CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NEW WESTMINSTER

FIRE PROTECTION BYLAW NO. 6940, 2004

(Adopted June 28, 2004)

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Fire Protection Bylaw No. 6940, 2004

A Bylaw to provide for Fire Protection and Suppression Regulations within the City of New Westminster

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The Council of the Corporation of the City of New Westminster ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

CITATION

1. This Bylaw may be cited for all purposes as "Fire Protection Bylaw No.6940, 2004."

INTERPRETATION

2. Unless otherwise defined or the context otherwise requires, all words and phrases in this Bylaw shall be construed in accordance with the meaning assigned to them in the current British Columbia Building Code, the Fire Code or the Fire Services Act R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 144 and regulations thereunder. .

DEFINITIONS

3. In this Bylaw:

“alarm” means the giving, signaling or transmission to any public fire hall or fire dispatch or company, or to any officer or employee thereof, whether by telephone, spoken word or otherwise, of information to the effect that a fire or emergency situation exists at or near the place indicated by the person giving, signaling or transmitting such information;

“approved” means approved by an officer of the Fire and Rescue Services as being in compliance with this Bylaw;

“Authority Having Jurisdiction” means any person or agency authorized by this or any other bylaw, regulation or statute, to inspect and/or approve any thing or place;

“building” means any structure used or intended for supporting or sheltering any use or occupancy;

“building manager” includes the owner, occupier, their agents, and any resident manager of a building;

“combustible liquid” means any liquid having a flash point at or above 37.8 degrees Celsius and below 93.3 degrees Celsius;

“construction waste” means any waste or refuse created by the clearing of land, including without limitation, trees, branches, stumps, and roots, or the construction, repair or demolition of a building or structure;

“Council” means the municipal council of the Corporation of the City of New Westminster;

“false alarm” means any alarm, regardless of how caused, necessitating a response by the Fire and Rescue Services, where no fire or emergency situation exists at or near the place indicated by the alarm;

“fire alarm system” means all equipment forming part of or used in connection with a fire alarm system or fire detection system, including without limitation, batteries, alarm gongs, horns, buzzers, switches, wiring, relay apparatus, sensors, and other accessories;

“Fire Code” means the British Columbia Fire Code 1998, enacted by B.C. Regulation 285/98 under the Fire Services Act;

“fire department connections” means a connection through which the Fire and Rescue Services can pump water into the standpipe system and/or sprinkler system;

“fire fighter” means every member of the Fire and Rescue Services other than an Officer, whose duties include fire prevention, fire suppression, or emergency response;

“Fire and Rescue Services” means the City of New Westminster Fire and Rescue Services;

“Fire Services Personnel” means such officers and members of the Fire and Rescue Services as from time to time may be deemed necessary by the Council.

“fireworks” includes cannon crackers, fireballs, firecrackers, mines, Roman candles, sky rockets, squibs, torpedoes, and other explosive products or devices manufactured to intentionally produce an explosion, detonation or pyrotechnic effect and any other explosive designated as a firework by regulation of the Lieutenant Governor in Council, but does not include caps for toy products, Christmas crackers, sparklers or model rocket engines;;

“flammable liquid” means any liquid having a flash point below 37.8 degrees Celsius and having a vapour pressure not exceeding 275.8 kPa (absolute) at 37.8 degrees Celsius;

"High Hazard Fireworks" means those fireworks defined as such under the Explosives Regulations made under the current Explosives Act of Canada, and, without limiting the generality of the forgoing, includes rockets, serpents, shells,

bombshells, tourbillions, maroons, large wheels, bouquets, barrages, bombardos, waterfalls, fountains, batteries, illumination, set pieces, pigeons, and firecrackers;

"incident" means a fire, an explosion, a situation where a fire or explosion is imminent or any other situation presenting a danger or possible danger to life or property or the environment and to which the Fire and Rescue Services has responded;

“life safety systems” includes automatic sprinkler systems, fire alarm systems, commercial cooking systems, and special extinguishing systems;

“lock box” means a metal enclosure designed to securely hold the keys to the building, structure, or complex where the lock box is located;

“Low Hazard Fireworks” means those fireworks defined as such under the current Explosives Regulations made under the Explosives Act of Canada and, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, includes firework showers, fountains, golden rain, lawn lights, pin wheels, roman candle and volcanoes; screecheroos;

“member” means any person that is a duly appointed member of the Fire and Rescue Services;

“movie/TV pyrotechnics” means any low or high hazard fireworks utilized at a movie or television production;

"occupier" includes:

(a) an owner, a 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; and

(b) in relation to common property and common facilities in a strata plan, the strata corporation;

“occupancy group” means a classification as defined in the current Fire Code, or in this Bylaw;

“owner” means in respect of real property:

(c) the registered owner of an estate in fee simple,

(d) the tenant for life under a registered life estate,

(e) the registered holder of the last registered agreement for sale;

“private dwelling” means any building used exclusively as a private residence;

"smoking" means the carrying of a lighted pipe, cigar, cigarette or any other smoke inhalation device;

“sprinkler system” includes all equipment forming part of or used in connection with a fire
sprinkler system, including without limitation, all heads, valves, piping, switches, sensors, relay apparatus, and other accessories;

“storage tank” means a tank installed wholly or partly under the surface of the ground and used or intended for the storage of flammable or combustible liquids or gases; and

“vehicle” includes all types of motor vehicles, farm tractors, and mobile machinery, or any
other self-propelled machinery.

NATIONAL FIRE CODE ADOPTED

4. The National Fire Code of Canada is hereby adopted in whole, as amended from time to time, as a standard of the City under the provisions of Section 15 of the Community Charter.

FIRE PROTECTION OFFICERS

5. For the purposes of this Bylaw, the Director of Fire and Rescue Services, the Deputy Director of Fire and Rescue Services, a local assistant to the Fire Commissioner, the Manager of Fire Protection and any Fire Protection Officer shall hereinafter be referred to as a “Fire Protection Officer” and shall have all of the power and authority of a Fire Protection Officer referred to in this Bylaw. For the purposes of this Bylaw, a Fire Protection Officer has the powers of a peace officer.

6. DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS

6.1 The New Westminster Fire and Rescue Services are hereby continued and the head of the Fire and Rescue Services shall be known as the Director of Fire and Rescue Services.

6.2 In addition to the Director of Fire and Rescue Services, Fire Services Personnel shall consist of such number of officers and members as from time to time may be deemed necessary by the Council.

6.3 The Director of Fire and Rescue Services shall be responsible for the management, control and supervision of the Fire and Rescue Services, all Fire Services Personnel and the discipline thereof, and the care, custody and control of all buildings, apparatus and equipment of the Fire and Rescue Services and shall be directly responsible to the City Administrator for the efficient management of the Fire and Rescue Services.

6.4 The Director of Fire and Rescue Services may from time to time make rules and regulations for the proper and efficient administration and operation of the Fire and Rescue Services and for the discipline of its members, and may vary, alter, or repeal such rules or regulations as he shall from time to time deem fit or necessary.

6.5 In addition to any other power delegated to the Director of Fire and Rescue Services under this Bylaw, the Fire Services Act or the Community Charter, the Director of Fire and Rescue Services or any person acting under authority of the Director of Fire and Rescue Services may exercise some or all of the powers of the fire commissioner under section 25 of the Fire Services Act.

6.6 The geographical limits of the jurisdiction of the Fire and Rescue Services shall be the area within the boundaries of the City of New Westminster and no apparatus or personnel of the Fire and Rescue Services shall be used beyond the limits without:

(a) an express written mutual aid or other agreement providing for the supply of fire fighting services outside the municipal boundaries; or

(b) the prior approval of Council with the consent of the other local government;

EXCEPT THAT where the Director of Fire and Rescue Services considers that an emergency exists, the Mayor may give approval on behalf of Council and shall advise Council at the first available opportunity.

6.7 The Director of Fire and Rescue Services or any officer in charge of an incident is empowered to commandeer personnel and private or publicly owned equipment which are considered necessary to deal with an incident.

6.8 The Director of Fire and Rescue Services or any other member in charge of an incident shall have authority to cause the securing or demolition of any building or part of a building which in that member's judgment should be demolished in order to prevent the spread of fire or to prevent damage to property, injury to persons, or loss of life. The owner of the property where the incident originates shall be responsible to pay all costs, expenses and charges incurred by the Fire and Rescue Services for equipment, materials and personnel required for securing or demolishing of premises. .

6.9 No person shall impede in any way or hinder any Fire and Rescue Services Personnel in the execution of their duties or any other person acting under the direction of any officer of the Fire and Rescue Services in command at any fire or other incident.

6.10 No person except a peace officer, Fire Services Personnel and the occupier of the premises affected or a person employed by such occupier, shall be permitted to enter any building threatened by fire or to enter within the fire lines designated by ropes, guards or barricades across any streets and lanes erected or placed by the City's Police Department or Fire and Rescue Services.

6.11 All persons in the vicinity of every fire where the Fire and Rescue Services is called or is in attendance shall obey all traffic control directions given by any peace officer or by any member of the Fire and Rescue Services.

7. FREQUENCY OF INSPECTIONS

7.1 The authority and responsibility to establish, revise, and implement a regular system of inspections of hotels and public buildings located within the City of New Westminster is hereby delegated to the Director of Fire and Rescue Services.

7.2 The Director of Fire and Rescue Services shall report to Council as and when requested by the Council on the inspection system created and implemented pursuant to Section 7.1 of this Bylaw.

8. INSPECTION OF PREMISES

8.1 A Fire Protection Officer is hereby authorized at all reasonable hours to enter and to inspect any property or premises in the City of New Westminster in order to ascertain whether:

8.1.1 the requirements of this Bylaw are being complied with;

8.1.2 the premises are in such a state of disrepair that a fire starting in them might spread rapidly to endanger life or other property;

8.1.3 the premises are so used or occupied that fire would endanger life or property;

8.1.4 combustible, flammable or explosive conditions exist on the premises so as to endanger life or property;

8.1.5 in the opinion of the Fire Protection Officer a fire hazard exists on or about the premises.

8.2 No person shall refuse to permit any Fire and Rescue Services Personnel to enter into premises where the Fire and Rescue Services Personnel have reasonable grounds that a fire or a fire hazard exists.

FIRE PROTECTION OFFICERS

9. A Fire Protection Officer may deal with any matter within the scope of the Fire Services Act in a manner not repugnant to any provision of the Act or regulations thereunder.

10. A Fire Protection Officer is hereby authorized at all reasonable times to inspect premises for conditions which may cause fire or increase the danger of a fire or increase the danger to persons and may take any measure referred to in this Bylaw in order to prevent fires, including the demolition of buildings and structures to prevent the spreading of fires.

11. Every occupier of every building and premises shall provide all information and shall render all assistance required by the Fire Protection Officer in connection with the inspection of premises pursuant to this Bylaw.

12. No person shall purposely withhold or falsify any information required by the Fire Protection Officer or refuse to assist in the carrying out of any inspection pursuant to this Bylaw.

13. No person shall obstruct or interfere with the Fire Protection Officer while carrying out any inspection pursuant to this Bylaw.

14. REMEDIAL ORDERS

14.1 A Fire Protection Officer is hereby authorized to issue orders in writing to an owner or occupier of any building or premises requiring the correction or removal of any condition or thing in or about any building or structure which is in contravention of this Bylaw, and every owner or occupier shall be responsible for the carrying out of every requirement of every such order.

14.2 Every order issued by the Fire Protection Officer under Section 14.1 shall state a date by which the order shall be carried out, which date shall, in the discretion of the Director of Fire and Rescue Services, be fixed having regard to the degree of urgency involved in correcting or removing conditions which may tend to increase the hazard of fire or danger to life and property.

ORDER TO REMEDY CONDITIONS

15. Without limiting the generality of Section 14, a Fire Protection Officer may,

in writing, order that:

15.1 the occupier destroy or repair premises, in whole or in part, and, if the occupier fails to destroy or repair the premises as required and within the time period set out in the order, the Fire Protection Officer may carry out or cause to be carried out the required destruction or repairs at the cost of the occupier;

15.2 the occupier alter the use or occupancy of premises;

15.3 premises be secured by the occupier, or in default of the occupier securing the premises within the time set out in the order, may make the premises secure at the cost of the owner or occupier;

15.4 the occupier remove or take proper precautions against a fire hazard.

REGULATIONS

16. Every owner or occupier of a building which is equipped with a passenger elevator shall have a sign displayed directly above the call button on each floor thereof containing the words:

"In case of fire, use exit stairway

DO NOT USE ELEVATOR."

The dimensions of each such sign shall not be less than 75 mm by 130 mm.

17. Every owner or occupier of every building having three (3) or more stories shall display at each floor level, in each stairwell thereof, and conspicuously located therein, a number or sign to identify each floor level.

18. No person shall discard, throw down or drop any lighted match, cigar, cigarette or other burning substance or smoking material into combustible material or in close proximity thereto.

19. No person shall locate a commercial refuse container in an area other than an area designated and approved by the Director of Fire and Rescue Services. Commercial refuse containers located adjacent to any building or structure shall be stored in noncombustible enclosures. A noncombustible top or ceiling shall be provided where any combustible material exists above such enclosure.

20. Waste Materials

20.1 No person shall permit any accumulation of waste materials including but not limited to paper hay, grass, straw, weeds, litter or combustible waste or rubbish of any kind to be or to remain upon any roof or in court, yard, vacant lot or open space. All weeds, grass, vines or other growth which may catch fire and endanger property shall be cut down and removed by the occupier of the property on which they are located.

20.2 If an occupier fails to comply with an order of the Fire Protection Officer to remove an accumulation of waste materials or cut down and remove any growth, the Fire Protection Officer shall be authorized to carry out or cause to be carried out such removal at the cost of the owner or occupier.

21. No occupier shall use highly combustible materials such as cotton batting, straw, dry vines, leaves, paper for decorative purposes in stores, restaurants or premises used for the consumption of alcohol unless flame proofed; provided, however, that nothing in this section shall be held to prohibit the display of saleable goods permitted and offered for sale. Electric light bulbs in premises shall not be decorated with paper or other combustible materials unless such material shall first have been rendered flameproof.

22. Every occupier of premises shall keep exit doors in good operating condition and repair and in compliance with the current BC Building Code.

Exit doors shall open freely without the use of any special knowledge. Fire doors shall be kept closed at all times to protect means of egress from smoke and flame. If an occupier fails to comply with the requirements of this section, they may be issued a Municipal Ticket Information under the City's Municipal Ticket Information Bylaw for a fine in the amount specified in that bylaw.

23. FIRE HYDRANTS

23.1 Every occupier of property upon which a fire hydrant or standpipe is located, shall maintain a clear and unobstructed area having a radius of one metre around each fire hydrant and standpipe. A fee shall be charged to clear all obstructions from a fire hydrant at the cost of the owner or occupier.

23.2 The type and colour of privately owned fire hydrants shall conform to the standards set out in the City's Subdivision and Development Control Bylaw.

23.3 No person shall make any attachment or connection to any hydrant or standpipe without the authorization of the Director of Fire and Rescue Services.

23.4 No person shall use or take water from any standpipe or fire hydrant of the City without first obtaining a permit to do so from the Director of Engineering and every such permit shall be subject to the approval of the Director of Fire and Rescue Services.

24. EXPLOSIVES

24.1 No person shall store, handle or transport any explosive, as that term is defined in the Explosives Act, within the City without first obtaining a permit from the Director of Fire and Rescue Services.

24.2 The operator of a vehicle to whom an Explosive Transportation Permit has been issued under the Explosives Act, shall notify the Director of Fire and Rescue Services in advance of the route and the approximate time when the explosives will be transported within the City.

25. OUTDOOR BURNING AND CAMP FIRES

25.1 No person shall at any time start, light, ignite or burn, or knowingly permit or cause to be started, lighted, ignited or burn any fire of any kind whatsoever

in the open air or in any portable incinerator or other portable appliance or device whatsoever in the open air, except where such fire is contained within a portable appliance or device and is used solely for the cooking and preparation of food and is fueled by propane, natural gas or charcoal.

25.2 The burning in the open air of garden refuse, in the nature of grass and other clippings, leaves, tree and shrub pruning, cuttings and light material, all waste material from construction sites or any land clearing materials is hereby prohibited.

25.3 Where the Director of Fire and Rescue Services considers that conditions are safe, they may issue permits for camp fires within specified portions of the City.

25.4 Notwithstanding any other provision of this bylaw, the New Westminster Fire and Rescue Services may burn buildings, structures, or other materials for the purpose of training its personnel in structural firefighting methods, fire investigation procedures or for the purpose of elimination of hazards.

26. FIREWORKS REGULATIONS

26.1 No person shall, at any time, offer for sale or sell Low Hazard Fireworks anywhere within the City. Low Hazard Fireworks may be possessed and set off within the City only in accordance with the following restrictions and requirements:

26.1.1 Low Hazard Fireworks may be possessed only within that time period commencing at 12:01 a.m. on the 28th day of October and ending at 12.01 a.m. on the 1st day of November and Low Hazard Fireworks may be set off only within that time period commencing at 4:00 pm on the 31st of October and ending at 12:01 a.m. on the 1st day of November.

26.1.2 No person under the age of 18 years may possess or set off Low Hazard Fireworks.

26.1.3 Low Hazard Fireworks shall be set off only on private property with the consent of the owner being first obtained, where necessary, or on public property with the written permission of the Director of Fire and Rescue Services

26.1.4 No person shall use, set off or discharge roman candles.

26.1.5 No person shall point or direct a firework at any person, animal, building or motor vehicle where such firework is in the process of exploding or detonating, and where it is capable of projecting or discharging a charge or pyrotechnical effect for a distance of more than three feet

26.2 No person shall at any time, possess or set off High Hazard Fireworks unless that person has first obtained a valid Special Permit from the Director of Fire and Rescue Services in the prescribed form.

26.3 Every person applying for a Special Permit to possess or set off High Hazard Fireworks must be the same person who will supervise the setting off of the High Hazard Fireworks and that person must also possess a valid Fireworks Supervisor Card issued by the Explosives Branch of Energy, Mines and Resources, Canada.

26.4 No person shall offer for sale, sell, give or trade any High Hazard Fireworks to any person other than a person presenting a valid Special Permit issued by the Director of Fire and Rescue Services.

26.5 No person shall store or display for sale any type of fireworks regulated by this Bylaw except in accordance with the Federal Explosive Regulations under the Explosives Act.

26.6 Every person obtaining a site inspection for the use of any High Hazard Fireworks, special effects or movie/tv pyrotechnics, shall pay the applicable fee prescribed in Schedule “A” to this Bylaw.

27. PERMITS FOR STORAGE TANKS

Every person carrying out the removal or installation of a storage tank shall first make application for and obtain a permit from the Fire and Rescue Services and pay the applicable fee for such permit prescribed in Schedule “A” to this Bylaw.

28. NOTIFICATION OF FIRE & SPRINKLER ALARM TESTING

Every occupier of premises containing an automatic fire sprinkler system or a fire alarm system shall notify the Fire and Rescue Services prior to any service, test, repair, maintenance, adjustment, alteration or installation of the system which might activate a false alarm which would normally result in an emergency response.

29. COST RECOVERY FOR FAILURE TO NOTIFY

Every occupier of premises containing an automatic fire sprinkler system or a fire alarm system shall pay the applicable fee prescribed in Schedule “A” of this Bylaw for any false alarm activated due to, or arising from, the occupier’s failure to notify the Fire and Rescue Services prior to the service, testing, repair, maintenance, adjustment, alteration or installation of such system.

30. EXCESSIVE FALSE ALARM INCIDENTS

Every occupier of premises containing an automatic fire sprinkler system or a fire alarm system where there have been more than two false alarms within a twelve-month period shall pay the applicable fee prescribed in Schedule “A” of this Bylaw.

31. CONTACT PERSONS

Every occupier of premises having either a fire alarm system or an automatic fire sprinkler system, monitored or non-monitored, shall submit, on a form prescribed by the Director of Fire and Rescue Services, the

names and telephone numbers of three (3) persons who are available to attend, enter and secure the premises (the “Contact Persons”). The prescribed form may be obtained from the Fire Protection Services Division and shall be submitted yearly and upon any change in Contact Persons. The form must contain the written consent of each person named to act as a Contact Person.

32. FAILURE TO PROVIDE CONTACT PERSON INFORMATION

Where an occupier fails to provide proper Contact Person information in accordance with the requirements of Section 31 and the Fire and Rescue Services are required to respond to an alarm at the premises and a Contact Person fails to attend within the time period specified in Section 33, the owner or occupier shall pay the applicable standby fee prescribed in Schedule “A” of this Bylaw.

33. RESPONSIBILITY OF CONTACT PERSONS

Contact Persons must attend all alarms within 45 minutes when requested by the Fire and Rescue Services and must secure the premises and when appropriate, release the Fire and Rescue Services from the incident.

34. FAILURE OF CONTACT PERSONS TO ARRIVE

Where a Contact Person who is notified fails to respond within the specified time, the owner or occupier of the premises shall pay the applicable standby fee prescribed in Schedule “A” of this Bylaw.

35. CONTACT PERSON AT A FIRE INCIDENT

During a fire incident, a Contact Person must contact the incident commander on scene.

36. CHANGES TO DESIGNATED CONTACT PERSONS

Any changes to designated Contact Persons or their telephone numbers during the current year must be submitted to the Fire and Rescue Services on the prescribed form approved by the Director of Fire and Rescue Services.

37. FULL ACCESS FOR CONTACT PERSONS

Contact persons must have full access to the building and or occupancy of which they have responsibility and be able to take control of the building or occupancy from fire officials on completion of the incident.

38. FIRE SAFETY PLAN REQUIREMENTS

38.1 Every occupier of a building, site, storage area or other area for which a Fire Safety Plan is required by the Fire Code shall submit a Fire Safety Plan to the Fire and Rescue Services for approval.

38.2 Every occupier submitting a Fire Safety Plan to the Fire and Rescue Services for review shall pay the applicable fee prescribed in Schedule "A".

38.3 Every Fire Safety Plan shall conform to the requirements of the Fire Code and shall be submitted in a form acceptable to the Director of Fire and Rescue Services.

38.4 Every occupier of premises where a Fire Safety Plan is required, shall review the Fire Safety Plan annually and either submit an updated plan to the Fire and Rescue Services for review or provide notification to the Fire and Rescue Services that no updated plan is required. Where changes are to be made to a Fire Safety Plan, the revised plan shall first be submitted to the Fire and Rescue Services for review and approval.

38.5 If an occupier fails to submit a Fire Safety Plan as required by this Bylaw, they may be issued a Municipal Ticket Information under the City's Municipal Ticket Information Bylaw for a fine in the amount specified in that bylaw.

39. LOCK BOXES

39.1 All premises where a fire alarm system or an automatic fire sprinkler system, monitored or unmonitored, are installed, shall have installed an approved flush mounted lock box.

39.2 The style and format of the lock box shall be in conformity with the Fire and Rescue Services lock box keys. For confirmation and installation instructions of an approved type of lock box, an owner or occupier must contact Fire and Rescue Services.

40. NAMING OF PRIVATE ROADS AND ADDRESSING OF OCCUPANCIES

40.1 NAMING OF PRIVATE ROADS

Every strata development containing one or more private roads shall assign a name, approved by the City, to each road within the strata development and display the name of each road clearly and prominently in a location easily observable by the Fire and Rescue Services and other emergency responders.

40.2 ADDRESSING OF OCCUPANCIES

Each premise must be individually addressed. An individual address must be legible from a distance of 15 meters and placed on new or existing buildings or structures in such a position as to be plainly visible and legible from the street, road, fire lane or other right of way or easement and at the front of the structure.

40.2.1 Sizing of Addresses

The letters or numbers of any address shall be a minimum of 127 mm in height and no less than 12.7 mm width.

40.2.2 Colour of Address Letters

The letters or numbers of an address shall be of a colour in contrast with any background colour of the building.

41. FIRE PROTECTION FILE SEARCHES

Every person requesting a file search on a premise for outstanding Fire Code violations or infractions or other related information, shall pay the applicable fee prescribed in Schedule “A” of this Bylaw.

42. FIRE INVESTIGATION FEE COST RECOVERY

Every owner or occupier of a structure where damage from an incident is in excess of $5,000 and for which a Fire Investigation and Fire Investigation report must be completed by the Fire Protection Office in accordance with the Fire Services Act, shall pay the applicable fire investigation fee prescribed in Schedule “A” of this Bylaw.

43. INSPECTION FEE COST RECOVERY

Where violation(s) under the Fire Code, Fire Services Act or this Bylaw are observed upon inspection of a premises, a Fire Protection Officer may issue an order requiring that the violation(s) be corrected within a specified time period and advising of a return date for a re-inspection. If upon re-inspection, the order has not been complied with and the violations corrected, the owner or occupier of the premises shall pay the applicable re-inspection fee prescribed in Schedule “A” to this Bylaw for that re-inspection and for each re-inspection required thereafter until the violations are corrected.

44. COST RECOVERY FOR INCIDENTS INVOLVING A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE

Every owner or occupier of premises at which the Fire and Rescue Services is required to attend an incident or provide an inspection relating to the illegal use and cultivation of a controlled substance, shall pay the applicable fee prescribed in Schedule “A” of this Bylaw for time and use of Fire and Rescue Services equipment and Personnel.

45. REPLACEMENT AND REPAIR OF EQUIPMENT AS A RESULT OF CONTAMINATION OR DAMAGE AT AN INCIDENT

Where Fire and Rescue Services equipment has been damaged or contaminated while attending an incident at a property as a result of the presence of a hazardous substance or dangerous good on that property, the owner or occupier of the property shall pay the applicable fee prescribed in Schedule “A” of this Bylaw for the replacement or repair of Fire and Rescue Services equipment.

46. LICENSE INSPECTION FEES

Every person obtaining an inspection of premises by the Fire and Rescue Services for the purposes of meeting licensing requirements, including but not limited to the inspection of businesses, residential rental facilities and community care facilities licensed by the Regional Health Authority, shall pay the applicable fee prescribed in Schedule “A” of this Bylaw.

47. PROPANE FACILITIES

Every person obtaining an inspection of propane facilities performed by the Fire and Rescue Services as required by the Gas Safety Branch under Directive No. 23, shall pay the applicable fee prescribed in Schedule “A” of this Bylaw.

48. SPECIAL EVENTS

Every owner or occupier of property where a Special Event is held, including but not limited to, rave parties, large concerts or other large gatherings of people, shall pay the applicable fee prescribed in Schedule “A” of this Bylaw for Fire and Rescue Services’ inspections, standby time, use of equipment and other fire protection services.

49. FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY EDUCATION

Every person obtaining the services of the Fire and Rescue Services for a fire education lecture, fire extinguisher demonstration, first aid lecture or any other demonstration related to fire and safety education, shall pay the

applicable fee prescribed in Schedule “A” of this Bylaw for the use of personnel and equipment.

50. COST RECOVERY FOR EXTRAORDINARY CHARGES

Where additional personnel or equipment must be provided for an incident, including but not limited to, the provision of equipment and personnel under a mutual aid agreement with another local government, rescue vessels or hazardous materials equipment, the owner or occupier of the property where the incident originates shall pay the applicable fee prescribed in Schedule “A” of this Bylaw.

51. COST RECOVERY FOR SPECIALIZED SERVICES

Every person obtaining specialized fire protection and rescue services or materials from the Fire and Rescue Services, including but not limited to, high angle rescue or confined space rescue services, shall pay the applicable fee prescribed in Schedule “A” of this Bylaw..

52. OFFENSES AND PENALTIES

Every person who contravenes or violates any provision of this Bylaw or any permit or order issued pursuant hereto, or who suffers or permits any act or thing to be done in contravention or in violation of any provision of this Bylaw or any permit or order issued pursuant hereto, or who neglects to do or refrains from doing anything required to be done by any of the provisions of this Bylaw or any permit or order issued pursuant hereto, commits an offence and shall be liable, on summary conviction thereof, to a fine of not less than two hundred ($200.00) Dollars and not more than the maximum penalties provided under the Offence Act and, where the offence is a continuing one, each day that the offence continues shall be a separate offence.

Failure to comply with any of the provisions of this bylaw may result in the issuance of a Municipal Ticket Information under the City’s Municipal Ticket Information Bylaw for a fine in accordance with the amounts prescribed in that bylaw.

53. UNPAID FEES OR CHARGES

Where any unpaid fee or charge is added to the property taxes it shall thereafter accrue interest and be recoverable in the same manner as property taxes from the owner of the property.

54. RECOVERY OF FEES BY TAXES

Where an owner or occupier fails to pay any fee imposed under this Bylaw for work or services provided to land or improvements, the fee may be collected by the City in the same manner and with the same remedies as property taxes and, if the fee is due and payable by December 31 and unpaid on that date, it shall be deemed to be taxes in arrear.

55. REPEAL OF FORMER BYLAWS

"Fire Prevention Bylaw No. 5795, 1989", is hereby repealed.

56. SEVERABILITY PROVISION

Should a Court of competent jurisdiction declare that any portion of this Bylaw is invalid, the invalid portion shall be severed and the remainder of this Bylaw shall remain in full force and effect.

SCHEDULE "A" TO
Fire Protection Bylaw No.6940, 2004

SECTION	PERMITS	CURRENT FEE
26	Permit for Use of High Hazard Fireworks	$211.00
27	Permit for the Installation or Removal of Storage Tanks	$105.00
SECTION	**COST RECOVERY**	
6., 15	Fee for demolishing premises	Costs of City or Contractor plus 10%
6.8, 15	Fee for securing premises	Costs of City or Contractor plus 10%
20.2	Fee for removing or clearing flammable debris from property	Costs of City or Contractor plus 10%
23	Fee to provide clearance around hydrant	Costs of City or Contractor plus 10%
25	Fee to extinguish "outdoor burning" fire	$211.00
29	Fee for cost recovery for standby as a result of lack of notification of alarm being out of service	Fire Service Fees for apparatus and equipment. Staff rates as per current collective agreement plus 10% (3 hour minimum)
30	Excessive False Alarm Fee	3rd occurrence - $211.00 4th occurrence - $422.00 5th occurrences - $633.00 All subsequent occurrences - $633.00 per occurrence
32	Fee for standby time for waiting for reference to arrive over the specified time.	Fire Service Fees for apparatus and equipment. Staff rates as per current collective agreement plus 10% (3 hour minimum)*, **

SECTION	COST RECOVERY	
38	Fee for Fire Safety Plan Review Low Rise (6 or fewer storeys) Complex Buildings: - High Rise (7+ storeys) - Care/Treatment Facility - Detention Facility Amendment to existing plan - Administrative updates (e.g. contact information, formatting, etc.) - Operational updates (e.g. occupancy classification, building layout, fire protection systems replacement, etc.) Construction Fire Safety Plan	 $184.00 per new plan $348.00 per new plan No charge $112.00 per review $184.00 per new plan
41	Fee for Fire Protection File Search	$53.00
42	Fee to investigate fires over $5,000 loss	$527.00 (first three hours); Cost recovery to include Fire Services fees for apparatus and equipment. Staff rates as per current collective agreement. Miscellaneous cost recovery for evidence testing, additional contractor fees if/when required, plus 10%. *, **
43	Fee for third inspection required, and subsequent inspections	3rd inspection - $164.00 4th inspection - $322.00 5th inspection - $480.00 6th inspection - $638.00 Subsequent inspections after 6th inspection - $638.00 each
43	Fee for subsequent inspections	See item 43 above.
44	Fee to inspect premises involved in the illegal use of a controlled substance	Costs plus $316.00

44	Fee for Suppression Crews to suppress fires or any other task as a result of attending an incident involved in the illegal use of a controlled substance.	Fire Service Fees for apparatus and equipment. Staff rates as per current collective agreement plus 10% (3 hour minimum) *, **
45	Fee for the recovery of damaged or contaminated equipment	Cost of replacement plus 10% restocking fee ***
46	Fee for inspection of Business and Community Care licenses	No Fee
47	Fee for inspection of propane facilities	No Fee

SECTION	**COST RECOVERY**	
48	Fee for service for the use of personnel and equipment at a special event	Fire Service Fees for apparatus and equipment. Staff rates as per current collective agreement plus 10% (3 hour minimum)*, **
49	Fee for Fire Education Lectures and Demonstrations – Live Extinguisher Demonstrations.	$26.00 per person
50	Cost Recovery for Extraordinary Charges at an Incident	Fire Service Fees for apparatus and equipment. Staff rates as per current collective agreement plus 10% (3 hour minimum)*, **
51	Cost Recovery of Assessment and Contracting of Services	Fire Service Fees for apparatus and equipment. Staff rates as per current collective agreement plus 10% (3 hour minimum)*, **
51	Freedom of Information Request: - Motor Vehicle Incident Report	$105.00
51	Freedom of Information Request: - Fire Incident Report	$211.00
51	Freedom of Information Request: - Fire Investigation Report	$211.00

43	Inspection by Request: Property/Occupancy	Staff rates as per current collective agreement plus 10%
51	Photocopies	Cost recovery plus 10%
52	Failure to Provide Access for Scheduled Inspections	Municipal Ticketing Bylaw

Notes:

- *Fire Services Fees for apparatus: $363.00 per hour (3 hour minimum)
- **Staff rates as per current collective agreement
- ***Replacement costs for contaminated and/or damaged equipment plus 10%
- Applicable taxes to be added to all invoicing