



# City of Port Moody

## Governance and Legislation Committee

Date: July 18, 2023  
Submitted by: Fire Chief  
Subject: Fireworks Bylaw Review

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### Purpose

To evaluate City of Port Moody Fireworks Bylaw, 1991, No. 2070 and propose Port Moody Fire Rescue's recommendations for amendment.

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### Recommended Resolution:

**THAT staff be directed to report back with amendments to City of Port Moody Fireworks Bylaw, 1991, No. 2070 as recommended in the 2023 Fireworks Bylaw Review Report included as Attachment 1 in the report dated July 18, 2023, from the Fire Chief regarding Fireworks Bylaw Review.**

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### Background

Many residents enjoy personal use of fireworks on their properties and have expressed a desire for this to continue. The City of Port Moody Fireworks Bylaw places restrictions to regulate the use and sales of fireworks, but widespread contraventions, community complaints, and increasing hazard levels are prompting Port Moody Fire Rescue (PMFR) to make recommendations for changes to Council.

PMFR, the Port Moody Police Department (PMPD), and Council continue to hear concerns from residents negatively impacted by fireworks regarding:

- public safety;
- disturbance and disruption to the community;
- inappropriate use;
- effects on the environment from noise and pollution; and
- damage to municipal infrastructure.

Due to climate change, 2022 was the first year that the fire danger rating was high until October 20. While this was unprecedented, it will likely be a continuing trend causing firework use and sales to be evaluated on a yearly basis unless the bylaw is amended.

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Overall, these key points demonstrate that banning the sales and requiring a permit for consumer firework use can help to protect individuals, the environment, and communities from the potential dangers and negative effects associated with their use.

## Discussion

Port Moody Fire Rescue has conducted a review of fireworks regulation and use in Port Moody and neighbouring municipalities. The resulting report and recommendations are included for Council consideration as **Attachment 1**. Staff are recommending that the City of Port Moody modify its Fireworks Bylaw (**Attachment 2**) to ban firework sales and mandate a permit for consumer firework use to align its regulatory approach with most other municipalities in Metro Vancouver.

## Other Option(s)

THAT the report dated July 18, 2023, from the Fire Chief regarding Fireworks Bylaw Review be received for information.

## Financial Implications

Reduced staff time on Fireworks enforcement.

## Communications and Civic Engagement Initiatives

Communication through city website, Communications department, and Fire Department website and social media.

## Council Strategic Plan Objectives

The recommendation in this report aligns with the Council Strategic Plan Objectives of Healthy Community Development and Resilient Natural Environment.

## Attachment(s)

1. 2023 Fireworks Bylaw Review Report.
2. City of Port Moody Fireworks Bylaw, 1991, No. 2070.

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# Fireworks Bylaw Review

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Attachment 1

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**Overview:**

The purpose of this report is to evaluate the City of Port Moody Fireworks Bylaw ([BL2070-C](#)) and propose Port Moody Fire Rescues recommendations for amendment. Port Moody Fire Rescue suggests that the City of Port Moody modify its firework bylaw to ban sales and mandate a permit for consumer firework use to align its regulatory approach with most other municipalities in Metro Vancouver.

**Background:**

Many residents enjoy personal use of fireworks on their properties and have expressed a desire for this to continue. The City of Port Moody Fireworks Bylaw places restrictions to regulate the use and sales of fireworks, but widespread contraventions, community complaints, and increasing hazard levels are prompting Port Moody Fire Rescue to make recommendations for changes to Council.

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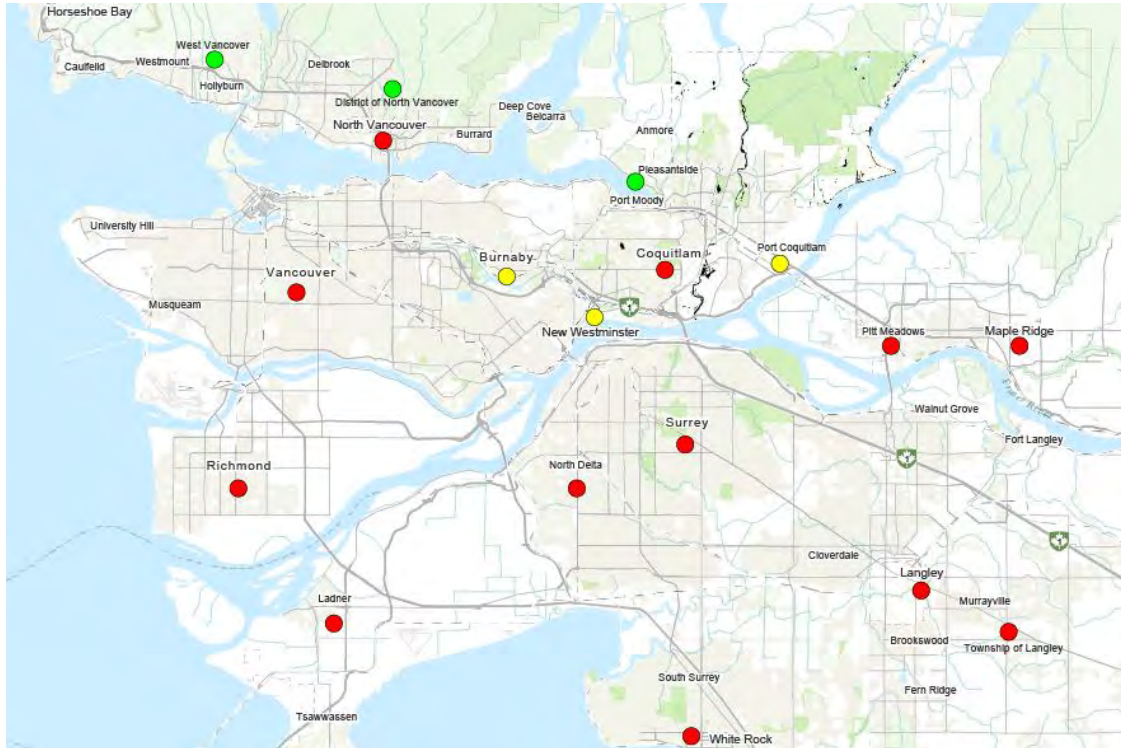
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Overall, these key points demonstrate that banning the sales and requiring a permit for consumer firework use can help to protect individuals, the environment, and communities from the potential dangers and negative effects associated with their use.

**Other Communities' Bylaws:**

This map illustrates the regulatory approach to fireworks in the Lower Mainland:



Approach by Community in the Lower Mainland:

- Both consumer firework use and sales prohibited
- Consumer firework use permitted with sales prohibited
- Consumer firework use and sales permitted

A bylaw amendment to prohibit sales would harmonize this regulatory approach with most other municipalities in Metro Vancouver.

Requiring a permit for consumer firework use would essentially ban consumer firework use but it would also align the City of Port Moody with similar actions taken across the Lower Mainland.

**Existing Policy:**

- Natural Resources Canada administers the *Explosives Act* and the *Regulations* and training and certification for operators, and classifies fireworks into four types:
  - F.1 — **consumer fireworks**;
  - F.2 — display fireworks;

This report is only in relation to the F.1 consumer grade fireworks. Fireworks used by certified fireworks technicians for pyrotechnics, theatrical special effects, and public displays ( F.2- F.4) will continue to be regulated through a permit application process under section 6.1 of the Fireworks Bylaw.

- *BC Fireworks Act RSBC 1996, c. 146*  
This *Act* allows municipalities to declare, by bylaw, the application of the *Act*, to prohibit or control the sale and use of low hazard fireworks, enabling communities to tailor access to these types of fireworks. The *Act* restricts the days that fireworks may be sold or discharged to October 24-November 1.
- *BC Community Charter*:
  - Section 8(3)(d) provides that a council, by bylaw, may regulate, prohibit and impose requirement in relation to fireworks.
  - Section 8(6) and Div. 9 provides that council may, by bylaw, regulate in relation to business.

**Firework Sales:**

[The City of Port Moody Fireworks Bylaw 1991, No. 2070](#), allows for sales of fireworks between October 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> of each year. All sales of fireworks are to cease on October 30<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 p.m. to curb late night purchases and discharge.

**Firework Use:**

Fireworks may only be set off, discharged, or exploded on October 31<sup>st</sup> of each year and only subject to the following conditions:

- On the lot of a private dwelling and only with the knowledge and consent of the occupant; or
- As part of a public display organized and controlled by a public body or society wherein such person or persons have first obtained written permission of the Fire Chief.

PMFR requests citizens using consumer fireworks voluntarily register their fireworks plan; however, registration is not required.



**Sale licences and permits issued:**

The number of business licences issued for fireworks sales have averaged two per year from 2004 to 2021. In 2022, Port Moody issued 3 business licences to fireworks sales.

A voluntary permit program is offered by PMFR every year. Between 2018 and 2021, an average of 10 citizens registered **consumer** fireworks plans with PMFR. In 2022, 29 citizens registered fireworks plans with PMFR for private residence displays.

Permits are also issued by PMFR for public assembly **display** fireworks, such as the display in Glenayre every Halloween. There are several requirements such as:

- There shall be at all times at least two operators of the display constantly on duty during the discharge, and at least one of the operators shall hold a valid Fireworks Supervisors Certificate;
- At least two (2) approved fire extinguishers of at least twelve (12) litres capacity shall be kept at as widely separated points as possible within the actual area in which the discharge is being done;
- Public display of fireworks and firecrackers shall be permitted only when the actual point at which the fireworks and firecrackers are to be fired is at least sixty (60) metres from the nearest permanent building, public highway or railway, or other means of travel, or fifteen (15) metres from the nearest above ground telephone or telegraph line, tree, or other overhead obstruction;
- Approval by PMFR of site plan; and
- Comprehensive Insurance coverage.

Port Moody Fire Rescue is not recommending any changes to the permitting process for display fireworks.

**Fireworks Enforcement:**

The City of Port Moody Fire and Bylaws teams proactively ensure fireworks sales business premises are set up properly and are adhering to requirements. Staff also perform random checks throughout the selling period and address any contraventions at those businesses.

In the weeks leading up to Halloween, a high volume of complaints are typically directed to PMFR. The most common complaints are:

- fireworks discharged outside of the permissible hours;
- excessive noise to humans and wildlife;
- fear and anxiety of household pets;
- litter and chemical debris left on roads and neighbouring properties;
- fire damage directly caused by fireworks discharge; and
- contribution to poor air quality.

Teams from PMFR, Parks, and PMPD proactively patrol and respond to fireworks complaints. Some of the most common violations resulting from Halloween patrols include:

- dangerous use of fireworks;
- possession and discharge of illegal fireworks;
- discharge of fireworks on roadways, parks, and school grounds; and
- use of fireworks by under-age youth.

Direct impact on PMPD policing resources:

- The volume of incidents results in PMPD creating a bulk file due to the sheer volume of fireworks complaints around Halloween every year; and
- PMPD brings in extra staffing and opens the operations centre to effectively manage the complaints received on Halloween.

**Injuries Resulting from Fireworks:**

Injuries are tracked nationwide by the Canadian Hospitals Injury Reporting and Prevention Program (CHIRPP) and includes statistics from BC Children's Hospital. While this does not represent all injuries, CHIRPP reported that in 2011-2019, teenagers and adolescents represented the largest proportion of the injuries. Head injuries – burns and eye injuries are the most common, followed by fingers and hands, with 73% needing medical treatment and 11% requiring being admitted to hospital for treatment of the injuries.

**Summary:**

Port Moody is one of the last municipalities in Metro Vancouver to allow fireworks sales and consumer use on private property without a permit. Port Moody Fire Rescue recommends that the Firework Bylaw is amended to ban sales and mandate a permit for consumer firework use.

**Appendices:****Appendix 1 – [Port Coquitlam's Fireworks Permit Process](#):****Fireworks Regulations**

Every year fireworks seriously injure people and cause millions of dollars in property damage. The Port Coquitlam Fire and Emergency Services encourages fireworks safety with the following regulations. Complete fireworks regulations are detailed in Section 6 of City [Bylaw No. 3880, Fire and Emergency Services Bylaw](#)

**Can I purchase fireworks in Port Coquitlam?**

In the best interest of community safety, the City of Port Coquitlam, like many other municipalities, has banned the sale of any fireworks within the City.

**When can I set off fireworks?**

Before detonating any fireworks within the City you require a valid Fireworks Event Permit. Fireworks may only be used, set off or discharged on October 31st (Halloween) until 11:00 pm and only with a permit as authorized by the Port Coquitlam Fire and Emergency Services. Anyone found setting off fireworks before or after this date or without a permit may be fined a minimum of \$200 and/or formal enforcement proceedings for each incident. Failure to comply with the terms of the Fireworks Permit is also subject to fine and/or formal enforcement proceedings.

**Where can I obtain a Fireworks Event Permit?**

Application to detonate low hazard fireworks must be made in person at the Tax Office at Port Coquitlam City Hall located at 2580 Shaughnessy Street between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm Monday to Friday. The fee for a permit is \$30. You must be at least 18 years of age to handle fireworks.

Please note: If you are not the property owner of where the permit is being taken out for, you will need a letter of consent from the registered property owner acknowledging that they are permitting you to light/ignite fireworks on the lands for which the permit is for.

Consideration for purchase of a permit must be submitted by 3 pm on the last weekday of October.

**Where can I set off fireworks?**

Fireworks can be set off:

- on private property and only with the knowledge and consent of the occupant
- as part of a public event controlled by a public body or society. Written permission from the Fire Chief is required for public functions and may be obtained by contacting the Fire Department as noted below.

Anyone found not complying with this regulation may be fined \$500 and/or subject to formal enforcement proceedings.

**Appendix 2 – [Coquitlam's Fireworks bylaw:](#)****Fireworks Permits**

As part of the [Fire Prevention and Life Safety Bylaw Number 3712, 2005 \(PDF\)](#), it is illegal to buy or sell fireworks in Coquitlam. Setting off fireworks is also prohibited unless the user has a permit from the Coquitlam Fire/Rescue Department. Fireworks are generally used in large public displays by trained individuals. Low hazard fireworks are for consumers and designed for recreational use, and high hazard fireworks are for professionals and are used in large (usually public) displays.

Before you complete your [Coquitlam Fireworks Permit Application \(PDF\)](#), please read the [Fireworks Permit Guidelines \(PDF\)](#).

**Fireworks Permit Guidelines**

Permit Fees a) A permit fee and application form from Coquitlam Fire/Rescue is required. Complete applications must be received a minimum of 72 hours prior to the event.

- Fees: Low Hazard Fireworks = \$50.00; High Hazard Fireworks = \$100.00

b) If at the discretion of the Fire Chief, it is determined that appropriately staffed fire department apparatus may be required to be stationed at the event for safety reasons, the following additional fees may be required at the time of permit issuance: • The current hourly rate for each four-person fire engine or emergency vehicle, for the duration of the event. Firefighters are required to stand-by 30 minutes prior to the event, during the event, and 30 minutes after the event has ended, plus any additional required time (for a minimum of three hours)

f) For low hazard fireworks, Coquitlam Fire/Rescue is adhering to the federal explosives guidelines for clearance requirements when approving fireworks permit, which are 30m x 30m for aerial displays and 20m x 20m for ground effects. These clearance requirements essentially eliminate most residential lots from receiving a permit. Office staff will check if required clearance is met.

**Fire Prevention and Life Safety Bylaw Number 3712, 2005:****9. Fireworks, Firecrackers and Pyrotechnics**

9.1 No person will possess for purposes of re-sale or distribution, offer for sale, store, distribute or sell:

- Low Hazard Fireworks;
- High Hazard Fireworks;
- Firecrackers.

9.2 Subject to sections 9.3 and 9.4, no person will possess for purposes of use, set off, use, explode or discharge:

- (a) Low Hazard Fireworks;
- (b) High Hazard Fireworks;
- (c) Firecrackers; or
- (d) pyrotechnics.

9.3 Section 9.2 does not apply if a person or organization has received a permit in the prescribed form from the Fire Chief to use, set off, explode or discharge any Low Hazard Fireworks, High Hazard Fireworks, Firecrackers or pyrotechnics for religious, ceremonial, celebratory or business related purposes. The Fire Chief may, in issuing a permit pursuant to this section, impose any and all conditions which he deems necessary to provide for the protection of persons and property. The person or organization to whom or to which a permit is issued pursuant to this section is responsible for ensuring compliance with all provisions contained in the permit and this Bylaw.

9.4 The Fire Chief will not issue a permit pursuant to section 9.3 for private property unless a registered owner of such property is the person seeking the permit or the permit applicant provides the Fire Chief with written authorization from a registered owner of the property authorizing the applicant to seek such a permit.

9.5 No person will point or direct a Low Hazard Firework, a High Hazard Firework or a Firecracker at any person, animal, structure, vehicle or other object where the Low Hazard Firework, High Hazard Firework or Firecracker is in the process of being used, set off, exploded or detonated.

9.6 Any member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, an Officer under this Bylaw, a City employee duly authorized by the Fire Chief or a Peace Officer, may seize Firecrackers, Low Hazard Fireworks and High Hazard Fireworks, or any of them, being held or used in violation of this Bylaw and may dispose of them in a manner approved by the Fire Chief, without compensation for the said seizure and without charges being laid or formal enforcement proceedings being commenced. This section does not in any way restrict or prevent charges from being laid or formal enforcement proceedings under this Bylaw from being commenced.

9.7 Every person who is issued a permit under section 9.3 of this Bylaw shall pay the fees prescribed in the Fees and Charges Bylaw.

<b>CONSOLIDATED FOR CONVENIENCE</b>
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**CITY OF PORT MOODY****BYLAW NO. 2070**

A BYLAW FOR THE PRESERVATION OF LIFE, PREVENTION OF INJURIES, PROTECTION OF PROPERTY, AND CONTROL OF FIRECRACKERS AND FIREWORKS.

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the provisions contained in the *Municipal Act*, being Chapter 290, R.S.B.C., 1979 and amendments thereto, Council may by Bylaw provide Regulations for the protection of persons and property;

**AND WHEREAS**, the Council of the City of Port Moody deems it expedient and desirable to provide such regulations;

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Council of the City of Port Moody in open meeting, enacts as follows:

**1. TITLE**

This Bylaw may be cited for all purposes as the "City of Port Moody Fireworks Bylaw, 1991, No. 2070.

**2. INTERPRETATION**

In this Bylaw,

**2.1 "APPROVED"** means approved by an Officer of the Fire Department of the City of Port Moody.

**2.2 "COUNCIL"** means the Municipal Council of the City of Port Moody.

**2.3 "CITY"** means the City of Port Moody.

**2.4 "EXPLOSIVE"** means gunpowder, nitroglycerine, gun cotton, dynamite, blasting gelatin, gelignite, fulminate of mercury or other metals, coloured fire, and every other substance used or manufactured to produce a violent effect by explosion, or a pyrotechnic effect, and shall include fireworks, fuses, rockets, percussion caps, detonator, cartridges, and ammunition.

<p><b>*Amended by Bylaw #2665</b></p>
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**2.5 "FAMILY FIREWORKS"** means outdoor low hazard recreational fireworks classified by the Canada Explosives Regulations as Class 7.2.1.

<p><b>*Amended by Bylaw #2725</b></p>
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**2.6 "FAMILY PACK"** means a prepackaged assortment of family fireworks excluding nuisance fireworks

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**2. INTERPRETATION (Continued)**

- 2.7 "FIRE CHIEF" means the person appointed to such position from time to time.
- 2.8 "FIRECRACKER" means small fireworks with entwined fuses used solely as noise makers, and not for pyrotechnic effect.
- 2.9 "FIREWORKS" means manufactured goods intended to be used for pyrotechnic effect that are classified by the **Canada Explosives Regulations** as low hazard fireworks for recreation (Class 7.2.1) such as firework showers, fountains, golden rain, lawn lights, pinwheels, Roman candles, volcanoes, and sparklers.
- 2.10 "NUISANCE FIREWORKS" means a fireworks product that produces an effect involving a screech or noise, or is being altered or misused, that has the effect of invoking fear, or disturbance to residents of the City. Nuisance fireworks include Roman Candles with an internal tube size of 3/8" or less, Sound Shells such as Mini Air Bombs, Air Bombs, Super Sonic Bang, Cherry Bomb, Mach 3's, Bottle Rockets, and Fountain Whistles such as Hummer-oos, Screecher-oos, and Zinger-oos.
- 2.11 "OCCUPANT" means an owner, tenant, lessee, agent, licensee, and any other person who has the right of access to and control of any land, building or premises to which this Bylaw applies.
- 2.12 "OFFICER" means any person appointed by the Fire Chief to exercise the powers vested under this Bylaw or the **Fire Services Act**. An Officer includes members of the fire department appointed from time to time to the positions of Deputy Fire Chief, Captain, Acting Captain, Lieutenant and Acting Lieutenant.
- 2.13 "PEACE OFFICER" means a person employed by the Port Moody Fire Department as an Officer, or any person employed by the City as a Bylaw Enforcement Officer, or any person carrying out the duties of a Municipal Police Officer for the City of Port Moody.

\*Amended  
by Bylaw  
#2665

**3. GENERAL**

- 3.1 In the event of any inconsistency between the provisions of this Bylaw and the provisions contained in a statute and/or regulation enacted by the Government of the Dominion of Canada or the Province of British Columbia, the more restrictive provisions of those statutes and/or regulations shall apply.
- 3.2 As provided by Section 66 of the Community Charter, S.B.C. Chapter 26, and subject to the **Fire Services Act**, R.S.B.C. 1979, Chapter 133, the **National Fire Code of Canada 1985**, as revised, is adopted as Regulations for the City of Port Moody supplementary to this Bylaw. In the event of conflict between this Bylaw and the **National Fire Code**, the **\*Canada Explosives Act**, the **Dominion Railway Act**, and the **National Harbours Act** 1936, the provisions of the

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by Bylaw  
#2168 and  
Bylaw  
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**National Fire Code**, the **\*Canada Explosives Act** the **Dominion Railway Act**, and the **National Harbours Act** 1936, shall prevail over the provisions of this Bylaw.

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**3. GENERAL (Continued)**

- 3.3** If an Officer, on account of the existence of hazardous fire conditions deems it advisable, he may cancel or suspend for such time as is specified in the order, any permits issued pursuant to this Bylaw, or he may attach to any or all such permits such conditions and restrictions as he thinks proper.
- 3.4** A person, defined as a Peace Officer pursuant to this Bylaw, is empowered to exercise the powers conferred in this Bylaw, and further, the Fire Chief and appointed Officers of the Fire Department are empowered to exercise the powers conferred by this Bylaw and the powers conferred by the **Fire Services Act** for the City.
- 3.5** All permits issued pursuant to this Bylaw shall be subject to such conditions, restrictions, and provisions as an Officer may consider necessary or expedient to incorporate therein.

**4. STORAGE**

- 4.1** It shall be unlawful for any person to store, or keep in storage any explosive ammunition or material used, or intended to be used for fireworks, firecrackers, or small arms ammunition unless such person shall have first obtained permission in writing to do so from the Fire Chief.

\*Added by  
Bylaw No.  
2606 →

- 4.1.1** The storage of low hazard fireworks intended for personal use does not require the permission of the Fire Chief.

- 4.2** An application for permission hereunder shall be made to the Fire Chief and shall set out the premises or portion thereof on which it is proposed that such explosives, ammunition, fireworks, firecrackers, or material intended to be used for fireworks, firecrackers or small arms ammunition, are to be kept or stored and all particulars pertaining to the proposed storage and keeping of such materials shall be specified in such application.

- 4.3** No explosives, fireworks, firecrackers, small arms ammunition or material may be stored or kept contrary to the provisions of this Bylaw or permission issued hereunder.

\*Amended  
by Bylaw  
#2168 →

- 4.4** It shall be unlawful for any person to store or keep in any premises in which other flammable materials are kept or stored, except in a fireproof vault or fireproof storeroom, any material used for, or intended to be used for, fireworks in excess of **\*ninety-one kilograms** gross weight.
- 4.5** No person shall smoke, or allow any other person to smoke, in any area defined or set aside for storage of fireworks, firecrackers, or small arms ammunition, or any material intended to be used as fireworks, firecrackers or small arms ammunition, and such area shall be so marked as defined in City of Port Moody "Smoking Control Bylaw 1987, No. 1875", Section 11, "Signs".

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**5. WHOLESALE AND RETAIL SALES**

**5.1** It shall be unlawful for any person to offer for sale, expose for sale, advertise or display, or sell at wholesale or retail, any firecrackers to any person or organization unless such person or organization is in possession of written permission of the Fire Chief authorizing a display including firecrackers.

**5.2** The Fire Chief may give permission in writing to a person or organization to detonate or explode firecrackers for religious or ceremonial purposes, with any conditions restricting or limiting use as the Fire Chief deems advisable.

\*Amended  
by Bylaw  
#2168 →

**5.3** It shall be unlawful for any person directly or indirectly to sell, give or furnish to a person under the age of eighteen **\*(18)** years, any fireworks or firecrackers whether for his own use or not.

\*Added by  
Bylaw  
#2168 →

**5.3.1 It shall be unlawful for any person under the age of eighteen (18) to possess fireworks for any reason.**

\*Amended  
by Bylaws  
#2168 and  
#2606 →

**5.4** Unless authorized by written permission of the Fire Chief, it shall be unlawful for any person to possess fireworks except from, and including, the twenty-fourth **\*(24th) day of October to, and including, the thirty-first (31st) day of October** in any year.

Sections 5.4.1 to  
5.4.7 Added by  
Bylaw #2168 →

Section 5.4.1  
deleted and  
replaced by  
Bylaw No. 2232

**5.4.1** The Sale of fireworks shall be carried out from inside a retail premises located in a **Neighborhood Commercial (C-2), Community Commercial (C-3) or Automobile Oriented Commercial (C-5) Zone under "City of Port Moody Zoning Bylaw No. 1890, 1988", or in a Light Industrial / Commercial (M-2) Zone where public entry is provided to a floor of the building from St. John's Street with the following exceptions:**

- a) buildings used for occupancies classified **A-2 Assembly** under the British Columbia *Building Code*: and
- b) buildings used for occupancies **classified "C" Residential** under the British Columbia *Building Code*.

A permit issued by the Fire chief pursuant to the provisions of this bylaw is required.

\*Amended by  
Bylaws #2396 and  
#2606→

**5.4.2** All requests for permits to sell or distribute fireworks will require site inspection and the **\*fees shall be as set out in Section 6 of Schedule "A" of Fees and Charges Bylaw"**.

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**5. WHOLESALE AND RETAIL SALES 5.4 (Continued)**

**5.4.3** Sale, distribution, or storage of fireworks in or from vehicles, trailers or temporary structures is prohibited.

**5.4.4** A "**Sales - Retail or Wholesale (Classification 554)**" Business License is required for the sale of fireworks. Applications for business licenses or permits to sell fireworks are to be received **no later** than the end of the first business day after October 07, in any year.

**5.4.5** Sale of fireworks will only be allowed between the 24th day of October and the 30th day of October in any year.

**5.4.6** All sales of fireworks are to **cease on October 30 at 9:00 p.m.**

**5.4.7** Vendors are to be held responsible for the clean-up of their sales area and all signage to be removed by **12:00 p.m. October 31.** The clean-up of the sales area and signage is not to be contracted out.

**5.5** No person shall smoke, or allow any other person to smoke, in any area defined or set aside for wholesale or retail sale of fireworks, firecrackers, or small arms ammunition, or any material intended to be used for fireworks, firecrackers, or small arms ammunition, and such area shall be so marked with the appropriate "No Smoking" signs as required in Section 4.5 of this Bylaw.

**5.6** No person shall offer for sale at retail, or display for sale, any fireworks that are not enclosed behind glass or wire enclosures to prevent customers from handling the fireworks on display.

\*Added by  
Bylaw #2168  
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**5.7** Fire protection required for sale of fireworks will be two - 2 kg. ABC dry chemical fire extinguishers.

\*Added by  
Bylaw #2725  
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**5.8** No person will sell or offer for sale any nuisance fireworks.

\*Added by  
Bylaw #2665  
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**5.9** Should the Fire Chief, Officer, or Peace Officer determine that a firework not named in this bylaw is a nuisance firework, the retailer is to be notified in writing and have the item removed from display and sale immediately.

**6. REGULATION OF FIREWORKS AND FIRECRACKERS**

**6.1** It shall be unlawful for any person to set off, discharge or explode any fireworks on any street, lane, square or public place, unless such person or persons has first obtained both:

\*a) & b) Replaced  
by Bylaw #2168 →

a) written permission of the property owner where the fireworks are to be

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set off, and

- b) a permit issued by the Fire Chief for the display.

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It shall be the responsibility of the permit holder to ensure compliance with the provisions contained therein, or for any damages that may arise therefrom by reason of the issuance of such permit.

**\*Added by Bylaw  
No. 2606 →**

- 6.1.1** Fireworks may only be set off, discharged, or exploded during the date of October 31st of each year and only subject to the following conditions:
- i. On the lot of a private dwelling and only with the knowledge and consent of the occupant; or
  - ii. As part of a public display organized and controlled by a public body or society wherein such person or persons have first obtained written permission of the Fire Chief.

**\*Added by Bylaw  
No. 2606 →**

- 6.1.3** No person shall set off, discharge or explode firecrackers.

**\*Added by Bylaw  
No. 2606 →**

- 6.1.4** Notwithstanding Section 6.1.1, the Fire Chief may issue permission to a person or organization to detonate or explode fireworks or firecrackers for religious, ceremonial, or special occasions subject to strict conditions, as the Fire Chief deems necessary.

**\*Amended  
by Bylaw  
#2168 →**

- 6.2** It shall be unlawful for any person to 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 one **\*(1)** metre.

- 6.3** A Peace Officer may seize firecrackers or fireworks being held in violation of this Bylaw and may dispose of them without compensation.

**\*Amended  
by Bylaw  
#2168 →**

- 6.4** Public display of fireworks and firecrackers shall be permitted only when the actual point at which the fireworks and firecrackers are to be fired is at least sixty (60) metres from the nearest permanent building, public highway or railway, or other means of travel, or fifteen **\*(15)** metres from the nearest above ground telephone or telegraph line, tree, or other overhead obstruction.

**\*Amended  
by Bylaw  
#2168 →**

- 6.5** The audience at a public display of fireworks and firecrackers shall be restrained behind lines at least forty-six **\*(46)** metres from the point at which the fireworks and firecrackers are discharged, and only persons in active charge of the display shall be allowed inside these lines.

- 6.6** All fireworks that fire a projectile shall be so set up that the projectile will go into the air as nearly as possible in a vertical direction. Provided that where such fireworks are to be fired beside a lake or large body of water, they may be directed in such a manner that the falling residue from the deflagration will fall into the said body of water.

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**6. REGULATION OF FIREWORKS AND FIRECRACKERS (Continued)**

**6.7** Any fireworks and firecrackers that remain unfired after the display is concluded shall be immediately disposed of in a way safe for the particular type of fireworks and firecrackers remaining.

**\*Amended  
by Bylaw  
#2168 →**

**6.8** No fireworks and firecrackers display shall be held during a wind storm in which the wind reaches a velocity of more than fifty **\*(50)** kilometres per hour. In such cases the Fire Chief may authorize the display at a future date.

**6.9** The persons in actual charge of the firing of fireworks and firecrackers in public display shall be able bodied persons of at least nineteen (19) years of age, and competent for the task.

**6.10** There shall be at all times at least two operators of the display constantly on duty during the discharge, and at least one of the operators shall hold a valid Fireworks Supervisors Certificate.

**\*Amended  
by Bylaw  
#2168 →**

**6.11** At least two (2) approved fire extinguishers of at least twelve **\*(12)** litres capacity shall be kept at as widely separated points as possible within the actual area in which the discharge is being done.

**6.12** All disputes arising as a result of the administration of the provisions of this Bylaw shall be referred to the Fire Chief, who shall be the authority in all cases.

**7. PENALTY SECTION**

**\*Amended  
by Bylaw  
No. 2359  
and 2606  
→**

**7.1** Every person who contravenes or fails to comply with this bylaw or who fails to carry out an order made under this bylaw or any condition attached to a permit is guilty of an offence, is liable on summary conviction to a fine of not more than \$10,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months or to both such fine and imprisonment and in default of payment of the fine to imprisonment for an additional term not exceeding six months. Offences for which tickets can be issued and fines imposed are prescribed in the Municipal Ticket Information Utilization Bylaw.

**8. SEVERABILITY**

**8.1** If any section, subsection or clause of this Bylaw is declared or held to be invalid by a Court of competent jurisdiction, then that invalid portion shall be severed and the remainder of this Bylaw shall be deemed to have been enacted and adopted without the invalid and severed section, subsection or clause.

**9. EFFECTIVE DATE**

This Bylaw shall come into force and take effect upon adoption thereto.

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**10. READINGS AND ADOPTION**

**READ A FIRST TIME** THE 22ND DAY OF APRIL, 1991.

**READ A SECOND TIME** THE 22ND DAY OF APRIL, 1991.

**READ A THIRD TIME** THE 22ND DAY OF APRIL, 1991.

RECONSIDERED AND FINALLY ADOPTED THE 6TH DAY OF MAY, 1991.

"D. T. DRISCOLL", MAYOR

"C. A. PENNEY", CITY CLERK