

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF VERNON

BYLAW 6018

A bylaw to amend Fire Services Bylaw 5635 to include the Province
of British Columbia Open Burning Smoke Control Regulations

WHEREAS the Council of The Corporation of the City of Vernon has determined to amend “Fire Services Bylaw 5635, 2017”;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of The Corporation of the City of Vernon, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

1. This bylaw may be cited as “**Fire Services (Burning Permits) Amendment Bylaw 6018, 2024**”.
2. Fire Services Bylaw 5635 is hereby amended as follows:
 - A. **AMEND PART FIVE – FIRE PREVENTION REGULATIONS, 5.6 Burning Permits** as shown in **Red** on attached Schedule ‘1’
3. Fire Services Bylaw Number 5635, 2017” is hereby ratified and confirmed in every other respect.

READ A FIRST TIME this day of, 2024.

READ A SECOND TIME this day of, 2024.

READ A THIRD TIME this day of, 2024.

ADOPTED this day of, 2024.

Mayor

Corporate Office

SCHEDULE '1'
Attached to and forming Part of Bylaw 6018
"Fire Prevention Regulations - Amendment Bylaw 6018, 2024"

PART FIVE – FIRE PREVENTION REGULATIONS

5.6 Burning Permits

- (a) The Director of Fire Rescue Services or the Officer in Charge may issue a Permit as identified in ~~the form prescribed by the Fire Chief for Special Events and Display Fireworks. Schedule "B", here to and forming part of this Bylaw to allow burning during Special Public Events.~~ **the form prescribed by the Fire Chief.**
- (b) The Director of Fire Rescue Services or the Officer in Charge may issue a Permit as identified in ~~the form prescribed by the Fire Chief. Schedule "B", here to and forming part of this Bylaw~~ to allow burning of *Land Clearing Debris* and *Agricultural Material* in open air.
 - (i) Permits will only be issued for open burning of *Land Clearing Debris* and *Agricultural Material* originating from the site on which the burning is to be carried out **(site must be a minimum of 5 acres)** and following referral to and *Approval* from federal or provincial regulatory agencies, where applicable.
 - (ii) Burning of *Land Clearing Debris* and *Agricultural Material* may only occur between November 1 and April 30, when authorized by the Director of Fire Rescue Services. *(Bylaw 5747)*
 - (iii) Open burning of *Land Clearing Debris* and *Agricultural Material* must be carried out at least ~~400~~ **500** metres from neighboring residences and businesses, and ~~500~~ **1000** metres from schools in session, hospitals and facilities used for continuing care as defined under the *Continuing Care Act*. **An application for a reduction in set backs for Land Clearing Debris must meet the requirements provided in the form prescribed by the Fire Chief.**
 - (iv) Every *person* to whom a Permit has been issued shall be responsible for and in charge of a fire while the fire is burning or smoldering, and until such fire is completely extinguished, and shall provide sufficient equipment in order to prevent the fire from getting beyond control or causing damage or becoming dangerous to life or property.
 - (v) Ignition of materials for such burning shall only occur on days when the smoke Ventilation Index as reported by the Meteorological Service of Canada is 55 (good) or greater and 34 (fair) or greater for the second day of smoke release and the Air Quality Health Index is 3 or less.

- (vi) The Director of Fire Rescue Services may refuse to issue or may cancel a Permit and/or order a fire extinguished whenever burning, is hazardous or creating a nuisance
- (vii) ~~Ignition of materials for such burning shall only occur during daylight hours.~~ For a one day burn, the designated open burning period start time is at least one hour after sunrise. End time is 4 p.m. or two hours before sunset, whichever is later. No new materials shall be added within 4 hours of sunset. If burning a second day, no igniting of new piles or adding debris is permitted. Nothing to be added overnight. Start time is at least one hour after sunrise and end time is 4 p.m. on the second day.
- ~~(viii) No burning of materials shall be added to a fire after 1700 hours (5:00p.m.).~~
- (ix) The authority of the Director of Fire Rescue Services under subsection 5.6(a) can be exercised by any other person designated by the Director of Fire Rescue Services to act in place of the Director of Fire Rescue Services in ~~his~~ their absence or availability.

Outdoor Burning/Display Fireworks Permit

Pursuant to Section 5 and Section 9 of the City of Vernon Fire Services Bylaw No. 5635

Property Owner/Agent: _____
Contact Phone Number: _____
Property Address: _____

- _____ Agricultural Material (\$75.00)
- _____ Special Public Events (\$75.00)
- _____ Land Clearing (\$75.00)
- _____ Display Fireworks (\$100.00)

- _____ The application for a permit must be made by the owner or the owner's authorized agent.
- _____ The applicant agrees to the conditions identified in this permit.
- _____ The designated open burning period shall be carried out only during daylight hours and no materials shall be added after 1700 hours (5:00 pm).
- _____ The smoke release for this permit shall not be greater than 72 consecutive hours.
- _____ The applicant shall be responsible for, and in charge of, the fire until it is completely extinguished.
- _____ The applicant shall provide sufficient appliances and equipment in order to prevent the fire from getting beyond control or causing damage to life or property.
- _____ Burning is only to occur when the smoke ventilation index as reported by the Meteorological Service of Canada is 55 or greater, and 34 or greater for the second day and the air quality index is 3 or less.
- _____ Environment Canada automated voice message system for ventilation indexes are available by calling 1-888-281-2992.
- _____ Burning must be at least 100 meters from residences and businesses, and 500 meters from schools in session, hospitals and continuing care facilities.
- _____ Pile sizes shall not be more than two (2) meters in height and three (3) meters in width. Not more than two (2) piles shall be burned concurrently.
- _____ Monitor wind conditions. If the wind is strong enough to carry sparks or embers do not burn.
- _____ If the applicant allows such fire to get out of control he or she may be liable for a fine of \$500.00.
- _____ This permit may be cancelled or a fire ordered extinguished whenever burning, having regard to all the prevailing circumstances, is hazardous or creating a nuisance.

This permit does not preclude permits or approvals required by other authorities having jurisdiction.

Permit valid for thirty (30) consecutive days commencing _____

Signature of applicant

Fire Chief or designate

Date Issued