



REGULATING THE DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS

BYLAW NO. 4183

EFFECTIVE DATE – March 29, 1983

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AMENDMENT BYLAW

EFFECTIVE DATE

SCHEDULE A No. 6106
SCHEDULE A No. 6491
SCHEDULE A No. 6941
Bylaw 8538
Bylaw 10278

June 26, 1993
July 24, 1995
August 24, 1998
November 9, 2009
July 26, 2021

The bylaw numbers in the margin of this consolidation refer to the bylaws that amended the principal Bylaw No. 4183. The number of any amending bylaw that has been repealed is not referred to in this consolidation.

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A Bylaw for the Purpose of Regulating the Discharge of Firearms

The Council of The Corporation of the Township of Richmond, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

INTERPRETATION

For the purposes of this Bylaw

1. "FIREARM" means a rifle, pistol, or shotgun and includes air guns, air rifles, air pistols and spring guns but does not include firearms used for the discharge of blank ammunition in connection with an athletic or sporting event.
2. "PUBLIC HIGHWAY" means highway as defined in the Municipal Act.
3. The provisions of this Bylaw shall not apply to Peace Officers, employees of the Fisheries & Wildlife Branch, employees of the Ministries of Fisheries & Oceans, employees of the Canadian Wildlife Service, or employees of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals required to use firearms in the line of duty.
4. No person shall discharge a firearm within or into the area designated as "closed" on Schedule "A" attached hereto and forming part of this Bylaw.
5. No person shall discharge a firearm utilizing a single projectile within the Municipality except as specifically provided under section 6 and section 7 hereof.
6. (1) A permit to allow the discharge of firearms within the Municipality shall be required:
 - (a) for the operation of a pistol, rifle, trap and/or skeet shooting range, and
 - (b) for an organized trap or skeet shooting event not located on a shooting range permitted to operate under this Bylaw, and
 - (c) when the discharge of firearms is to be conducted by a person who is the holder of a valid resident trapping licence and a resident hunting or firearms licence issued by the Province of British Columbia who has produced written permission from the owner or the lessee of the lands upon which he proposes to operate his trap line.
- (2) A permit for the discharge of firearms may be issued providing the applicant is covered by an existing public liability and property damage insurance policy in the minimum amount of \$5,000,000.00 validated for the duration of the permit.

- (3) Any person requiring a permit under this section shall make application in writing to the Council of the Municipality setting forth complete details of the activity or event for which the permit is required.
 - (4) The Council of the Municipality may, after considering the application referred to in section 6(3) hereof, issue a permit subject to such terms and conditions as the Council deems necessary.
7. Notwithstanding sections 4 and 5 hereof, but subject to the Migratory Birds Convention Act, the Wildlife Act and regulations thereto, a person may discharge a firearm within the Municipality without first obtaining a permit therefor when:
 - (a) he is engaged in a farm operation and the firearm is discharged for the purpose of protecting his crops or livestock from birds or animals,
 - (b) he is engaged in the humane destruction or slaughter of domestic livestock, or
 - (c) he is engaged in a commercial slaughter-house operation, or
 - (d) he is engaged in shooting on a pistol, rifle, trap or skeet shooting range duly authorized by a permit pursuant to section 6 of this Bylaw.
8. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 4 hereof a person may, in that portion of the Municipality designated as open hunting on Schedule "A" attached hereto and forming part of this Bylaw, during that part of each year when the hunting of wildlife may be carried out in accordance with the laws of the Province of British Columbia and where that person is a holder of a valid and subsisting licence issued by the Province of British Columbia and as required by the laws of the said Province and of Canada for the hunting and killing of such wildlife, discharge firearms therein without the necessity of obtaining a permit therefor pursuant to this Bylaw.
9. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 4 hereof, a person may, in the area designated as "hunting by permission only" on Schedule "A" attached hereto and forming part of this Bylaw, if he has a hunting by permission pass issued by the Richmond Rod and Gun Club and validated by the owner of the property, during that period of each year when the hunting of wildlife may be carried out in accordance with the laws of the Province of British Columbia and where that person is a holder of a valid and subsisting licence issued by the Province of British Columbia and as required by the laws of the said Province and of Canada for the hunting and killing of such wildlife, discharge firearms therein without the necessity of obtaining a permit therefor pursuant to this Bylaw.
10. Notwithstanding any provisions of this Bylaw:
 - (a) unless authorized by a permit issued in keeping with this Bylaw, no person shall discharge, within the limits of the Municipality, any firearm within 135 metres of any school building, school yard, public park, playground, church, workshop, place of business, dwelling house, farm building, public highway, or other place where persons may be assembled or engaged in work of any kind,

- (b) it shall be lawful for a person to discharge a firearm within or into the Vancouver International Airport with the written permission of the Manager of Vancouver International Airport.
- 11.
 - (a) No person shall discharge a firearm in the area designated as "no discharge toward shore" on Schedule "A" attached hereto and forming part of this Bylaw unless the firearm is aimed into an adjacent area designated as "open area" on Schedule "A" attached hereto and forming part of this Bylaw.
 - (b) The area designated as "no discharge toward shore" shall be a strip 180 metres wide measured out from a line drawn parallel to and perpendicularly distant 180 metres from the shore on the outside foot of the dyke as the case may be.
- 12. Any person who contravenes or violates any provision of this Bylaw, or who suffers or allows any act or thing to be done in contravention or violation of this Bylaw, or who fails or neglects to do anything required to be done under this Bylaw, commits an offence and upon conviction shall be liable to a fine of not less than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) and not more than Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00), in addition to the costs of the prosecution, and where the offence is a continuing one, each day that the offence is continued shall constitute a separate offence."
- 13. Bylaw No. 4106 is hereby repealed.
- 14. This Bylaw is in effect and in force and binding on all persons as from the day following the date of its adoption.

SCHEDULE A to BYLAW NO. 4183

