

THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF SURREY

BY-LAW NO. 11881

A by-law to amend the provisions of
"Surrey Waterworks Regulation By-law,
1969, No. [2932](#)" 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 Waterworks Regulation By-law, 1969, No. [2932](#)" as amended, is hereby further amended as follows:

(1) The first WHEREAS Clause is deleted and the following inserted in its place:

"WHEREAS pursuant to Division (2), Part 14 of the "Municipal Act" R.S.B.C. Chapter 290, The Corporation of the District of Surrey has established a self-liquidating utility for water distribution to supply water to the inhabitants of the Municipality and adjacent localities, primarily for the purposes identified within the By-law;"

(2) Section 2. is amended as follows:

(a) Sub-Section (j) is deleted and the following inserted in its place:

"General Manager, Engineering" means the General Manager or his appointed designate in the Engineering Department of The Corporation of the District of Surrey.";

(b) Sub-Section (jj) is inserted after Sub-Section (j) and before Sub-Section (k) as follows:

"(jj) "GVWD" means Greater Vancouver Water District.";

(c) Sub-Section (pp) is inserted after Sub-Section (p) and before Sub-Section (q) as follows:

"(pp) "Newspaper" means a publication or local periodical that:

- a) contains items of news and advertising, and
- b) is distributed at least weekly in the District.";

(d) Sub-Section (ww) is inserted after Sub-Section (w) and before Sub-Section (x) as follows:

"(ww) "Sprinkle or sprinkling" means the application or distribution of water on lawns or boulevards by sprinkling or spraying but does not include the method known as "drip irrigation", i.e., supplying water to plants through capillary tubing at a rate of a few drops a minute as and when required.";

(e) Sub-Section (yy) is inserted after Sub-Section (y) and before Sub-Section (z) as follows:

"(yy) "Water" means water supplied by the Corporation."; and

(f) Sub-Section (zz) is inserted after Sub-Section (z) as follows:

"(zz) "WSRP" means the Water Shortage Response Plan prepared by GVWD, a copy of which is available for viewing at the office of the Commissioner of GVWD at 4330 Kingsway, Burnaby, British Columbia, V5H 4G8, or at the office of the Corporation at 14245 - 56 Avenue, Surrey, British Columbia, V3X 3A2.";

(3) Sections 4., 5., 6., 7.(1) and (2), 10., 11.(1) to (6), (8), (11) to (14), and (19), 12.(3), (8), and (9), 13.(2) to (5), 15.(8), and Schedule "C", Section A.4 are amended by deleting the word "Engineer" wherever it occurs and inserting the following in its place:

"General Manager, Engineering";

(4) Section 11., Sub-Section (16) is deleted and the following inserted in its place:

"11.(16)(a) The water supplied by the District is for essential purposes such as normal household requirements including sanitation, human consumption and food preparation, for deliverable fire protection from the distribution system, and, for essential needs of commerce and industries. Subject to the availability of water in excess of the aforesaid purposes, water may also be used for other less essential, aesthetic-enhancing purposes such as lawn and garden irrigation, car washing and other cleaning processes, such use to be in compliance with the provisions set out within Schedule "F" attached to and forming a part of this By-law."

(b) If, at any time, the General Manager, Engineering deems it to be in the public interest, he may direct that any and all less essential services be further reduced or curtailed until it is advisable to restore the same. Following the publication of such order or direction once in a Newspaper, any person violating such direction or order shall be guilty of an infraction of this By-law."; and

(4) Schedule "F" is hereby attached after Schedule "E", as follows:

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SCHEDULE "F"

1. Empowerment

The General Manager, Engineering is hereby authorized to impose restrictions to regulate the use of water for non-essential purposes and where he deems appropriate may issue permits to relax restrictions in specific circumstances.

2. Prohibition

2.1 Between the last Saturday of May and September 30th in each year no person shall sprinkle or allow sprinkling except in compliance with the provisions of this by-law and as set out within this Schedule.

3. Sprinkling Restrictions

3.1 No person shall sprinkle or allow sprinkling except at premises:

(a) with even numbered civic addresses on Wednesdays and Saturdays between the hours of 4:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. and between the hours of 7:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.; and

(b) with odd numbered civic addresses on Thursdays and Sundays between the hours of 4:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. and between the hours of 7:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.

3.2 If the Commissioner of GVWD advises the Corporation in writing that in accordance with the WSRP a reduction in water use is necessary requiring Stage III restrictions under the WSRP, no person shall:

(a) sprinkle or allow sprinkling except at premises:

(i) with even numbered civic addresses on Wednesdays between the hours of 4:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. and between the hours of 7:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.;

(ii) with odd numbered civic addresses on Thursdays between the hours of 4:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. and between the hours of 7:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.;

(b) wash down or hose sidewalks or driveways or other outdoor surfaces at any time;

(c) wash motor vehicles with a hose unless is equipped with a shut off device that is spring loaded and operates by using hand pressure.

3.3 If the Commissioner of GVWD advises the Corporation in writing that in accordance with the WSRP a reduction in water use is necessary requiring Stage IV restrictions under the WSRP, no person shall:

- (a) sprinkle or allow sprinkling at any time;
- (b) wash down or hose sidewalks or driveways or other outdoor surfaces at any time;
- (c) at any time water or spray any trees, shrubs, flowers, or vegetables (except for large gardens forming part of apartments, townhouses or other multi-dwelling premises and commercial buildings where hand watering is impractical) or wash motor vehicles with a hose unless such spraying, watering or washing is done by way of a hand held container or hose equipped with a shut off device that is spring loaded and operates by using hand pressure.

3.4 The provisions of Sections 3.1 to 3.3 inclusive do not apply to a person who has a valid and subsisting permit issued under Section 5.1 or to the class of water users exempted in Section 6.1, and the provisions of paragraphs 3.2(b) and 3.3 (b) do not apply to restaurants or other commercial eating establishments which may be required by law to clean outdoor areas to comply with health standards.

4. Notice

4.1 Sufficient notice of the restrictions set out in Section 3 of this Schedule or in any change or revocation thereof shall be deemed to have been given by an announcement made on behalf of the Corporation through a radio or television station broadcasting in the area of the District or by one publication in a newspaper not less than 72 hours prior to the commencement, change or revocation of the restrictions.

5. Permits

5.1 A person who has installed a new lawn, either by placing sod or turf or by seeding, or who has installed new landscaping on a substantial part of the outdoor portion of a premise may apply to the Corporation for a permit which will entitle the permittee to sprinkle outside the restricted times for a period of three (3) weeks.

5.2 The Corporation shall issue a permit to an applicant pursuant to Section 5.1 upon payment to the Corporation of a fee in the amount of \$30.00 for a single family dwelling unit and an additional \$30.00 for each of the dwelling units in a multiple residential development, to a maximum \$150.00 for five (5) or more multiple dwelling units.

5.3 A permit issued under Section 5.1 shall be valid for a period of 21 days after the date of its issue and shall be conspicuously displayed at the premises for which it was issued.

5.4 After the expiration of a permit issued under Section 5.1 a person may apply for and obtain only one subsequent renewal of the permit for the same premise for a fee under Section 5.2.

6. Exemptions

6.1 The provisions of Section 3.1 to 3.3 inclusive shall not apply to the following class of water users which rely upon the steady supply and use of water:

(a) licensed nurseries;

(b) licensed golf courses and pitch-and-putt courses;

(c) Municipal Parks and Recreation Commission's playing fields and public gardens where failure to water would result in permanent loss, will be exempt but on a very selective basis as the need arises;

(d) for dust control if safety or sanitary concerns exist or for compaction during construction if no reasonable alternative exists."

2. This By-law shall be cited for all purposes as "Surrey Waterworks Regulation By-law, 1969, No. [2932](#), Amendment By-law, 1993, No. 11881."

PASSED THREE READINGS by the Municipal Council on the 7th day of June, 1993.

RECONSIDERED AND FINALLY ADOPTED, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, and sealed with the Corporate Seal on the 21st day of June, 1993.

_____MAYOR

_____CLERK