in the permit and this Bylaw.
- 8.5 The Fire Chief will not issue a permit pursuant to section 8.4 for private property unless a registered owner of such property is the person seeking the permit or the permit applicant provides the Fire Chief with written authorization from a registered owner of the property authorizing the applicant to seek such a permit.
- 8.6 The Fire Chief may only issue a permit under section 8.4 where the land on which the burning will be conducted is within the Agricultural Land Reserve. The Fire Chief may only issue permits under section 8.4 which are in effect between March 1 through May 31 and from September 1 through November 30 annually.
- 8.7 The Fire Chief may revoke a permit issued under section 8.4 at any time and for any reason.

8.8 Every person who is issued a permit under section 8.4 of this Bylaw shall pay the fees prescribed in the Fees and Charges Bylaw.

2.10 deleting the section heading in section 9 and replacing it with the following:

9. Fireworks, Firecrackers and Pyrotechnics

2.11 adding the following immediately after section 9.2(c):

(d) pyrotechnics.

2.12 replacing “Low Hazard Fireworks, High Hazard Fireworks or Firecrackers” in section 9.3 with “Low Hazard Fireworks, High Hazard Fireworks, Firecrackers or pyrotechnics”;

2.13 adding the following immediately after section 9.6

9.7 Every person who is issued a permit under section 9.3 of this Bylaw shall pay the fees prescribed in the Fees and Charges Bylaw.

2.14 adding the following immediately after section 10.2(b):

(c) if there is a Storz type pump nozzle, the cap must be painted Gloss Black or its equivalent.

2.15 deleting the first comma in section 10.3(c);

2.16 adding the following immediately after section 10.3:

10.4 Every owner and occupier of real property or either of them must ensure that connections to private fire hydrants and other connections are compatible with the City’s Fire/Rescue equipment.

2.17 deleting section 11.6 and replacing it with the following:

11.6 Where Fire/Rescue is required to clean up or safely dispose of hazardous material or dangerous goods on or at premises or property, the owner or occupier of those premises or property, or the owner, occupier, carrier, agency, organization or person responsible for the transportation, storage or use of the hazardous material or dangerous goods, or any of them, must pay the fees for the clean up and safe disposal as set out in the Fees & Charges Bylaw.

2.18 adding the following immediately after section 11.9:

- 11.10 Where Fire/Rescue has caused a vacant or abandoned building or structure to be boarded up, every owner or occupier of the premises or property must pay the fee for Fire/Rescue personnel attendance and site securement as set out in the Fees and Charges Bylaw.
- 11.11 Where Fire/Rescue is required to attend to an incident which requires the use of equipment or services not readily available to Fire/Rescue, Fire/Rescue may contract with third parties for the provision of that equipment or services, and the owner or occupier of the premise or property where that attendance takes place must pay the applicable fee as set out in the Fees and Charges Bylaw.
- 11.12 In addition to those costs payable under section 11.11, where Fire/Rescue is required to attend an incident at a vacant building the owner of the premises or property where that attendance takes place must pay all costs incurred by the City including the costs of labour, equipment, materials and administration, as determined by the Fire Chief.

2.19 deleting section 16.2 and replacing it with the following:

- 16.2 Every registered owner of property on which a vacant building or structure is located must comply with Subsection 2.4.6 of Division B of the Fire Code which requires that the building or structure be secured against unauthorized entry.
- 16.3 Where, in the opinion of the Fire Chief the securement of a vacant building undertaken pursuant to section 16.2 of this Bylaw is insufficient to prevent unauthorized entry, the Fire Chief may require the registered owner to take specific measures to secure the vacant building or structure against unauthorized entry.
- 16.4 Where a registered owner fails to meet the requirements of sections 16.2 or 16.3, the City may, after making reasonable efforts to contact the registered owner or occupier of the vacant building or structure, or the Contact Person where applicable, to advise them of the need to secure the vacant building or structure under this section, instruct its employees or agents to board up the vacant building or structure to the extent required by this section. The cost of such boarding will be invoiced to the registered owner of the property on which the vacant building or structure is situated and will be payable within 30 days of receipt of the invoice.

2. 20 deleting the section heading for section 17 and replacing it with the following:

17. Fire Safety Plan & Lock Box Requirements

2.21 renumbering section 17 as section 17.1;

2.22 adding the following immediately after section 17.1:

17.2 The owner of a building or part thereof that is newly constructed or renovated or that has had a change in occupancy, and that is required to have a fire alarm system in which any hazardous activities will occur, shall within 60 days of the completion of such construction, renovations or change in occupancy submit to the Fire Chief a written fire safety plan, in a form acceptable to the Fire Chief, for that building or part thereof and covering fire prevention activities, fire drills, fire safety training, maintenance of fire safety systems and equipment, and such other fire safety matters as the Fire Chief may require.

17.3 A copy of a fire safety plan must at all times be made available by the owner on the premises to which it applies.

17.4 Every fire safety plan submitted under subsections 17.1 and 17.2 shall be upgraded by the current owner of the building and submitted to the Fire Chief, in a form acceptable to the Fire Chief, every ten years.

17.5 The Fire Chief may establish a pre-incident plan program for any class of occupancy.

17.6 If a pre-incident plan program is established, every owner of premises in the specified occupancy class shall prepare and submit to the Fire Chief, in a form approved by the Fire Chief, a pre-incident plan for the premises with a diagram of each level of occupancy of the premises together with such other information as the Fire Chief may require.

17.7 A pre-incident plan shall be filed by the owner of the premises for which it is required not later than 60 days after:

17.7.1 the date the Fire Chief establishes a pre-incident plan program for that class of occupancy; and

17.7.2 any alterations to the premises that affect the pre-incident plan or change the occupancy of the premises or any part thereof.

17.8 The Fire Chief may require the installation of a lock box containing access keys to a building or premises for the use of Fire/Rescue in a location acceptable to the Fire Chief on the exterior of such building or premises. The lock box may only be opened by Fire/Rescue.

17.9 The owner or occupier of a building or premises who has installed a lock box shall pay the fee for installation of the lock box cover prescribed in the Fees & Charges Bylaw.

2.23 adding the following immediately after section 21:

22. Appeals

A person who has been issued an invoice for a charge imposed pursuant to this Bylaw may, within ten days of the invoice being issued, appeal in writing to the Fire Chief who may uphold, vary, or set aside the invoice.

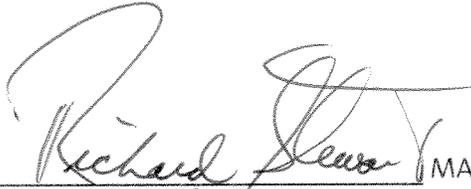
2.24 replacing each reference to "Schedule 'G' of the Fees & Charges Bylaw" with "the Fees & Charges Bylaw".

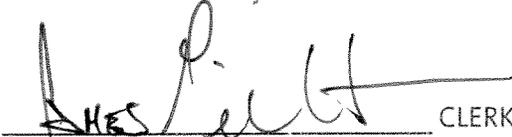
READ A FIRST TIME this 18th day of July, 2016.

READ A SECOND TIME this 18th day of July, 2016.

READ A THIRD TIME this 18th day of July, 2016.

GIVEN FOURTH AND FINAL READING and the Seal of the Corporation affixed this 25th day of July, 2016.


Richard Stearns MAYOR


CLERK

