

District of Squamish

Fire Service Bylaw No. 2314, 2014

As Amended by Bylaw No. 2411 and 3187

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The Council of the District of Squamish, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

Citation

- 1.1 This Bylaw may be cited for all purposes as the *“District of Squamish Fire Service Bylaw No. 2314, 2014”*.

Interpretation

Definitions

- 2.1 In this Bylaw:

Alarm means the giving, signaling or transmission to any fire hall, dispatch or company or to any Member or employee thereof, whether by telephone, spoken word or otherwise, information to the effect that a fire or emergency situation exists at or near the place indicated by the person or device communicating that information.

Apparatus means any vehicle provided with machinery, equipment, devices or materials for firefighting, first response, medical aid or rescue by the Fire Department, but does not include personal vehicles used by volunteer Members to travel to the fire station when responding to a call.

Approved means approved by the Fire Chief.

Building means any structure used or intended for supporting or sheltering any use or occupancy.

Bylaw Enforcement Officer means a person appointed by the District to enforce the bylaws of the District (as amended by Bylaw no. 2411).

Campfire means an outdoor fire not exceeding 1/2 metre in diameter and up to 1/2 metre in height, used for the purpose of cooking or to provide heat and light associated with camping, backyard fire pits and recreational activity.

Consumer Fireworks are low-hazard firework articles designed for recreational use by the public. These articles include items such as roman candles, sparklers, fountains, wheels, volcanoes, mines, and snakes.

Display Fireworks are high-hazard firework articles designed for use by professionals. These articles include items such as aerial shells, cakes, roman candles, waterfalls, lances and wheels.

District means the District of Squamish.

Equipment means any tools, contrivances, devices or materials used by the Fire Department to combat and assist at an incident or other emergency.

Fees and Charges Bylaw means the *District of Squamish Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 2012, 2007*.

Fire Chief means a person appointed by Council to be in charge of the Fire Department and its Members and includes a Deputy Fire Chief and any other individual authorized to act in the place of the Fire Chief.

Fire Code means the *British Columbia Fire Code Regulation*.

Fire Department means the District of Squamish Fire Rescue Department.

Fire Department Connection or FDC means a connection through which the fire department can pump supplemental water into a sprinkler system, standpipe, or other system, furnishing water for fire extinguishment to supplement existing water supplies.

Fire Officer means a Member of the Fire Department holding a position established under Section 5.4 (b) of this Bylaw.

Fireworks includes cannon crackers, fireballs, firecrackers, mines, roman candles, skyrockets, squibs, torpedoes and any other explosive device, including without limitation any firework identified or prescribed under the *Fireworks Act* of British Columbia and Canada Explosives Act and Regulations. (As amended by Bylaw No. 3187, 2025)

Fireworks Supervisor means a person possessing a valid Fireworks Supervisor Certificate issued by the Explosive Branch of Natural Resources Canada (as amended by Bylaw No. 2411).

Incident means a fire, explosion, natural or manmade disaster, or any event, situation or emergency that constitutes or may constitute a threat to life, property, the environment, or any combination thereof, to which the Fire Department has attended.

Member means a person appointed by the Fire Chief as a Member of the Fire Department.

Member in charge means the senior ranking Member responding to or present at an incident.

Nuisance means an unreasonable interference with personal health, safety or comfort of an individual or the use or enjoyment of property in the vicinity and without limitation, includes the emission of smoke which unreasonably disturbs the comfort or convenience of persons.

Officer includes the Fire Chief, Deputy Fire Chief, Captain, and any career Member of the Fire Department appointed as a local assistant to the Fire Commissioner.

Open air burning means the combustion or burning of any substance or material in the open air by any means.

Permit holder means a person holding a valid permit issued under this Bylaw.

Service station means any premises at which flammable liquids or combustible liquids are put into the fuel tank of a vehicle, and includes marine service stations, self-service outlets and fuel-dispensing operations at farms or construction projects.

Smoke means the gases, particulate matter and all other products of combustion emitted into the atmosphere when a substance or material is burning, including smoke, dust, gas, spark, ash, soot, cinders, fumes or other effluvia.

Solid fuel-burning appliance has the same meaning as “appliance” in the *Solid Fuel Burning Domestic Appliance Regulation* under the *Environmental Management Act*.

Special Effects Fireworks are high-hazard pyrotechnics articles designed for use by professionals. These articles include items such as gerbs, mines, comets and crossettes. This class also includes special purpose pyrotechnics manufactured live stage and the film and television industry

Special Effect Pyrotechnics means high-hazard pyrotechnics articles designed for use by professionals. These articles include items such as gerbs, mines, comets and crossettes. These articles would be used in theatre productions, concerts and on film sets. Certification for pyrotechnics also includes special purpose pyrotechnics manufactured for the film and television industry (as amended by Bylaw No. 2411).

General

- 2.2 Except as otherwise defined in this Bylaw, words and phrases in this Bylaw are to be interpreted consistently with the *British Columbia Building Code*, the *Fire Code*, the *Fire Services Act*, the *Community Charter* and the *Interpretation Act*. A reference to a statute in this Bylaw refers to a statute of the Province of British Columbia unless otherwise indicated, and a reference to any statute, regulation, code or bylaw refers to that enactment as it may be amended or replaced from time to time. Words in the singular include the plural and gender specific terms include both genders and include corporations. The headings in this Bylaw are for convenience only

and must not be construed as defining or in any way limiting the scope or intent of this Bylaw. If any part of this Bylaw is declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or inapplicable, that decision will not affect the validity and applicability of the remaining parts.

Fire Code

- 3.1 The *Fire Code* is adopted and made part of this Bylaw as a regulation of the District.

Fire Department

Continuation and Jurisdiction

- 4.1 The Fire Department, previously established and identified as the “District of Squamish Fire Rescue,” is hereby continued under this Bylaw.
- 4.2 The purpose of the Fire Department is to provide services for fire suppression, fire prevention and fire education, and to provide assistance in response to incidents.
- 4.3 The jurisdiction of the Fire Department extends to the geographical boundaries of the District. Apparatus of the Fire Department must not be used beyond those boundaries except as expressly agreed to in writing in relation to the supply of firefighting services, or as approved by Council prior to the proposed use.

Fire Chief

- 5.1 Council may, by resolution, appoint a suitable individual to hold the position of Fire Chief.
- 5.2 The Fire Chief is an officer of the District.
- 5.3 The Fire Chief is responsible for:
- (a) the management and supervision of the Fire Department;
 - (b) the training of Members;
 - (c) the care, custody and control of all buildings, apparatus and equipment of the Fire Department;
 - (d) the administration of this Bylaw and its enforcement;
 - (e) inspections and enforcement of the *Fire Code*;
 - (f) carrying out the duties and functions of the local assistant to the Fire Commissioner under the *Fire Services Act*; and
 - (g) all fire protection matters within the District.

Members and Officers

5.4 The Fire Chief may:

- (a) appoint, control and regulate Members of the Fire Department; and
- (b) appoint, in writing, any Member of the Fire Department as an Officer, including that of Fire Officer, to carry out the policies and operational guidelines of the Fire Department, and may designate any such officer to act as Fire Chief on his behalf.

5.5 Each Fire Officer is responsible for:

- (a) the safekeeping of any and all apparatus and equipment that may be supplied to the Fire Officer;
- (b) the facilities provided for Fire Department apparatus and equipment;
- (c) Members and under other personnel under that Fire Officer's supervision;
- (d) reporting any malfunction or shortage of apparatus or equipment directly to the Fire Chief.

Policies and Operational Guidelines

5.6 The Fire Chief may:

- (a) from time to time, make policies and operational guidelines for the proper and efficient administration and operation of the Fire Department; and
- (b) revise, add to, alter or repeal such policies and operational guidelines, from time to time, as the Fire Chief considers necessary or advisable.

Powers of the Fire Chief

5.7 The Fire Chief, or a Member or other person authorized by the Fire Chief to act in his place, may exercise any one or more of the following powers:

- (a) enter on property at all reasonable times and inspect premises for conditions that may cause a fire, increase the danger of a fire, or increase the danger to persons or property from a fire;
- (b) take all measures considered necessary for the prevention, control and extinguishing of fires and for the protection of life and property;
- (c) make any order the Fire Chief deems necessary or advisable to preserve the Safety of the public or occupants and to ensure compliance with this Bylaw, the Fire Code, or the Fire Services Act;

- (c) require an owner or occupier of real property to undertake any actions directed by the Fire Chief or other authorized Member for the purpose of removing or reducing any thing or condition that the Fire Chief or authorized Member considers is a fire hazard or increases the danger of fire or life safety of the occupants;
- (d) exercise any or all of the powers of the Fire Chief under the *Fire Services Act*, including all powers of the fire commissioner under section 25 of that Act, and for these purposes that section applies;
- (e) enforce the provisions of the *Fire Services Act*, the *Fire Code*, this Bylaw, and any other rules, orders, regulations and District bylaws for the purpose of the prevention and suppression of fire and the protection of life and property;
- (f) provide for response to and assistance at incidents;
- (g) inquire into, investigate and record the causes of fires within or affecting the District;
- (h) collect and disseminate information about fires within or affecting the District;
- (i) provide advice and recommendations to Council and employees of the District and to the public generally in relation to fire prevention or suppression and, without limitation, in relation to any or all of the following matters:
 - i. the establishment and administration of fire brigades and departments;
 - ii. the provision of adequate water supply and pressure;
 - iii. the installation and maintenance of fire protection equipment; and
 - iv. the enforcement of measures for the prevention or suppression of fire and the protection of life and property.

Operations and Procedures

- 5.8 The Fire Chief or, in his absence, the senior ranking Member present, shall have control, direction and management of all apparatus, equipment and manpower assigned to an incident.
- 5.9 A Member in charge at an incident must continue to act until relieved by a more senior Member.
- 5.10 The Fire Chief or Member in charge at a fire or other incident may:
 - (a) cause a building, structure or thing to be pulled down, demolished or otherwise removed if the Fire Chief or Member in charge deems it necessary to prevent the spread of a fire to other buildings, structures or things.
 - (b) enter on property or premises where an incident occurs, and direct or cause any Member to enter, and bring any apparatus or equipment on the property or premises as the Fire Chief

or Member in charge deems necessary, in order to combat, control or deal with the incident;

- (c) enter or pass through or over any property, buildings or other structures adjacent to an incident, and direct or cause any Member to enter, and bring any apparatus and equipment on, through or over buildings or property, as the Fire Chief or Member in charge deems necessary to gain access to the incident or to protect any person or property;
 - (d) establish areas and set boundaries or limits around, near or in the vicinity of an incident, keep any or all persons from entering those areas, boundaries and limits unless specifically authorized by the Fire Chief or Member in charge;
 - (e) request assistance from a peace officer to enforce restrictions on persons entering within the boundaries or limits established under this Bylaw;
 - (f) request assistance from persons who are not Members in removing furniture, goods and merchandise from any building on fire or in danger thereof, in guarding and securing a building or other structure, and in demolishing a building or structure at or near the fire or other incident.; and
 - (g) commandeer privately-owned equipment if the Fire Chief or Member in charge deems it necessary to deal with the incident.
- 5.11 In the event of a fire or other incident, the Fire Chief or Member in charge may evacuate any building, premises or property that is threatened by fire, explosion or any condition that may present a danger to occupants or other persons within.
- 5.12 Any person called upon to assist as provided in this Bylaw, for the time he or she does so assist, is deemed as a volunteer Member of the Fire Department.

No Unauthorized Representation

- 6.1 A person must not falsely represent themselves as a Member of the Fire Department.
- 6.2 A person must not wear or display any Fire Department badge, cap, insignia or other apparel or paraphernalia for any purpose other than that of the Fire Department.

Incidents

Restrictions

- 7.1 A person at, approaching, or in the vicinity of an incident must not:
- (a) other than as a Member, enter the boundaries or limits of an area established by the Fire Chief or Member in charge unless expressly authorized to do so by that Officer;
 - (b) other than as a Member, enter any building threatened by an incident;
 - (c) refuse to move from an area designated in paragraph (a) or (b) when directed to do so by a peace officer or a Member;
 - (d) disobey any traffic control directions given by a Member or peace officer at or near an incident;
 - (e) impede, obstruct or hinder a Member, peace officer or other person in carrying out their duties or while assisting or acting under the direction of the Fire Chief or Member in charge;
 - (f) damage or destroy Fire Department apparatus or equipment;
 - (g) drive a vehicle over any hose or other equipment, unless permitted or directed to do so by the Fire Chief or the Member in charge;
 - (h) obstruct or otherwise interfere with access roads or streets or other approaches to the fire or other incident, or any fire hydrant, cistern or body of water designated for fire-fighting purposes unless authorized by the Fire Chief or Member in charge;
 - (i) obstruct, impede or hinder in any manner whatsoever the Fire Chief, a Member or a peace officer while proceeding to, returning from or while engaged at the scene of the fire or other incident;
 - (j) tamper with, remove, destroy, render inoperative or interfere with any fire protection equipment or part thereof which is provided for the protection of property or persons, whether public or private; or
 - (k) refuse to obey the direction or command of the Fire Chief, a Member or peace officer at or near the scene of the fire or other incident.

Security - Fire Damaged Buildings

- 8.1 The owner, owner's agent or, in their absence, an adult occupant of a fire-damaged building must promptly take all steps necessary to secure the building against the entry of unauthorized persons, including, but not limited to, guarding the building and securing all openings into the building.

- 8.2 If a person fails to provide the necessary security to a fire-damaged building within a reasonable time or when directed to do so by the Fire Chief or a person authorized by the Fire Chief then the Fire Chief or the authorized person may enter on the property and cause the necessary work to be carried out at the cost of the owner.

False Alarm

- 9.1 A person must not activate an alarm or fire alarm system unless:
- (a) there is a fire or other incident;
 - (b) the person reasonably believes that a fire or other incident is occurring or is imminent; or
 - (c) the activation is carried out for testing purposes and the Fire Department and monitoring agency have been notified prior to the activation.

Fire Prevention Regulations

Forest Fire Hazard

- 10.1 For the purpose of preventing forest fires within the District, the Fire Chief may:
- (a) order the temporary closure to public use of outdoor trails, camping areas, and other facilities located in or near forested areas, whether on District land, Crown land or private land;
 - (b) order the notification of the public regarding a closure under this section, including without limitation, by the erection of signs and the publication and broadcasting of notices;
 - (c) order that a person not light, ignite, start, or maintain, or allow or cause to be lighted, ignited, started or maintained a campfire or other kind of fire outdoors or within a grill, barbecue or other outdoor fireplace or appliance which uses wood, charcoal, briquettes;
 - (d) order that any procedure, activity or work program of any business, contractor, facility or their operations within 1 km of a forest be stopped or modified;
 - (e) modify and rescind any order under this section; and
 - (f) exempt in writing, any person or group of persons from an order issued under this section where the Fire Chief considers that such an exemption is unlikely to result in a fire, increase the danger of a fire or increase the danger to persons or property from fire;
 - (g) suspend, revoke or deny any permit for the discharge of fireworks (as amended by Bylaw No. 2411).
- 10.2 An order under this section does not prevent any person from travelling to and from or occupying his or her residence or using a highway.

- 10.3 A person must not tamper with or remove any sign or notice placed pursuant to subsection 9.1.
- 10.4 A person must not violate any order issued pursuant to this section.

Campfires and Other Open Air Burning

- 11.1 A person must not light, ignite, start, fuel or maintain a campfire or any open air fire, or direct, cause, permit, allow or suffer a campfire or any open air fire to be lit, ignited, started, or maintained, except:
- (a) for fire training exercises or other purposes of the Fire Department , as carried out by its Members;
 - (b) in strict accordance with this Bylaw and a permit issued by the Fire Chief or designated Fire Official.
- 11.2 A person who has been authorized to start or conduct a fire under a permit issued by a government ministry or agency, such as by the Ministry of Environment to dispose of solid waste at the District landfill, or by the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations for hazard abatement or establishing tree crops, must notify the Fire Chief of the activity authorized under the Provincial permit before starting the fire.

General Burning Restrictions and Requirements

- 12.1 A person who lights, maintains or is otherwise responsible for a campfire must ensure that:
- (a) a permit has been obtained from the Fire Chief or designated Fire Official;
 - (b) the only materials burned in the campfire consist of dry, seasoned wood;
 - (c) the campfire is continuously supervised and controlled by a competent adult equipped with and knowledgeable in the use of extinguishing equipment and materials;
 - (d) the campfire does not enlarge beyond .5 metres in height or diameter, or extend in any way beyond the permitted space or location; and
 - (e) smoke from the campfire does not create a nuisance to other persons in the vicinity.
- 12.2 A person who lights, maintains or is otherwise responsible for any open air fire other than a campfire must ensure that:
- (a) a permit has been obtained from the Fire Chief or designated Fire Official;
 - (b) where required by law, a permit is obtained from a government ministry or agency;

- (c) the fire is under the immediate and continuous supervision, care and control of a competent adult equipped with and knowledgeable in the use of sufficient equipment to extinguish or prevent the fire from spreading beyond the permitted space or location;
- (d) an approved plan is in place to prevent the fire from burning out of control and otherwise to reduce the risk of endangering persons or property.

Indoor Burning

- 12.3 A person must not cause, allow or suffer the indoor burning of residential waste, including but not limited to any yard or garden material. Only seasoned firewood or commercially manufactured firelogs may be burned within residential fireplaces, woodstoves or other indoor solid fuel burning appliances. Only commercially manufactured pellets may be burned in a pellet stove.

Commercial, Industrial and Construction Materials

- 12.4 A person must not cause, allow or suffer:
- (a) the burning of commercial or industrial waste; or
 - (b) the destruction by burning of wood waste or any other combustible material from construction projects.

Public Places

- 12.5 A person must not light, ignite, fuel, maintain or allow, or cause, allow or suffer the lighting, ignition, fueling or maintenance of a fire in any highway, sidewalk, boulevard, street or road allowance, park or other public place within the District.

Discarding Material

- 12.6 A person must not discard, throw or drop any lighted match, cigarette, cigar or other smoking or burning item, material or substance into or near any combustible material, including, without limitation, into an area of grass, hay, bushes, sticks, or wood, or into any container other than one designed for that purpose.

Fireworks Restrictions (as amended by Bylaw No. 3187, 2025)

- 13.1 No person may offer for sale, sell, give, possess or trade Fireworks within the boundaries of the District.
- 13.2 No person may fire or discharge Fireworks within the boundaries of the District, with exception if authorized under Section 13.6 of this bylaw. The use or discharge of consumer grade fireworks is strictly prohibited.

Display Fireworks and Special Effects Pyrotechnics (amended as per Bylaw No. 3187, 2025)

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- 13.5 (deleted as per Bylaw No. 3187, 2025)
- 13.6 A permit is required to discharge Display Fireworks and/or Special Effects Pyrotechnics, the applicant shall provide the Fire Chief with proof of a valid Fireworks Supervisor's Certificate issued by Natural Resources Canada. (amended as per Bylaw No. 3187, 2025)
- 13.7 Every person making application for a Permit to discharge Display Fireworks and/or Special Effects Pyrotechnics shall:
- a) Submit an application for a permit to the Fire Chief at least 30 days before the date of the event. (amended as per Bylaw No. 3187, 2025)
 - b) pay the permit fee prescribed in prescribed in Schedule "9" of the District's "Fees and Charges Bylaw, 2012, 2007 as amended or replaced from time-to-time, except that the fee may be waived by the Fire Chief for any of the following:
 - i. events sponsored by the District;
 - ii. events held by the District, a school board, another local government or other government body or by a charitable organization registered and in good standing with Canada Revenue Agency;
 - c) obtain and maintain public liability insurance in the name of the applicant and the District and include proof of such insurance coverage along with the application. Such insurance shall be with one or more insurance companies registered to do business in the Province of British Columbia and in a form acceptable to the District, and shall provide coverage on an "occurrence basis", in an amount not less than Five million (\$5,000,000.00) dollars; (amended as per Bylaw No. 3187, 2025)
 - d) provide proof of a valid fireworks supervisor's certificate in accordance with the requirement in Section 13.6; (amended as per Bylaw No. 3187, 2025)
 - e) provide written consent of the owner of the property upon which the fireworks display site will be located, if the person applying for the permit is not the owner;
 - f) provide a site plan and event safety plan in a format acceptable to the fire chief that meets the requirements of the *Canada Explosive Act and Regulations*; (amended as per Bylaw No. 3187, 2025)
 - g) The Fire Chief is authorized and empowered to grant or refuse any such permit application. (amended as per Bylaw No. 3187, 2025)

Property Regulations

Accumulations

- 14.1 An owner and occupant of property or premises must not cause, allow or suffer any waste paper, hay, grass, straw, vines, branches, wood, litter or other combustible material, waste or rubbish to accumulate on a roof; in a carport, garage, or shed; or within a yard, vacant lot, or other open space on the property.

- 14.2 Every owner and occupier of property or premises must ensure that any accumulation of waste paper, hay, grass, straw, vines, branches, wood, litter or other combustible material, waste or rubbish is removed from the property and safely disposed of as soon as reasonably possible.

Vacant Property

- 14.3 Every owner of a vacant building must, in addition to preventing and removing any accumulation of combustible material, keep all openings to the building securely closed and fastened so as to effectively prevent unauthorized entry and acts causing fire or other dangerous conditions within the building and on surrounding property.
- 14.4 Every owner of a vacant building that has been deemed uninhabitable by a building inspector for the District, due to structural defects, or by a health officer or other provincial official due to health or safety concerns, must post emergency contact information on the property in a location and of a size that is acceptable to the Fire Chief.

Order

- 14.5 Without limiting the general authority of the Fire Chief to issue an order for compliance with this Bylaw or another enactment, if the Fire Chief considers that an accumulation of materials or the condition of a vacant building presents a fire hazard, the Fire Chief may, by written notice or posting on the property or premises, issue an order for the removal of the accumulation or the remedying of the condition of the vacant building, as applicable.

Solid Fuel Burning Appliances

- 15.1 A person must not install a solid fuel burning appliance unless:
- (a) the appliance bears evidence of meeting the standard of the Canadian Standards Association (CSA), the UL, ULC, Warnock Hersey, Omni Test Laboratories Inc. (O-TL) or ETL;
 - (b) the appliance complies with the emission standards of the Canadian Standards Association (CSA) and the United States Environmental Protection Agency, as outlined in the *Solid Fuel Burning Domestic Appliance Regulation* under the *Environmental Management Act*;
 - (c) the method of installation conforms to the CAN/CSA-B365 "Installation Code for Solid Fuel Burning Appliances and Equipment"; and
 - (d) a permit for installation of the appliance has been obtained from the Fire Chief, in a form approved by the Fire Chief and providing evidence of compliance with this section and any other information required by the Fire Chief.

- 15.2 A person must not burn any fuel in a solid fuel burning appliance that is not approved or recommended by the manufacturer of the appliance.

Building Fire Alarm Systems

- 16.1 The owner or occupant of a building equipped with a fire alarm system that is not continuously monitored must ensure that each manual fire alarm pull station has a permanent sign, approved by the Fire Chief, mounted near the alarm, reading:

LOCAL ALARM ONLY
IN CASE OF FIRE, CALL 911

- 16.2 Every owner or occupant of premises for which a fire alarm system is installed or required under the *Building Code* must inspect, test, maintain and repair the fire alarm system in accordance with the requirements of the *Fire Code*.
- 16.3 The owner or occupant of premises containing a fire alarm system must:
- (a) notify the Fire Department prior to its installation, service, testing, repair, maintenance, adjustment, alteration or replacement;
 - (b) ensure a competent person is retained for the duration of such work; and
 - (c) provide the Fire Department with the name and contact information of an adult person who is authorized and competent to use and all keys, pass-cards, security codes and other entry devices necessary to gain access and to re-secure the property, and who is available to attend the site at any time when the system is activated ("contact person").
- 16.4 If the Fire Department attends a property or premises where a fire alarm system has been activated, and is not able to contact the owner, occupier or a contact person, or if no such person has appeared at the site within 45 minutes, the Fire Department may:
- (a) enter the property or premises and any building or other structure thereon, using such means or force as may be necessary, to determine the cause of the alarm or activation of the system; and
 - (b) arrange to provide a fire watch or continuous security until the building can be secure, and the owner is responsible to pay the District for the costs of any damage or injury to property that may result from a forced entry and for all costs incurred by the Fire Department.
- 16.5 The owner of a property having a fire alarm system must pay the fees set out in the *Fees and Charges Bylaw* for each attendance at the property by the Fire Department, in response to its activation, in any of the following circumstances:

- (a) the alarm system was activated for reasons other than a fire, such as for installation, testing, servicing, maintenance, adjustment, alteration, repair or replacement, and the Fire Department was not notified in advance;
- (b) the fire alarm system was activated in contravention of subsection 9.1 [*false alarm*]; or
- (c) the fire alarm system has sounded more than one false alarm within a calendar year (January 1st – December 31st).

Lock Boxes

- 17.1 The Fire Chief may require an owner or occupier of property to install a lock box containing access keys for Members to access a building or premises, in a location approved by the Fire Chief.
- 17.2 The owner or occupier of property where a lock box is required must ensure that:
 - (a) an exterior lock box is flush-mounted onto the building or installed in a recessed area;
 - (b) the lock box is located at a height of not less than .450 metres and not more than 1.8 metres above ground level; and
 - (c) the lock box is labelled with signage or Fire Department marking approved by the Fire Chief;
- 17.3 A person must not open a lock box except by or at the direction of the Fire Chief or a Member.

Fire Hydrants, Standpipes and Fire Department Connections (FDC)

- 18.1 The owner of any hydrant, standpipe or FDC must ensure that the hydrant or standpipe is, at all times, available to the Fire Department and readily accessible for fire fighting purposes.
- 18.2 Every fire hydrant must be equipped with 1 – 100 mm Storz and 2 – 65 mm threaded ports, in conformance with the *Fire Code*, and must be compatible to the type of thread used by the Fire Department.
- 18.3 Unless a bylaw of the District provides otherwise, every fire hydrant must be installed in conformance with the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Standard 14, “Standard for the Installation of Standpipe, Private Hydrant, and Hose Systems”.
- 18.4 An owner or occupier of a building or premises must provide signage indicating the location of a Fire Department Connection (FDC) if required to do so by a Fire Officer.

Private Hydrants

18.5 The owner and occupier of property that includes a private fire hydrant must ensure that:

- (a) the hydrant is maintained in good working order at all times; and
- (b) inspections, testing and servicing of the hydrant are carried out on at least an annual basis by a person qualified to perform these services to the NFPA standard 25, "Standard for the Testing, Inspections and Maintenance of Water-Based Fire Protection Systems".

Clearance

18.6 The owner of any property on which a hydrant, standpipe or FDC is located must ensure that the area around the hydrant or standpipe is kept clear of all shrubs, trees, structures and other obstructions of any kind, for a minimum radius of one metre (3 feet) and in accordance with the minimum sight lines and clearances prescribed on the diagram attached as Schedule "A" to this Bylaw.

No Unauthorized Use or Obstruction

18.7 A person, other than a Member or an employee of the District acting within the scope of their duties, must not attach any device, equipment, label, writing or other thing to, or make use of a fire hydrant or standpipe without first obtaining express permission from the Fire Chief or a Fire Official and except in cases of emergency, such permission must be in writing.

18.8 A Fire Official or a bylaw enforcement officer of the District may, without notice or compensation to the owner, confiscate any unauthorized attachment found on a fire hydrant or standpipe.

18.9 A Fire Official or a bylaw enforcement officer may arrange for the towing of any vehicle, whether on private land or a highway or other public land, that is obstructing a fire hydrant, and in that circumstance the owner is responsible for the costs of towing and storage of the vehicle.

Fire Access Routes

19.1 A person must not block or obstruct a fire lane or other fire access route. A Fire Officer or a bylaw enforcement officer may arrange for the towing of any vehicle found parked in a posted fire lane or other fire access route, at the expense of the vehicle's owner.

Service Stations

- 20.1 A person responsible for operating a service station must ensure that every employee who acts as an attendant, within 30 days of being hired, successfully completes a training program in fire safety and protection designed for service station employees and that is acceptable to the Fire Chief.

Building Fire Safety Plan

- 21.1 Every owner or occupier of a building for which a fire safety plan is required under the *Fire Code* must:
- (a) submit a fire safety plan to the Fire Chief for approval;
 - (b) pay the applicable fee for review of the plan;
 - (c) provide copies of the fire safety plan, once approved, to the Fire Chief in electronic format; and
 - (d) store the fire safety plan in a weatherproof information box or other container at a location on the property that can be accessed by the Fire Department at any time.

Permits

Conditions

- 22.1 The Fire Chief, or a Fire Officer designated by the Fire Chief, may issue a permit for:
- (a) campfires;
 - (b) other open air fires larger than 1/2 metre in size for cooking, warmth, ceremonial purposes, or Halloween events;
 - (c) fireworks for national or civic celebrations or for Halloween events;
 - (d) fires or fireworks for commercial film production or theatrical special effects; and
 - (e) fires for disposal of waste, hazard abatement or establishing tree crops where a government ministry or agency has issued a permit to carry out such activity;
 - (f) Solid fuel burning appliances.
- 22.2 The Fire Chief or designated Fire Officer may, as a condition of issuing a permit, impose such terms, conditions, restrictions and requirements as the Fire Chief may consider necessary or advisable to reduce or avoid the risk of danger to life or property. (as amended by Bylaw No. 2411).

- 22.3 Every permit holder must ensure that any open air burning carried out under a permit is conducted strictly in accordance with the terms, conditions, restrictions and requirements of the permit and in a method that does not create a nuisance.

Cancellation and Suspension of Permits

- 22.4 The Fire Chief is authorized and empowered to suspend or revoke any permit issued under this bylaw, where it is determined that the holder of the permit contravened or authorized, permitted or suffered the contravention of any provision of this bylaw, the Fire Services Act and its regulations, or any other applicable statute or the conditions or restrictions attached to the Permit. (as amended by Bylaw No. 2411)
- 22.5 Despite any other provision of this Bylaw, where the Fire Chief determines or identified that hazardous fire conditions exist, the Fire Chief may order a suspension or total ban on open air burning, at any time and or duration. A person must not light, ignite, start, maintain or allow or cause to be lighted, ignited, started or maintained any fire in contravention of the Fire Chief's order under this section.

Fees for Permits and Services

- 23.1 Every person who requests any of the following must pay the applicable fee set out in the *Fees and Charges Bylaw* unless otherwise exempted under this Bylaw:
- (a) building inspection;
 - (b) special request fire safety inspection;
 - (c) fire safety plan review (for any purpose);
 - (d) file search for records;
 - (e) comment on status of a property ("comfort letter");
 - (f) a permit required under this Bylaw;
 - (g) a permit or inspection pursuant to another bylaw, the *Fire Code*, the *Fire Services Act*, or another provincial or federal enactment.
- 23.2 Payment of a fee or charge under this Bylaw does not relieve a person from an obligation to pay any fee or charge prescribed under another enactment.

Orders, Remediation and Cost Recovery

- 24.1 A person who is delivered of an order issued by the Fire Chief under this Bylaw, whether by mail, sign, posting or personal delivery, must comply with it, either promptly or, if a time period for compliance is specified, within that time period. Any and all costs

and expenses associated with compliance shall be the responsibility of the property owner or other person to whom the order is directed.

Remedial Action

24.2 If an order by the Fire Chief is not complied with within the time specified, the Fire Chief may arrange for the entry onto property or premises to be entered, and any remedial work undertaken to achieve a safe, compliant condition, including, without limitation:

- (a) the removal and safe disposal of any accumulation of combustible material;
- (b) the installation of a fire safety device; or
- (c) to secure a vacant building;

and in any circumstance where the Fire Chief has arranged for work to be carried out on, within, or for a property or building to achieve compliance with an order, the owner of the property is liable to pay the District an amount to cover the costs incurred by the Fire Department for that purpose.

24.3 If fees charged for fire inspections, reviews or other services to land or improvements, or amounts charged for costs incurred by the Fire Department in taking remedial action on lands or for improvements are not received by the District by December 31st of the year in which they became due and payable, the amounts owing may be collected from the owner in the same manner as for property taxes in arrears.

Dangerous Goods

24.4 Every owner, carrier, agency, organization or other person having responsibility for the transport, storage or use of dangerous goods, as defined in the *Transportation of Dangerous Goods Act*, 1992 (Canada) S.C. c.34 shall be responsible, at their own cost, for the clean up and safe disposal of all such dangerous goods arising from any incident, and where the person fails to do so effectively, the person must pay:

- (a) the actual costs and expenses incurred by the District or its contractors for the clean up and safe disposal of the dangerous goods; and
- (b) as an extraordinary service fee, the actual costs incurred by the Fire Department in mitigating the incident involving dangerous goods, such costs to be calculated in accordance with the rates set out in the *Fees and Charges Bylaw*.

Compensation to District

24.5 Every person who, without necessary cause or required permit, sets a fire to which the Fire Department responds, or in any manner makes or causes to be made a false alarm, or causes a fire, damage to property or injury to persons that can be attributed to the use of fireworks contrary to this Bylaw, or to the unauthorized cultivation, processing, manufacturing or storage of a controlled substance contrary to the *Controlled Drugs*

and Substances Act (Canada), is deemed to have caused a nuisance in the community and, in addition to any fine or other penalty, as an extraordinary service fee is liable to compensate the District for the actual costs and expenses incurred by the Fire Department in responding to the fire, false alarm or unauthorized activity. The amount of the extraordinary service fee shall be calculated in accordance with the rates set out in the *Fees and Charges Bylaw*.

- 24.6 Whether or not a permit is in effect, any person who fails to comply with this Bylaw must, upon direction of the Fire Chief or Fire Officer, immediately and completely extinguish any fire that person has started, maintained or otherwise is responsible for, and at their own cost, promptly take any and all remedial measures that the Fire Chief or Fire Officer considers necessary or advisable in the interests of fire safety and protection of life or property as communicated to that person.
- 24.7 If a person fails to extinguish a fire as directed by the Fire Chief or Fire Officer, the Fire Chief or Fire Officer may direct or cause it to be extinguished; and in that circumstance the permit holder or other person responsible is liable to pay the District the costs and expenses of extinguishment incurred by the Fire Department.
- 24.8 Every person who is not a resident or ratepayer of the District, and who causes, directs, allows or suffers an incident attended by the Fire Department, is liable to pay the District for all costs and expenses incurred by the Fire Department in response to the incident as well as any fees imposed under the *Fees and Charges Bylaw*.

Enforcement

Entry for Inspection

- 25.1 Without limiting the authority of the Fire Chief under any other provision of this Bylaw, the Fire Chief, a Fire Captain or other Fire Officer, or a bylaw enforcement officer designated by the Fire Chief, or any combination of them, with the assistance of a peace officer as may be necessary or advisable, may enter onto property at any reasonable time to inspect and determine whether all of the regulations, prohibitions and requirements under this Bylaw, the *Fire Services Act* or the *Fire Code* are being met.

Contravention and Penalty

- 25.2 Every person who:
- (a) contravenes, violates or fails to comply with any provision of this Bylaw;
 - (b) causes, allows or suffers any act or thing to be done in contravention of this Bylaw; or
 - (c) fails or neglects to do anything required under this Bylaw,
- or any permit or order issued under this Bylaw, commits an offence, and where the

offence is a continuing one, each day that the offence continues shall constitute a separate offence.

25.3 Upon being found guilty of an offence under this Bylaw, a person shall be liable:

- (a) if proceedings are brought under the *Offence Act*, to pay a fine of up to ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), and any further amounts that may be ordered by the court under the *Community Charter* or *Offence Act*;
- (b) if issued a ticket under the *District of Squamish Municipal Ticket Information Bylaw No. 1832, 2004*, a fine of up to one thousand dollars (\$1,000); or
- (c) if issued a bylaw notice under the *Local Government Bylaw Notice Enforcement Act*, to a penalty established by a bylaw under that Act.

Schedule

26.1 Schedule A is attached to and forms a part of this Bylaw.

Repeal

27.1 The *District of Squamish Fire Service Bylaw No. 2040, 2008*, is repealed on the date that this Bylaw comes into effect.

READ A FIRST , SECOND AND THIRD TIME this 18 day of MARCH, 2014.

ADOPTED this 1st day of April, 2014.

Mayor

Director of Administrative Services

SCHEDULE A

FIRE HYDRANT SIGHT LINES & CLEARANCE

SCHEDULE "A"

(Hydrant and Standpipe Clearances)

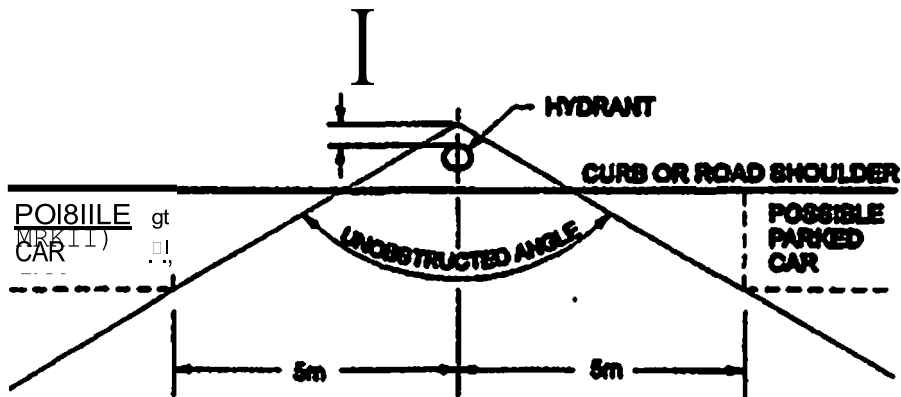


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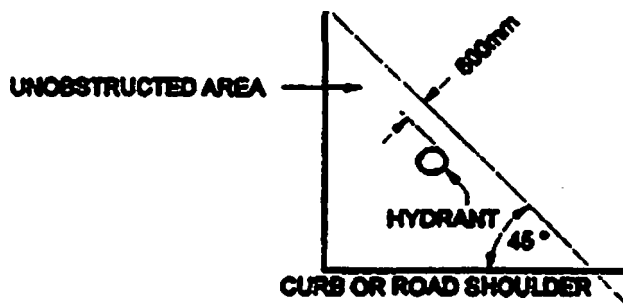


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