

CITY OF SURREY

BY-LAW NO. 13447

A by-law to amend the provisions of "Surrey Fire Prevention By-law, 1990, No. [10771](#)" as amended.

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

1. "Surrey Fire Prevention By-law, 1990, No. [10771](#)," as amended is hereby further amended as follows:

(1) Section 1. is amended by inserting immediately before the definition of "Apparatus", a new definition of "Agricultural Property" as follows:

Agricultural Property – Means any property used for the cultivation of land, including the raising of crops, livestock, horticulture, forestry, or any combination of such uses.

(2) Section 1. is amended by inserting immediately after the definition of "Equipment", a new definition of "Farm Property" as follows:

Farm Property – Means any lot being used for an agricultural use which is classified as a farm under the Assessment Act, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 20, and is managed as a single farm.

(3) Section 1. is amended by deleting the definitions of "Backyard Burning", "Flame Thrower", "Land Clearing", and "Weekend" in their entirety.

(4) Section 30. Outdoor Burning is deleted in its entirety and new Section 30. Outdoor Burning is inserted in its place as follows:

30. Outdoor Burning

General

(a) No person shall start any fire in the open air within the limits of the City for any purpose whatsoever, unless such burning complies with the provisions of this by-law.

(b) Any person who starts a fire in compliance with the provisions of this by-law shall keep a competent adult person at all times in charge of the fire while it is burning or smoldering, and shall provide that person with sufficient appliances and equipment in order to prevent the fire from burning out of control, causing damage or becoming dangerous.

- (c) No person shall start a fire upon the land of another without permission of the owner thereof or his or her agent.
- (d) Every person who starts any outdoor fire, or fails to extinguish any outdoor fire, started at any time of the year, whether such fire was started under a permit or not, shall be responsible for such fire, and if he or she lets such fire get out of control, he or she shall be liable for all costs and expenses incurred by the City in controlling and extinguishing such fire.
- (e) No material of any kind shall be transported into the City from either outside the City or from one lot to another with the intention of burning such material.
- (f) All material permitted to be burned must be indigenous to the property.
- (g) The burning of materials other than those permitted by Part II of the Waste Management Act, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 482 shall be prohibited.
- (h) No person shall start, maintain or authorize any fire for agricultural purposes on agricultural property or farm property in the Agricultural Land Reserve except when the Greater Vancouver Regional District Ventilation Index is forecast to be "Good".
- (i) The Fire Chief may prohibit any or all types of outdoor fires when, in his opinion, atmospheric conditions or local circumstances may make such fire a hazard or a nuisance.

Burning Permit Not Required

- (j) Outdoor cooking devices using propane, natural gas or charcoal may be used when permitted by the property owner or his or her agent.
- (k) Open fires for the preparation of food using clean wood are permitted in non-combustible containers no larger than 1 square meter with flames no higher than 0.5 meters. Such containers must be at least 15 meters from any building or structure and shall only be used between the hours of 10 AM and 10 PM.

Burning Permit Required

- (l) Occupants of agricultural property located in the Agricultural Land Reserve may burn material indigenous to the property for agricultural purposes after applying for and being granted a burning permit from the Fire Chief. There shall be a fee of \$20.00 for a burning permit, and it shall be kept at the burning site.
- (m) Occupants of farm property located in the Agricultural Land Reserve may burn material indigenous to the property for agricultural purposes after being granted permission from the Fire Chief.

(5) Section 31. Residential Properties (Backyard Burning) is deleted in its entirety

(6) Section 32. Burning for Land Clearing is deleted in its entirety.

(7) Sections 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40 and 41 are renumbered as Sections 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38 and 40, respectively.

2. This By-law shall be cited for all purposes as "Surrey Fire Prevention By-law, 1990, No. [10771](#), Amendment By-law, 1998, No. 13447."

PASSED THREE READINGS on the 29th day of June, 1998.

RECONSIDERED AND FINALLY ADOPTED, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, and sealed with the Corporate Seal on the 6th day of July, 1998.

MAYOR

CLERK