

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

GRAND FORKS FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY BYLAW NO. 1965

A BYLAW TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND REGULATIONS OF THE GRAND FORKS FIRE DEPARTMENT AND TO PROVIDE REGULATIONS FOR THE PREVENTION AND SPREAD OF FIRE AND THE PRESERVATION OF LIFE

WHEREAS it is deemed desirable and expedient to provide for the establishment and regulations of the Grand Forks Fire Department, and

WHEREAS it is deemed desirable and expedient to provide regulations for the prevention and spread of fire and for the preservation of life within the Corporation of the City of Grand Forks,

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the City of Grand Forks, in open meeting assembled, **ENACTS** as follows:

PART 1 – TITLE and INDEX

1.1 This bylaw may be cited for all purposes as the “**City of Grand Forks Fire and Life Safety Bylaw, 1965, 2013**”.

1.2 The index to this bylaw is as follows:

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PART 2 – ADMINISTRATION

2.1 The British Columbia Fire Code Regulations, as amended from time to time, are hereby adopted and made applicable within the Municipality.

PART 3 – DEFINITIONS

- 3.1 **Apparatus** means any vehicle provided with machinery, devices, equipment or materials for fire fighting as well as vehicles used to transport fire fighters or supplies.
- 3.2 **Appointee** where used in this bylaw, means an active member of the Grand Forks Volunteer Fire Department or the Manager of Operations.
- 3.3 **Approval** means acceptance as satisfactory to the Fire Chief.
- 3.4 **Authority Having Jurisdiction** shall mean the Fire Chief, a local assistant to the Fire Commissioner.
- 3.5 **B.C. Building Code** means the regulations made pursuant to the Local Government Act.
- 3.6 **B.C. Fire Code Regulations** means the regulations made pursuant to the Fire Services Act and amendments thereto and includes British Columbia Regulation 15/87.
- 3.7 **Bulk Plants** means that portion of a property where flammable or combustible liquids are received in bulk quantities and are stored or handled for the purpose of distributing such liquids by pipeline, tank, vessel, tank vehicle or other container.
- 3.8 **Council** means the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the City of Grand Forks.
- 3.9 **Dangerous Goods** means any product, substance or organism which is of a highly combustible, flammable or explosive nature, as defined in the Transportation of Dangerous Goods Act and the amendments thereto and includes the following clauses:
- Class 1 Explosives, including explosives as defined in the Explosives Act and amendments thereto.
- Class 2 Gases, including compressed gases, liquefied petroleum and liquefied natural gas, liquefied or dissolved gases, under pressure.
- Class 3 Flammable liquids and combustible liquids.
- Class 4 Flammable solids, substances liable to spontaneous combustion; substances that on contact with water emit flammable gasses.
- Class 5 Oxidizing substances; organic peroxides, chlorates, nitrates.
- Class 6 Poisonous (toxic) and infested substances.

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- Class 7 Radioactive materials and prescribed substances as defined in the Atomic Energy Control Act and all amendments thereto.
- Class 8 Corrosive.
- Class 9 Miscellaneous dangerous goods or organisms not included in any of the above classes.
- 3.10 **Equipment** means any tools, contrivances, devices or materials used by the Fire Department to combat an incident or other emergency.
- 3.11 **Explosion** means a rapid release of energy that may or may not be preceded or followed by a fire, which produces a pressure wave or shock wave in air and is usually accompanied by a loud noise.
- 3.12 **Fire Department** means the Fire Department of the Municipality.
- 3.13 **Fire Chief** means the member appointed by Council, as head of the Fire Department and shall be deemed to be a Municipal Public Officer as defined in the Local Government Act.
- 3.14 **Fire Protection** means all aspects of fire safety including, but not limited to fire prevention, fire fighting or suppression, pre-fire planning, fire investigation, public education and information, training or other staff development and advising.
- 3.15 **Fire Services Act** means Chapter 133, R.S.B.C. 1979 and amendments thereto and regulations made thereunder.
- 3.16 **Fireworks** has the same meaning as the Fireworks Act, namely includes cannon crackers, fireballs, fire crackers, mines, roman candles, sky rockets, squibs, torpedoes and any other explosive designated as a fireworks by regulation pursuant to the Fireworks Act.
- 3.17 **Incident** means a fire or a situation where a fire or explosion is imminent.
- 3.18 **Incinerator** means a furnace or other apparatus for burning garbage, trash, etc. to ashes.
- 3.19 **Inspector** means any Fire Services personnel authorized in writing by the Fire Chief to act in such capacity.
- 3.20 **Local Government Act** means the Local Government Act and all amendments thereto.
- 3.21 **Manager of Operations** means a person appointed from time to time to that position by the Council of the Municipality.

- 3.22 **Member** means any person or officer that is a member of the Fire Department.
- 3.23 **Municipality** shall mean the Corporation of the City of Grand Forks or area included therein as the context may require.
- 3.24 **Occupier** includes tenant, lessee, agent and any other person who has the right of access to and control of a building or premises to which this Bylaw applies.
- 3.25 **Officer in Command** means the senior Fire Department member present.
- 3.26 **Order** includes an approval, a decision, a determination, a permit and the exercise of a discretion made under the *Fire Services Act*, the B.C. Fire Code Regulations or this bylaw.
- 3.27 **Permit** means a document issued pursuant to this Bylaw, authorizing a person to carry on a procedure or undertaking, or to use, store or transport materials, under certain and specific conditions.
- 3.28 **Private Fire Hydrant** means any fire hydrant located on private property.

PART 4 – FIRE DEPARTMENT

- 4.1 The Municipal Fire Department is hereby established and will be known as the Fire Department.
- 4.2 The Fire Chief shall be appointed by a resolution of Council.
- 4.3 Other officers and members, as the Fire Chief deems necessary, may be appointed by Council.
- 4.4 The Fire Chief may appoint other officers of the Fire Department to act as Fire Chief on his behalf.
- 4.5 The limits of the jurisdiction of the Fire Chief and the officers and members of the Fire Department will extend to the area and boundaries of the Municipality and no part of the fire apparatus shall be used beyond the limits of the Municipality without:
 - 1. the express authorization of a written contract or agreement providing for the supply of fire fighting or rescue services outside the Municipal boundaries, or
 - 2. the approval of Council.
- 4.6 The Fire Chief has complete responsibility and authority over the Fire Department subject to the direction and control of the Council to which he shall be responsible and in particular, he shall be required to carry out all fire

protection activities and such other activities as Council directs, including but not limited to:

1. rescue,
 2. other incidents,
 3. pre-fire planning,
 4. disaster planning,
 5. preventive patrols.
- 4.7 The Fire Chief, subject to ratification by the Council, shall establish rules, regulations, policies and committees necessary for the proper organization and administration of the Fire Department, including but not limited to:
1. use, care and protection of Fire Department property,
 2. the conduct and discipline of officers and member of the Fire Department, and
 3. efficient operations of the Fire Department.
- 4.8 The Fire Chief, or in his absence, the senior ranking member present, shall have control, direction and management of all Fire Department apparatus, equipment or manpower assigned to an incident and, where a member is in charge, he shall continue to act until relieved by a senior officer.
- 4.9 The Fire Chief shall take responsibility for all fire protection matters including the enforcement of the Fire Services Act and regulations thereunder and shall assume the responsibilities of the Local Assistant to the Fire Commissioner.
- 4.10 Officers and members of the Fire Department shall carry out the duties and responsibilities assigned to the Fire Department by the Council and the Fire Chief shall report to the Council on the operations of the Fire Department or on any other matter in the manner designated by Council.
- 4.11 The Fire Chief, or his authorized designate, may at any reasonable time enter any premise for the purpose of fire prevention inspections.
- 4.12 The Fire Chief, or any other member in charge at a fire is empowered to cause a building, structure or thing to be pulled down, demolished or otherwise removed if he deems it necessary to prevent the spread of fire to other buildings, structures or things.
- 4.13 The Fire Chief, or any other member in charge at an incident is empowered to enter premises or property where the incident occurred and to cause any member, apparatus or equipment of the Fire Department to enter, as he deems necessary, in order to combat, control or deal with the incident.
- 4.14 The Fire Chief, or any other member in charge, at an incident is empowered to enter, pass through or over buildings or property adjacent to an incident and to cause members of the Fire Department and the apparatus and equipment of the

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- Fire Department to enter or pass through or over buildings or property, where he deems it necessary to gain access to the incident or to protect any person or property.
- 4.15 The Fire Chief, or the member in charge at an incident may at his discretion, establish boundaries or limits and keep persons from entering the area within the prescribed boundaries or limits unless authorized to enter by him.
 - 4.16 No person shall enter the boundaries or limits of an area prescribed in accordance with Section 16 unless he has been authorized to enter by the Fire Chief or member in charge.
 - 4.17 The Fire Chief, or the member in charge, at an incident may request peace officers to enforce restrictions on persons entering within the boundaries or limits outlined in Section 16.
 - 4.18 The Fire Chief may obtain assistance from other officials of the Municipality, as he deems necessary in order to discharge his duties and responsibilities under this bylaw.
 - 4.19 No person at an incident shall impede, obstruct or hinder a member of the Fire Department or other person assisting or acting under the direction of the Fire Chief or the member in charge.
 - 4.20 No person shall damage or destroy Fire Department apparatus or equipment.
 - 4.21 No person at an incident shall drive a vehicle over any equipment without permission of the Fire Chief or the member in charge.
 - 4.22 No person shall falsely represent themselves as a Fire Department member.
 - 4.23 No person shall obstruct or otherwise interfere with access roads or streets or other approaches to any fire incident, fire hydrant, cistern or body of water designated for fire fighting purposes.
 - 4.24 The Fire Chief or the member in charge of an incident may request persons who are not members to assist in removing furniture, goods and merchandise from any building on fire or in danger thereof and in guarding and securing same and in demolishing a building or structure at or near the fire or other incident.
 - 4.25 The Fire Chief or the member in charge of an incident is empowered to commandeer privately owned equipment, which he considers necessary to deal with an incident. Remuneration rates shall be set out annually by the Council.
 - 4.26 The Council shall determine the remuneration of all members of the Fire Department.

PART 5 – PERMITS

- 5.1 A permit, when issued, shall constitute permission to maintain, store or handle materials, or to conduct processes which may produce conditions hazardous to life or property, or to install equipment used in connection with such activities.
- 5.2 A permit does not take place of any licence required by law.
- 5.3 A permit shall not be transferable and any change in occupancy or use of a building or premises shall require a new permit.
- 5.4 Before a permit may be issued, the Fire Chief may inspect and approve the receptacles, vehicles, buildings, property, or storage places to be used.
- 5.5 In cases where laws or regulations, including bylaws enforceable by departments other than the Fire Department, are applicable, approval shall be obtained from all departments concerned.
- 5.6 A permit shall be required:
 1. In conformance with the "Flammable and Combustible Liquids" section of the British Columbia Fire Code Regulations.
 2. In conformance with the "Outside Burning" restrictions as set out in Part 8 of this bylaw.
 4. In conformance with the "Fire Works" restrictions as set out in Part 9 of this bylaw.

5.7 Permit Application

The application for a permit shall be made in the form prescribed by the Fire Chief and satisfy at least the following requirements:

1. the signature of the applicant;
2. a statement of the intended use and occupancy showing:
 - (a) the dimensions of the building and its location;
 - (b) the proposed use of each room or floor area;
 - (c) fire protection installations, including portable extinguishers, fire alarms and detectors;
 - (d) means of egress;
 - (e) a plot plan showing the location of all flammable liquid tanks and pumps in relation to buildings and property lines;
 - (f) a plot plan showing the location of public fire works display including adjacent properties that may be effected.

5.8 Permit Fees

For any installation of gasoline tanks, oil tanks, diesel tanks and dispensing pumps refer to Schedule D, Section 5.8.

5.9 Issuing and Posting of Permits

1. The Fire Chief may issue a permit where:
 - (a) an application is made in the form prescribed;
 - (b) the proposed use or occupancy conforms with applicable bylaws, codes and regulations; and
 - (c) the permit fee had been paid.
2. The Fire Chief may revoke a permit where there is a violation of:
 - (a) any condition of the bylaw, codes or regulations; or
 - (b) any requirement of this bylaw, codes or regulations.
3. This bylaw shall not be construed to hold the Municipality responsible for any damage to persons or property by reason of:
 - (a) inspections authorized by this bylaw;
 - (b) the failure to carry out an inspection;
 - (c) a permit issued as herein provided; or
 - (d) the approval or disapproval of any equipment authorized by this bylaw.
4. Permits and licences shall be posted upon the building or premises described therein and made available for inspection by the Fire Chief.

PART 6 – FIRE PROTECTION AND LIFE SAFETY

6.1 Evacuation

If an emergency arises from a fire, fire hazard, toxic chemical spill or from a risk of explosion, causes the Officer in Command to be apprehensive of imminent and serious danger to life or property, he may, immediately take the steps he thinks necessary or advisable to remove the hazard or risk and he may order the evacuation of a building or area and may call upon the police to assist him and provide security to the evacuated area.

6.2 Removal of Fire Hazards

Whenever, in or upon any building or premises, there exists any material of a flammable, combustible or explosive nature, or any dangerous or unnecessary accumulation of waste materials or litter or vegetation of a nature which constitutes a fire hazard, and any such material is so situated in the opinion of

the Fire Chief as to endanger life or property or to obstruct ingress or egress from the building or premises in case of fire, or which in the opinion of the Fire Chief, constitutes a fire hazard or a threat to life safety, the owner or occupant of the building or premises shall forthwith, upon the order of the Fire Chief, have the material removed, disposed of or otherwise dealt with in accordance with the order.

6.3 Disposal of Material

No person may, within the Municipality, dispose of any dangerous goods without first having obtained from the Fire Chief, written permission setting out the conditions and location, if any, for such disposal.

6.4 Explosion or Potential Explosion

It is the duty of the owner or occupier of any building, premises, motor vehicle, vessel, railway rolling stock or other property, to report immediately to the Fire Chief, any explosion, discharge, emission, escape or spill of dangerous goods in respect thereof which occurs or where the potential for such an occurrence exists by reason of abnormal or unusual circumstances.

6.5 Reimbursement

In addition to the penalties which may be imposed under Part 11 of this bylaw, any person who breaches Part 6, Section 3 of this bylaw and thereby causes the Municipality any direct or indirect expenses to remedy the breach shall, on demand by the Municipality, reimburse the Municipality for such expense. The Fire Chief shall certify the expense actually and necessarily incurred to the Chief Financial Officer of the Municipality who shall pay the expense out of ordinary revenue, and when so paid, such expense forms a special lien within Section 438 of the Local Government Act on the lands and improvements in favour of the Municipality and shall, for all purposes, be delinquent taxes on the land and improvements under the Local Government Act, from the date of payment thereof and shall be recoverable pursuant to the provisions of the Local Government Act.

6.6 Forests

Where, in the opinion of the Fire Chief, the safety of life or property in any area within the Municipality is endangered through the hazardous condition of the forest cover or the occurrence or spread of fire in any forest or woodland, the Fire Chief may, by order in writing signed by him, declare that area a closed area for such period or periods of time as the Fire Chief may determine and may further declare that no unauthorized person may enter or be therein and no operations of any class specified in the order may be carried out within the closed area.

6.7 Vacant Buildings

The owner of any vacant building shall at all times ensure that the premises are free from debris and flammable substances and shall keep all openings in such building securely closed and fastened so as to prevent the entry of unauthorized persons.

If the owner fails to ensure that such premises are free from debris and flammable substances, or that the premises are guarded or that all openings are securely closed and fastened so as to prevent the entry of unauthorized persons, then the Fire Chief may cause the same to be done at the expense of the owner and the costs thereof shall be recoverable by the Municipality in the same manner as that contained in Part 6, Section 5 of this bylaw.

6.8 Fire Damaged Buildings

The owner or occupier of any fire damaged building shall ensure that the premises are free from debris and flammable substances and that the premises are guarded, or that all openings in the building are kept securely closed and fastened so as to prevent the entry of unauthorized persons.

If the owner fails to ensure that such premises are free from debris and flammable substances, or that the premises are guarded or that all openings are securely closed and fastened so as to prevent the entry of unauthorized persons, then the Fire Chief may cause the same to be done at the expense of the owner and costs thereof shall be recoverable by the Municipality in the same manner as that contained in Part 6, Section 5 of this bylaw.

6.9 Fire Doors and Shutters

Where doors or shutters are installed in a building to prevent the spread of fire, those doors or shutters, inclusive of hardware, shall at all times be kept and maintained in good repair and working order and shall not be blocked or wedged open.

6.10 Elevator Shafts

No person shall store, place, keep, maintain or permit to be stored, placed, kept or maintained in any part of an elevator shaft in a building, any dangerous goods.

The well of an elevator shaft shall, at all time, be kept clean and free from rubbish and litter and flammable substances.

6.11 Ventilating Shafts

No person shall use a ventilating shaft for a purpose other than ventilation.

6.12 Chimneys, Flues and Vents

The owner or occupier of a building or premises shall cause every chimney flue and chimney connector to be cleaned of all accumulation of debris as often as may be necessary to keep the chimney and chimney connector free from danger of fire.

A chimney, flue or stack and any metal extension thereof, shall be maintained in a safe condition.

6.13 Disposition of Combustible Material

No person shall deposit or permit to be deposited any greasy or oily rags or other things liable to spontaneous heating, within 1.52 meters of a combustible wall, partition, fence, floor or sidewalk or within 1.52 meters of lumber, shavings, rubbish, fuel or other combustible or flammable materials, unless those rags or other things are deposited in a non-combustible receptacle.

An occupant of a building or premises who makes, stores or uses shaving, excelsior, rubbish, sacks, bags, litter, hay, straw, wastepaper or other combustible or flammable material shall, at the close of each day, store such material in a fire-safe manner or store it in non-combustible receptacles.

6.14 Disposal of Ashes

No person shall deposit, or allow or cause to be deposited, ashes from a fire box or ash pit, within 1.52 meters of a combustible wall, partition, fence, floor or sidewalk or within 1.52 meters of lumber, hay, shavings, rubbish fuel or combustible material.

All ashes shall be deposited in a non-combustible receptacle.

No person shall deposit or allow or cause to be deposited, paper, straw, hay, shavings or other combustible or flammable matter in or among ashes or other matter taken from a stove, furnace or fireplace.

6.15 Hydrant and Water Supply Systems on Private and Public Property

- (1) All water supply systems on private property shall conform to municipal specifications and be installed to be capable of providing adequate water for fire fighting purposes as determined by the latest issue of "Water Supply for Public Fire Protection" published by the Public Fire Protection Survey Services and the Insurance Bureau of Canada or as otherwise approved in writing by the Fire Chief.

- (2) All new water supply systems on private property shall conform to flow and pressure requirements for fire fighting purposes according to municipal specification or as otherwise approved in writing by the Fire Chief.
- (3) Prior to proceeding with construction of any new water supply system or extension to an existing system, the applicant shall submit plans or proposed fire hydrant locations and all components of the water distribution system to the Fire Chief for approval.
- (4) The owner or occupier of a building under construction shall:
 - (a) provide roads finished to a minimum of good compacted gravel for adequate access for Fire Department apparatus, approved by the Fire Chief;
 - (b) provide a water supply system for fire protection as soon as practical as may be determined by the Fire Chief and the Manager of Operations; and
 - (c) notify the Fire Department of all newly installed fire hydrants.
- (5) All installations of fire hydrants on private property or private water systems shall be designed and supervised by a Professional Engineer and built to municipal specifications.
- (6) During construction, servicing or repairs within a subdivision, the owner or occupier shall immediately notify the Fire Department of all fire hydrant conditions, which may affect fire safety, including fire hydrants, which are temporarily out of service or low water volumes and low water pressures.
- (7) Bulk plants shall be provided with fire hydrants and a water supply with pressure and quantity adequate to meet the probable fire demands as determined by the Fire Chief.

6.16 Hydrant and Water Supply Systems Maintenance – Private Properties

- (1) Hydrants shall be maintained in operating condition.
- (2) Hydrants shall be inspected and maintained in accordance with the B.C. Fire Code Regulations.
- (3) Records of maintenance shall be forwarded annually to the office of the Fire Chief.
- (4) Fire hydrants shall be painted in compliance with the National Fire Protection Association publication "Marking of Hydrants".

6.17 Buildings

- (1) Fire protection equipment is required for the protection of any building or occupancy and shall meet the standards of the Fire Services Act, B.C. Building Code, B.C. Fire Code Regulations and any other code or bylaw adopted by the Municipality and shall be installed in accordance with good engineering practices and be located to the satisfaction of the Fire Chief.
- (2) Any regulation not included in the Fire Services Act, B.C. Building Code Regulations and the National Fire Protection Association, International.
- (3) Notwithstanding the absence of specific regulations, codes or Bylaws, good engineering practices shall be observed in the development and maintenance of buildings, water supply systems, fire protection systems and means of access for Fire Department apparatus to the satisfaction of the Fire Chief.

6.18 Standards of Work

The Fire Chief may require that work shall be done in conformity with higher standards than specified in these regulation if, at his discretion, he deems that such higher standards are reasonably necessary in the interest of safety.

6.19 Rejection of Work

The Fire Chief may, after the examination of any work, issue a written rejection, which shall have the same force and effect as an order issued under Part 10.

6.20 Dangerous Goods

- (1) All dangerous goods shall be moved in compliance with the Transportation of Dangerous Goods Act, and all amendments thereto.
- (2) The storage and handling of all hazardous materials shall be done in compliance with the British Columbia Fire Code Regulations.
- (3) Where, in the opinion of the Fire Chief, a discharge, emission or escape of dangerous goods has occurred and immediate action is necessary for the protection of the public, he may require that any action be taken by any person he considers qualified to do so, or take action himself to eliminate or contain the danger.
- (4) The Municipality may recover any costs and expenses incurred by taking action pursuant to Subsection (3) of this Section from any person or persons who had charge, management or control of the dangerous goods at the time the action was taken and such costs and expenses shall be recoverable in the manner provided by Part 6, Section 5 of this bylaw.

PART 7 – INSPECTION OF PREMISES

7.1 Review of Plans

The Fire Chief shall review the plans and inspect the construction of all new buildings and structures in the Municipality, other than single-family dwellings, in order to establish that the fire protection facilities and equipment are in compliance with all applicable regulations, codes and standards.

7.2 Right to Inspect

The Fire Chief, or his authorized designate, may at all reasonable hours, enter into and upon any lands, premises, yards or buildings for inspection purposes to ascertain whether or not:

- (1) the state of disrepair, fire starting therein might spread so rapidly as to endanger life or other buildings or property;
- (2) the use or occupation is such that fire starting therein would endanger life or property;
- (3) combustible or explosive material is so kept or such other inflammable conditions exist therein to endanger life or property;
- (4) any fire hazard exists therein;
- (5) the requirements of the bylaw are being carried out.

7.3 Assistance in Inspection

The owner or occupier of a building or property or any other person having knowledge of the building or property shall, upon request, give to a Fire Inspector who is carrying out an inspection of the building or property, such assistance as he may require in carrying out the inspection.

7.4 Entry for Inspection

No person shall obstruct, hinder or prevent any Fire Services Personnel from entering into or upon any lands or premises at any reasonable time for inspection purposes.

In addition:

- (1) vehicles shall not be parked so as to obstruct access by Fire Department vehicles and signs (indicating "Tow-a-Way Zone") shall be posted prohibiting such parking;

- (2) vehicles shall not be parked so as to obstruct egress from a recognized fire exit and signs (indicating "Tow-a-Way Zone") shall be posted prohibiting such parking;
- (3) vehicles shall not be parked within six (6) meters of a Fire Hydrant, sprinkler or standpipe connection;
- (4) vehicles shall not drive over charged fire hose;
- (5) violations will result in vehicle impoundment at the owners' expense and/or a fine recoverable in favour of the City as indicated in Part 6, Section 5.

PART 8 – OUTSIDE BURNING

8.1 Burning Permits Required

- (1) "No person shall light, ignite or start, or allow, or cause to be lighted, ignited, or started, a fire of any kind whatsoever in the open air without first obtaining a written "Special Permit" to do so from the Fire Chief of his appointee.
- (2) A person to whom a permit has been so issued under Subsection (1) shall place and keep a competent adult person at all time, 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 or causing damage or becoming dangerous.
- (3) 3) A Service Charge per hour for equipment and men will be levied if violations result in the attendance of the Fire Department apparatus to control or extinguish a fire which has become out of control or dangerous. As per Schedule D Section 8.1(3)
- (4) A Service Charge per hour for equipment and men will be levied for extinguishing any fire that is deemed to be in contravention of any part of bylaw. As per Schedule D Section 8.1(4)
- (5) The operation of a permanent outdoor barbecue or campfire in an enclosure approved by the Fire Chief in the form identified as Schedule "A" and attaché to the bylaw and which is intended for personal warmth or used solely for the preparation of food, is permitted. This permit is to be renewed annually.
- (6) The operation of a portable outdoor barbecue intended for, and used solely for the preparation of food is permitted.
- (7) Outside incinerators shall be prohibited within the City of Grand Forks. Barbecues fueled by other than gas, briquettes or wood are deemed to be incinerators.

- (8) Necessary burning by the Municipality, which shall include open air burning for fire training exercise, and other public purposes, is permitted.
- (9) The Fire Chief or his appointee may, by Special Permit, allow a property owner outdoor burning for the purpose of removing diseased foliage that cannot be removed from the property or any other purpose deemed appropriate by the Fire Chief or his appointee.
- (10) The Fire Chief or his appointee may, by Special Permit, allow a responsible adult person an outdoor fire for a public display, provided letters of approval are submitted from the property owner on which the burning will take place.

8.2 Restrictions

- (1) It is expressly prohibited to burn garden waste, including but not limited to, grass, hedge clippings, leaves, prunings, pine needles, etc., within the City boundaries.
- (2) It is expressly prohibited to burn rubber tires, or oil, tar, asphalt shingles, battery boxes, plastic compositions, insulated wire or any like substance which produces heavy black smoke on or in the boundaries of the Municipality.
- (3) The Fire Chief may refuse to issue or may cancel a "Special Permit" if the use of which, in his opinion, would likely be hazardous or create a nuisance.
- (4) The Municipality may recover from the owner or occupier, the costs and expenses of, and incidental to, the taking of any measures, if the Fire Chief is satisfied on reasonable and probable grounds that the provisions of this bylaw have not been complied with in the same manner as that contained in Bylaw No.1957 of the Municipal Ticketing Information bylaw.

PART 9 – FIREWORKS

9.1 Restrictions

- (1) No person shall manufacture, discharge, explode, fire or set off fireworks in the Municipality.
- (2) Within the Municipality, no person shall sell, dispose of or give fireworks to any person.

9.2 Special Permit

- (1) Council, along with the Fire Chief, may issue a Special Permit to discharge "Low Hazard" fireworks as defined in the "Fireworks Manual", to an individual or organization for a specific event or occasion.

9.3 Conditions

- (1) An organization, in order to discharge fireworks, must first appoint a fireworks supervisor who would have complete authority over and be responsible for all safety features at the fireworks display.
- (2) Written permission must be obtained from the owner or occupier of the land on which the fireworks will be prepared or set off, as well as all neighboring lands upon which debris may reasonably be expected to fall and such written permission shall be filed with the Fire Chief.
- (3) No person shall discharge any fireworks on any street in the Municipality.

PART 10 – ENFORCEMENT

10.1 Issuance of Order

- (1) If an Inspector finds that any provision of this Bylaw has been contravened or has not been complied with, or has been complied with improperly or only in part, or that conditions exist in or upon a building or property to which the bylaw applies and which, in his opinion, constitutes a fire hazard or otherwise constitutes a hazard to life or property, he may make such order to ensure full and proper compliance with this Bylaw and in particular, but without limiting the generality of the foregoing, he may:
 - (a) require the owner or occupier of such building or property to take such action as might, in the opinion of the Inspector, be necessary to remedy the contravention of this Bylaw or to ensure compliance with this Bylaw or to remove the hazard, or
 - (b) make such orders as are, in his opinion, necessary with respect to any matter referred to in this Bylaw.

10.2 Service of Order

An order made under the bylaw shall be served by:

- (1) delivering it or causing it to be delivered to the person to whom it is directed, or
- (2) mailing the order by return registered mail to the address of the owner as shown on the records of the Land Title Office in Kamloops, British Columbia.

PART 11 – PENALTY

11.1 Every person who:

- (a) contravenes any provision of this bylaw;
- (b) suffers or permits any act or thing to be done in contravention of any provision of this bylaw;
- (c) neglects or refuses to do or refrains from doing anything required to be done by any provision of this bylaw;
- (d) omits to do any act or thing required by this bylaw;

shall be liable on conviction to a penalty of not more than \$2,000.00 and where the offence is a continuing one, each day that the offence is continued shall constitute a separate offence as outlined in the Municipal Ticketing Information bylaw.”

PART 12 –TITLE

12.1 This bylaw may be cited for all purposes as the “**Grand Forks Fire and Life Safety Bylaw No. 1965, 2013.**”

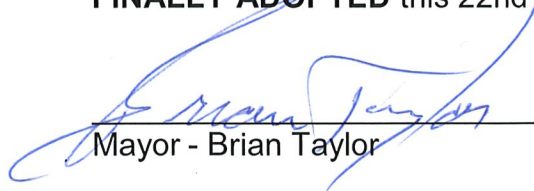
INTRODUCED this 10th day of June, 2013.

READ A FIRST TIME this 24th day of June, 2013.

READ SECOND TIME this 24th day of June, 2013.

READ A THIRD TIME this 24th day of June, 2013.

FINALLY ADOPTED this 22nd day of July, 2013.



Mayor - Brian Taylor



Corporate Officer-Diane Heinrich

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of Bylaw No. 1965 as passed by the Municipal Council of the City of Grand Forks on the 22nd day of July, 2013.

Corporate Officer of the Municipal Council of the
City of Grand Forks



SCHEDULE "A"

The Corporation of the City of Grand Forks
Box 220 – Grand Forks, B.C. – V0H 1H0

Dale Heriot
Fire Chief

Fire Hall
7214-2nd Street 442-3612

Administration Office
7217-4th Street – 442-8266

FIRE PERMIT

DATE: _____
NAME: _____ ADDRESS: _____ PHONE: _____
BURN ADDRESS: _____ PURPOSE OF BURN: _____
CONTROLLED BURN DATE(S) FROM _____ TO _____

REGULATIONS

- 1. The permittee is responsible for this authorized burn and for all damage to the property of others resulting from this burn.
2. A service charge of \$175.00 per hour or portion thereof for Fire Dept. apparatus and manpower can be levied against permittee if the Fire Department attendance is required to control or extinguish any fire which has become uncontrollable or becomes dangerous.

CONDITIONS

- 1. The permittee shall ensure that sufficient manpower is available at all times to effectively control the fire.
2. Burning shall take place only during daylight hours.
3. Sufficient equipment for effective fire control is on site.
4. No burning shall take place when the wind is strong enough to carry sparks and/or burning materials away.
5. Fire breaks between properties must be in place prior to ignition.
6. Incinerator burning is expressly prohibited.

I have read and understand the above conditions.

Signature of Permittee

Fire Chief or Agent



PERMIT

TO DISCHARGE FIREWORKS

Permit Date: _____

Permit Number: _____

Name: _____

Organization represented: _____

Civic Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone Number(s): _____

Location of Proposed Display: _____

Property Owner/Occupier Authorization: _____

Fireworks Supervisor: _____

NOTE:

Pursuant to the City of Grand Forks Fire and Life Safety Bylaw, Part 9, Council, along with the Fire Chief, may issue a Special Permit to discharge "Low Hazard" fireworks as defined in the "Fireworks Manual" to an individual or organization for a specific event or occasion.

The Special Permit is issued under the authority of Bylaw No. 1965, 2013.

The undersigned agrees to and acknowledges the terms and conditions specified under Bylaw No. 1965, 2013.

Signature of applicant

Fire Chief for the City of Grand Forks



SCHEDULE "C"

**The Corporation of the City of Grand Forks
Fire and Life Safety
SPECIAL OUTSIDE BURNING PERMIT**

Bylaw No. 1965 prohibits outside burning of any kind unless by written approval of the Fire Chief or appointed official. \$200.00/hr service charge applies for contravention of the bylaw.
DATE:
NAME:
MAILING ADDRESS:
CIVIC ADDRESS OF BURN:
DURATION OF PERMIT:
PURPOSE OF BURN
Cooking Purposes only:
Outdoor Fire: for Cooking Only:
Other (specify)

RESTRICTIONS

- It is expressly prohibited to burn garden waste, including but not limited to, grass, hedge clippings, leaves, prunings, pine needles, etc., within the City boundaries.
- It is expressly prohibited to burn rubber tires, oil, tar, asphalt shingles, battery boxes, plastic compositions, insulated wire or any like substance which produces heavy black smoke on or in the boundaries of the City.
- The Fire Chief may refuse to issue or may cancel a Special Permit if the use of which, in his opinion, would likely be hazardous or create a nuisance.

Signature of Permittee

Fire Chief or Appointee



SCHEDULE "D"

**The Corporation of the City of Grand Forks
"Grand Forks Fire & Life Safety Bylaw"
FEES & CHARGES**

Bylaw No. 1965 "Grand Forks Fire & Life Safety Bylaw"

5.8 Permit Fees

The fees hereinafter specified shall be paid to the Municipality by all applicants for any permit required by this Bylaw, or under the Code adapted by this Bylaw, or by the regulations passed pursuant to the provisions of the Fire Services Act, as amended from time to time, and for inspection of any work or thing for which the said permit is required.

1. for any installation of gasoline tanks, oil tanks, diesel tanks and dispensing pumps:

- 2,300 L (	- 500 I.G.)	\$ 15.00
2,301 - 4,600 L (	501 - 1,000 I.G.)	\$ 20.00
4,601 - 23,000 L (	1,001 - 5,000 I.G.)	\$ 30.00
23,001 - 46,000 L (	5,001 - 10,000 I.G.)	\$ 40.00
46,001 - 115,000 L (	10,001 - 25,000 I.G.)	\$ 60.00
115,001 - 230,000 L (	25,001 - 50,000 I.G.)	\$100.00
230,001 - 460,000 L (	50,001 - 100,000 I.G.)	\$150.00
460,001 - 920,000 L (	100,001 - 200,000 I.G.)	\$200.00
920,001 - 2,300,00 L (	200,001 - 500,000 I.G.)	\$250.00

Each dispensing pump \$ 10.00

2. for each "Outside Burning" permit \$ nil
3. for each "Fireworks Display" permit \$ 10.00

8.1 Burning Permits Required

- (3) A Service Charge of \$200.00 per hour for equipment and men will be levied if violations result in the attendance of the Fire Department apparatus to control or extinguish a fire which has become out of control or dangerous.
- (4) A Service Charge of \$200.00 per hour for equipment and men will be levied for extinguishing any fire that is deemed to be in contravention of any part of bylaw.