



Public Notice

Business Regulations and Licensing (Rental Units) Amendment Bylaw No. 8556, 2026

Notice is hereby given pursuant to section 59 (2) of the *Community Charter*, Business Regulations and Licensing (Rental Units) Amendment Bylaw No. 8556, 2026 will be presented to New Westminster City Council for adoption on Monday, May 11, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber at New Westminster City Hall, 511 Royal Avenue, New Westminster, BC. Per the *Public Health Bylaws Regulation* of the *Community Charter*, Bylaw No. 8556 has been deposited with the Minister of Health and the City has consulted with the local Medical Health Officer (Fraser Health Authority), which has no objections to Bylaw No. 8556.

The purpose of Business Regulations and Licensing (Rental Units) Amendment Bylaw No. 8556 is to require that Owners ensure that at least one living space in a rental unit occupied by a tenant maintains the safe indoor temperature from April 1 to October 31 each year. Safe indoor temperature means an average temperature of 26°C (78.8° F) or below measured between 8:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. in a living space from an interior wall, approximately 1.5 meters (5 feet) from the floor, avoiding areas near windows, doors, direct sunlight, heat sources like lamps or appliances, and vents. Bylaw No. 8556 includes a provision to exempt rental building owners that cannot reasonably comply with the proposed bylaw amendment.

HOW DO I GET MORE INFORMATION?

Copies of the staff report may be found on the March 30, 2026 Regular Council Agenda, [Item 4.5 – Business Regulations and Licensing \(Rental Units\) Bylaw Cooling Amendments and Next Steps](#) and April 27, 2026 Regular Council Agenda, [Item 4.5 – Procedural Information - Business Regulations and Licensing \(Rental Units\) Amendment Bylaw No. 8556](#)

HOW CAN I BE HEARD?

Anyone who considers themselves affected by the proposed bylaw is provided an opportunity to make representations to Council in the following ways:

Submit Written Correspondence

Written comments may be submitted as follows:

By Email: mayorandcouncillors@newwestcity.ca

By Mail: Attention: Corporate Officer
511 Royal Avenue
New Westminster, BC V3L 1H9

Speak at the Meeting

Attend the Meeting in-person and share your views. Advance registration is recommended but not required for in-person speakers. To register, visit speakers.newwestcity.ca

Speak Virtually at the Meeting

Register in advance by no later than 12:00 p.m. on May 11, 2026 at speakers.newwestcity.ca to speak virtually by computer, smart device or phone. Once registered, you will be provided details needed to participate virtually.

Written comments received by 5:00 p.m. four business days before the meeting will be included as part of the agenda package. Comments received thereafter will be distributed on table at the meeting.

All comments will form part of the public record and be published on the City's website.

For more information about the Business Regulation and Licensing (Rental Units) Amendment Bylaw 8556, 2026, please contact the Planning and Development Department by phone at 604-527-4580 or by email buildingdept@newwestcity.ca.

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