

THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF SURREY

BY-LAW NO. 11666

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

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NOW, THEREFORE, the Municipal Council of The Corporation of the District 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) Sections 31 to 39 are hereby renumbered as Sections 33 to 41;

(2) Section 30 is amended as follows:

(a) The paragraph titled "Residential Properties (Backyard Burning) is hereby deleted and inserted as Section 31, as follows:

"31. Residential Properties (Backyard Burning)

(a) Occupants of residential property within the Municipality may burn material indigenous to the property, without a permit on the last two weekends of each April and the first two weekends of each November.

(b) No person shall start or maintain any open burning or authorize any such fire to be started or maintained on residential or agricultural properties smaller than .20 hectare (.5 acre) except during the last two weekends of each April and the first two weekends of each November. The location of any such fire shall be fifteen (15) meters or more from any building or structure with adequate provisions made to prevent fire from spreading to within fifteen (15) meters of any building or structures. Where the fire is contained in an approved burner with an approved top, the approved burner shall be located not less than five (5) meters from any building or structure.

(c) No person shall start or maintain any open burning or authorize any fire to be started or maintained on any properties .20 hectare (.5 acres) and larger other than the last two weeks of April each year and the first two weeks of November each year unless such person shall first have applied for and been granted a permit from the Fire Chief, or other person duly appointed for such purpose in pursuance of the provisions of this By-law. The location of such fire shall be twenty (20) meters from any building or structure and fifteen (15) meters of any property line. There shall be a fee of ten dollars (\$10.00) for any such permit."

(b) The paragraph titled "Burning for Land Clearing is hereby deleted and inserted as Section 32, as follows:

"32. Burning For Land Clearing

(a) No person shall start or maintain any open burning or authorize any such fire to be started or maintained for the purpose of land clearing unless the site has been inspected and a permit obtained from the Fire Chief, or other person duly appointed for such purpose in pursuance of the provisions of this Act.

(b) There shall be a fee of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) for each site inspection.

(c) No person shall start or maintain any open burning or authorize any such fire to be started or maintained for the purpose of land clearing on any consolidated site smaller than two point zero two (2.02) hectare (5 acres).

(d) Fires for land clearing shall be started with a flame thrower. No material such as tires or old used petroleum products may be used.

(e) All burning shall be assisted by a forced combustion air supply capable of delivering 18,000 cubic feet (500 cubic meters) through a pile no greater than 12m (40ft) long, 3.7m (12ft) wide and 2.5m (8ft) high.

(f) Burning material shall be contained so that maximum heat is retained and production of particulate matter is minimized. (Containment can be provided by a pit, a berm, or a portable concrete block structure with a top higher than the material to be burned).

(g) Burning shall be consistent with good combustion practices and operating procedures.

(h) The Fire Chief or his designate may impose additional conditions, if necessary, to reduce emissions.

(i) Land clearing fires shall be attended continuously by a responsible adult until the ashes are cold or any excavation is filled and firm.

(j) If, in the opinion of the Fire Chief, or other person duly appointed for such purposes in pursuance of the provisions of this Act, land clearing material is considered unsafe to be burned on the site or such may cause a nuisance by reason of smoke or flyash it may be transported to Stokes Pit or other area designated by the District of Surrey and disposed of under District guidelines in accordance with the conditions of the waste management permit."

NOTE: By-law 11220, to amend Section 30, shall
take effect on May 1, 1992."

2. This By-law shall be cited for all purposes as "Surrey Fire Prevention By-law, 1990, No. [10771](#), Amendment By-law, 1993, No. 11666."

PASSED THREE READINGS by the Municipal Council on the 1st day of February, 1993.

RECONSIDERED AND FINALLY ADOPTED, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, and sealed with the Corporate Seal on the 8th day of February, 1993.

_____MAYOR

_____CLERK