

CITY OF SURREY

BY-LAW NO. 5475

A by-law to provide for the removing, cutting down, or trimming of any trees, shrubs, hedges, or bushes, growing or standing on lands adjacent to a highway.

As amended by By-law No. 12268; 04/25/94

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WHEREAS pursuant to Section 872 (1) of the Municipal Act, R.S.B.C. 1960 and amendments thereto, Council may by by-law provide for the removing, cutting down, or trimming of any trees, shrubs, hedges, or bushes growing or standing on lands adjacent to a highway and which, in the opinion of Council, are dangerous, or where in the opinion of Council, the safety or convenience of the public so requires, or where any such trees, shrubs, hedges, or bushes, become injurious to the roadbed, sidewalk or works, at the expense of the owners or occupiers of land on which they grown or stand.

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

1. Where in the area bounded by:
 - i) the intersecting lot lines at a street corner and a line joining points along said lot lines, 30 feet from their point of intersection;
 - (ii) the intersecting lot lines at a lane corner and a line joining points along said lot lines 20 feet from their point of intersection. A lane intersection shall include the intersection of a lane with any other lane or with a street; trees, shrubs, hedges or bushes are allowed to grow on lands adjacent to a street corner or lane corner and in the opinion of Council, such growth is dangerous to members of the public or where such growth becomes

injurious to the roadbed or sidewalk bordering such growth, Council may, give to the owner or occupier of such lands, notice requiring him within five (5) days from the date thereof, to remove, cut down, or trim the trees, shrubs, hedges or bushes, designated in the notice.

2. If the owner or occupier to whom such notice was given, does not within the said five (5) days, remove, cut down, or trim the said trees, shrubs, hedges or bushes, as required by the notice served upon him, then Council may authorize its workmen to enter upon the owners or occupiers land and effect such removal, cutting down, or trimming, as the expense of the person who so defaulted.
3. Any expenses incurred by the City under the provisions of Section 2 hereof, shall, if unpaid on the 31st day of December in any year, be added to and form part of the taxes payable in respect of the lands designated in the notice.
4. It shall be unlawful for any person to prevent or obstruct the entry of City workmen into or upon any lands for the purpose of carrying out such removal, cutting down or trimming as Council may have authorized.
5. Any person who violates the provisions of Section 4 of this by-law or suffers or permits any act or thing to be done in contravention of Section 4 of this by-law shall be guilty of an offense under this by-law and shall be liable on summary conviction to a penalty of not less than \$25.00 and not exceeding \$250.00.
6. This By-law may be cited for all purposes as the "Removal Of Trees And Shrubs Dangerous To Public Safety By-law, 1978, No. 5475."

PASSED FIRST READING this 24th day of April, A.D., 1978.

PASSED SECOND READING this 10th day of July, A.D., 1978.

PASSED THIRD READING this 10th day of July, A.D., 1978.

RECONSIDERED AND FINALLY ADOPTED, signed by the Mayor and Clerk and sealed with the Corporate Seal on the 17th day of July, 1978.

"W. M. VOGEL" _____ MAYOR

"R. N. CHESTER" _____ CLERK

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