



Corporate NO: R189

Report COUNCIL DATE: July 24, 2000

REGULAR COUNCIL

TO: Mayor & Council **DATE: July 19, 2000**

FROM: City Solicitor **FILE: 0023-4200**
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SUBJECT: Fireworks Regulation

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council approve the enclosed proposed amendments to Surrey Fireworks Regulation By-law, 1974, No. 4200, as amended (the "Fireworks By-law") and consequential amendments to other City by-laws.
2. That the City Clerk prepare and introduce the appropriate amending by-laws.

INTENT

It is the intent of this report to incorporate the suggestions of the Public Safety Committee for revisions to the regulation of fireworks in the City of Surrey.

DISCUSSION

On July 12, 2000 the Public Safety Committee considered and approved recommended revisions to the City's by-laws which regulate fireworks and fireworks vendors.

The amendments to the Fireworks By-law attached as Appendix "A" allow fireworks to be discharged only after a permit has been obtained from the Fire Chief. With a permit, fireworks may be exploded on private property with the consent of the owner of the property. As has always been the case, minors are not permitted to discharge fireworks at any time nor are fireworks permitted to be exploded in public places.

The explosion of fireworks on any day of the year requires a permit from the Fire Chief. The requirements to obtain a permit have been modified to ensure that written consent of the property owner is provided to the Fire

Chief, and that proof of adequate insurance is also provided to the City. A fireworks supervisor must be appointed with adequate training in fireworks safety. An application fee of \$75.00 is provided for in the By-law for those requesting a permit. Under the previous provisions, the Mayor and City Clerk were required to sign a permit. Now, the Fire Chief will have the authority to issue and sign permits.

Similarly, the sale of fireworks is prohibited except to persons holding a permit. Sales to persons under the age of 18 are not permitted at any time. Consequential amendments to Business License By-law, 1999, No. 13680, as amended (the "Business By-law") provide that fireworks vendors must post a copy of the Fireworks By-law in a conspicuous place on their business premises. The business license fee for a fireworks vendor will be \$250.00 for each year.

As a result of the renumbering required to the Fireworks By-law, consequential amendments are also required to the Municipal Ticketing Information Utilization By-law, 1994, No. 12508, as amended, which are attached as Appendix "C". These amendments must be approved by the Chief Judge prior to receiving final adoption.

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