

VILLAGE OF CHASE

FIRE REGULATIONS BY-LAW NO. 155, 1977

Being a by-law to provide for the issuance of outdoor fire permits and to provide measures for the prevention and control of fires.

WHEREAS it is deemed expedient and necessary to have certain authority in the issuance of fire-burning permits within the limits of the Village of Chase;

AND WHEREAS regulations for the prevention and control of all outdoor fires within the limits of the Village of Chase are also deemed necessary;

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the provisions of Section 642 of the "Municipal Act", the Council of the Village of Chase, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

1. For the purpose of this By-law, all words and phrases shall have their normal or common meaning except where the same is changed, modified or expended by the definitions as set forth hereunder:-
 - (a) "Village" shall mean the Village of Chase.
 - (b) "Council" shall mean the Council of the Village of Chase.
 - (c) "Village Clerk" shall mean the Clerk of the Village of Chase, or such other person appointed by the Council to administer this By-law.
 - (d) "Fire Department" shall mean the Chase Volunteer Fire Department.
 - (e) "Chief of the Fire Department" shall mean the Chief of the Chase Volunteer Fire Department, or any officer or member of the Chase Volunteer Fire Department deputized by the Chief, in writing, to act for him.

2.
 - (a) It shall be unlawful for any person at any time between the first day of March and thirty-first day of October in each year, within the limits of the Village, to light or start, or knowingly permit, or cause to start or ignite any fire of any kind whatsoever in the open air, without first obtaining a permit from the Village Clerk.
 - (b) Any person to whom a permit has been issued, or any person responsible for any fire, at anytime in the open air, anywhere in the Village shall place a competent person in charge of such fire while same is burning or smoldering, and shall supply such person with sufficient tools and equipment to effectively prevent said fire from getting beyond control, or from causing damage or becoming dangerous. Such competent person shall remain in charge of such fire at all times until said fire is completely extinguished. Permits issued under this section shall be effective only in areas approved by the Chief of the Fire Department. Permits shall not be issued under this section to cover burning outdoor or around any place of business or any place that is deemed unsafe by the Fire Department. Burning in such areas shall be done only in an incinerator approved as per Clause 12.

3. Notwithstanding the provisions of Clause 2(a), it shall be unlawful for any person at any time, within the limits of the Village, to light or start a fire for the purpose of landclearing, demolishing a building or materials therefrom, or for any other purpose other than the burning of common household or garden refuse without first obtaining a permit from the Village Clerk. The provisions of Section 2(b) shall apply to all permits issued under this section.

4. It shall be the duty of the Chief of the Fire Department of the Village to inspect or cause to be inspected by officers or members of the Fire Department, as often as may be necessary at regular intervals, all buildings and premises in the Village, for the purpose of ascertaining or causing to be corrected, any condition likely to cause a fire, or any violations of the provisions of this By-law, or any other By-law of the Village pertaining to fire, its prevention or control.
5. No person shall impede, or in any way hinder, any officer or fireman acting under the direction of the Chief of the Fire Department, or other officer in charge, at any fire or fires, or while operating in the interest of fire prevention in the Village.
6. It shall be unlawful for any person, or persons, to drive, push or pull any vehicle of any kind over any fire hose or fire equipment unless directed to do so by a member of the Fire Department or police force.
7. It shall be unlawful for any person, or persons, to ring the fire alarm other than when there is a fire or for testing purposes. The Fire Alarm shall be tested only by persons authorized by the Chief of the Fire Department.
8. It shall be unlawful for any person, or persons, to use or allow to be used, any stand pipes or hydrants, or to affix any hose to said standpipes or hydrants without permission from the Village Clerk.
9. No person shall park or leave any vehicle within fifteen (15) feet of any stand pipe or hydrant. No unauthorized person shall park any vehicle in the prohibited area at the Fire Hall.
10. At the sound of the fire alarm and/or siren, all traffic must move out of the way of the fire equipment. Sprinklers and hoses must be shut down when the alarm sounds.
11. All television aerials shall be installed in a secure manner with guide wires and proper lightning arrestor. No person shall attach any television aerial or mast to any chimney, nor shall said aerials or mast be installed within six inches of any chimney.
12. No portable incinerator, tar kettle, or other portable device or appliance for burning rubbish, heating tar, or burning waste materials shall be erected or used, nor shall any enclosed fire be built, set or maintained outside the walls of any building, without first obtaining a permit from the Village Clerk. All such appliances or devices used for such purposes shall be equipped with proper spark arresting equipment and other safe-guards as shall be prescribed by the Chief of the Fire Department, and shall be used only in areas designated as safe by the Chief of the Fire Department.
13. It shall be unlawful for any person to burn or permit to be burned any shavings, sawdust, or refuse of any kind whatsoever from any mill, or factory or plant, except in burners or receptacles for burning, constructed so as to prevent any sawdust, shavings, refuse, ash, cinders, or sparks, from escaping therefrom into the open air.
14. Spark arrestors of a type acceptable to the Chief of the Fire Department may be required on chimneys or smokestacks on buildings other than private dwellings. Any person refusing or neglecting to comply with a notice from the Chief of the Fire Department to affix such an arrestor to a chimney or smokestack, shall, after a period of seven days, be guilty of an infraction of this By-law.

15. It shall be unlawful for any person to make or construct or maintain, any ashpit or depository for ashes, unless such ashpit or depository is constructed of incombustible material, and to the satisfaction of the Chief of the Fire Department.
16. It shall be unlawful for any person to deposit or allow or cause to be deposited, ashes, or other material or thing taken from any stove, furnace, fireplace or heating plant, in anything other than a metal or incombustible container.
17. It shall be unlawful for any person to deposit or allow or cause to be deposited, ashes or other material or things, taken from any stove, furnace, fireplace or heating plant, in any container or receptacle containing, or used for containing, wood, paper, rubbish or other materials of any inflammable nature.
18. It shall be unlawful for any person to deposit or allow to be deposited, any greasy or oily rags, or other materials, or things, or substances likely to ignite spontaneously, in anything other than a suitable metal or incombustible container or receptacle, equipped with close fitting metal lids.
19. It shall be unlawful for any person to keep or store or cause to be kept or stored any accumulation of packing material such as excelsior, paper, straw, hay, or other similar materials, within or outside any building, except in rooms especially provided, and approved by the Chief of the Fire Department for such use, unless such materials are kept in approved metal containers equipped with close fitting metal lids that must be kept closed at all times when the container is not in use.
20. It shall be the duty of the Chief of the Fire Department whenever he deems it necessary or whenever directed to do so, to examine or have examined, any chimney, flue, fireplace, hearth, oven, furnace, boiler, stove, steam pipe, or any other heating or cooking device or appliance, for the purpose of ascertaining its condition.
21. No owner, lessee, occupant or person in charge of, or responsible for a building or part thereof, shall allow any chimney, flue, stove pipe, or stove to become dirty to such extent that it might take fire. All such chimneys, flues, stoves or pipes shall be cleaned at least once per year to the satisfaction of the Chief of the Fire Department, or more often if circumstances require it.
22. Any chimney, flue, or stack, or any metal extension thereof, used in any building, shall be kept and maintained in good order at all times, and no person shall suffer, permit or cause any such chimney, flue, stack to become a fire hazard or become a danger to surrounding property. Any such chimney, flue, or stack, shall be repaired, altered, or replaced upon written notice from the Chief of the Fire Department to the person or persons in charge thereof.
23. All hoods, vents, pipes, or ducts, over or leading from, any range or other cooking device or appliance shall be kept free of grease, dust, dirt or other foreign matter at all times.
24. Any combustible shelf or table upon which an electric or gas hot-plate is used, must be protected with an asbestos or other approved mat, to the satisfaction of the Chief of the Fire Department.
25. No electric or gas hot-plate or heater shall be installed beneath any wood or inflammable shelving or cupboard unless there is provided at least two feet of headroom above said hot-plate or heater, provided however, that where the woodwork or other flammable materials is protected with a suitable metal shield to the satisfaction of the Chief of the Fire Department, the headroom distance may be reduced.

26. It shall be unlawful for any person to use or knowingly permit to be used, any defective electrical cord or extension, or any other defective electrical fixture, device or appliance.
27. It shall be unlawful for any person to place, store or keep, or allow to be placed, stored or kept, any sawdust, hogfuel or shavings or other similar material or substance within four feet of any furnace, heater, stove or other heating device, or within two feet of any stove pipe, or chimney, or within twelve (12) inches of any steam pipe, hot water pipe, hot air duct, or electrical bulb, except the sawdust and hogfuel in the hopper of, and connected with, the said furnace, stove or heating device.
28. It shall be unlawful for any person to store, place or keep or allow to be stored, placed or kept, any material, substance or thing, or any obstruction in any light shaft, air shaft or ventilating shaft in any building.
29. It shall be unlawful for any person to use or employ in any building, any inflammable or combustible material for the purpose of catching or absorbing drippings from oil barrels or other receptacles holding inflammable liquids.
30. It shall be unlawful for any person to place, keep or leave, or allow to be placed, kept or left, in or upon any roof, yard or court or vacant lot or open space, or any portion of any building or premises within the Village, any accumulation of waste paper, straw, moss, weeds, litter, shavings, chips, fragments of wood, or other combustible waste or rubbish of any kind, except in buildings or other locations specially provided for the purpose and approved by the Fire Chief. All weeds, vines, grass or other growth, which in the opinion of the Fire Chief endangers property or is likely to become set on fire, shall be cut down or otherwise removed by the owner or occupant upon whose property the said weeds, vines, or grass or other growth might happen to be.
31. Whenever in any building, or in or about any premises, there shall exist any inflammable, combustible or explosive material, substance or compound, or any dangerous or unnecessary accumulation of waste material or litter of a nature especially liable to fire, and which materials are so situated in the opinion of the Fire Chief, as to endanger life or property, or to obstruct ingress or egress to or from a building, or which is likely to interfere with the operations of the Fire Department, or where any condition exists, which is considered by the Fire Chief to be a fire hazard, the occupant or person responsible for said building, shall forthwith on the order of the Fire Chief have such inflammable combustible, or other explosive material or substance, or dangerous or unnecessary accumulation of waste material or litter removed, disposed of, or otherwise dealt with, as may be ordered or directed by the Fire Chief. Any such occupant or person responsible, who fails to carry out the purpose of said order shall be guilty of an infraction of this By-law, and liable to the penalties hereby imposed.
32. No person, owner, agent or party in charge of any unoccupied building or premises shall leave such buildings or premises unsecured or in such condition that any unauthorized person might gain access.
33. Whenever in the opinion of the Fire Chief, smoking should be prohibited, in any theatre, motion picture theatre, or other places of assembly or public amusement, or any building or open space where combustible materials are handled, stored or manufactured or sold, he may give notice in writing to the occupant or person in charge, that smoking is to be prohibited in such building or premises or part thereof, and the owner or person in charge of such building or premises or part thereof shall post suitable signs and prohibit smoking therein. Any person violating such an order or notice shall be guilty of an infraction of this By-law and shall be liable to the penalties hereby imposed.

34. It shall be unlawful to use or permit to be used, any benzine, gasoline, naphtha or any other highly inflammable liquids, or highly volatile liquids in excess of sixteen (16) Imperial ounces, for the purpose of cleaning clothes, materials, parts or things, without first obtaining a permit from the Village Clerk.
35. It shall be unlawful to store or keep, or permit to be stored or kept in portable containers, inside or outside of any building, any highly volatile liquids or highly inflammable liquids in excess of five gallons, without first obtaining a permit therefor from the Village Clerk, expressly excepting however gasoline for fuel when properly capped in the fuel tanks of motor vehicles, boats or aeroplanes.
36. It shall be unlawful for any person to allow, or permit to be allowed, gasoline or highly inflammable liquids, or other foreign matter to remain on the floor of a building where it is likely to become dangerous, or to allow any such inflammable liquids or foreign materials to enter into any drainage system, toilet, tank or any other fixture attached to, or connected with, any sewer or drainage system, or enclosed drainage pipe or cistern.
37. The storage, handling or sale of highly inflammable liquids in excess of one gallon, shall be governed by provisions outlined in Clause 35 of this By-law.
38. For the purpose of this By-law, highly inflammable liquids include and shall mean any liquid with a flashpoint below 100 degrees Fahrenheit as determined by the Elliott, Abel, Abel-Pensky or the Tag closed-cup testers.
39. There shall be maintained in every garage, service station, or other premises where highly inflammable liquids are handled, or in any place where it is so ordered by the Fire Chief, one or more fire extinguishers of an approved type. The number and location of such extinguishers shall be according to the direction of the Chief of the Fire Department.
40. There shall be maintained in every garage, service station, or other premises where highly inflammable liquids are handled one or more fire extinguishers. Wherever in any building, there shall be maintained any fire extinguishers, fire doors, fire shutters, or any other equipment or devices designed for the control or detection of fire, or the safeguarding of occupants of a premises from fire, such devices must at all times be kept in good working order and ready for use.
41. Whenever in or about any building or premises, there is, in the opinion of the Fire Chief, a need to safeguard, or restrict the storage, handling or sale of, or use of any dangerous or hazardous materials or substances with respect to injury to persons or damage to property, or there is a need to control or regulate any installation, construction or operation of any equipment or building, involving the use of dangerous or hazardous materials or substances, such installation, construction or safeguards shall be provided in a modern, standard, and approved manner, and must at all times comply with the provisions of the Regulations pursuant to British Columbia Fire Marshall Act. Where provisions are not specifically covered in the Regulations made pursuant to the British Columbia Fire Marshall Act, compliance with the standards of the National Fire Protection Association, shall be considered as evidence of such approved manner.
42. It shall be unlawful for any person to install in any building or premises any appliance, fixture or thing commonly known as an oil burner, or any equipment pertaining thereto, using inflammable liquid as fuel for the purpose of generating heat without first obtaining a permit from the Village Clerk.

43. It shall be unlawful for any person to install in any building or premises, any pump, tank, piping or other equipment used for the purpose of handling or dispensing inflammable liquids without first obtaining a permit from the Village Clerk.
44. It shall be unlawful for any person to install in any building or premises, any compressed gas systems employing cylinders, piping, burners, or fixtures, or appliances using compressed gas (commonly known as liquified petroleum gas) as fuel for the purpose of generating heat, without first obtaining a permit from the Village Clerk.
45. Whenever or wherever there exists within the Village a business or a premises, the condition of which presents a hazard or a danger with respect to fire, or which presents a danger to life or property, or which might assist in causing the rapid spread of fire within the Village, or which might present a danger to adjacent or surrounding property, the Fire Chief may, upon written notice served on the licensee of said business or property or premises, to whom or in whose name the business licence is issued, notify such person or persons, that the Fire Chief protests against the issuing, granting, or holding of a licence in respect of the said business or premises; such notice shall state the reasons and grounds for such protest, and a true copy of such notice shall be lodged with the VILLAGE COUNCIL. Such notice shall specify a reasonable time in which such licensee shall be required to remedy the condition, danger or hazard according to direction. If such condition, danger or hazard is not remedied according to the direction or the tenor of the notice within the time specified, then such failure to remedy the same shall be good cause for cancellation, suspension or revocation of the licence covering said business.
46. The owner, occupier, agent or trustee of real property is prohibited from allowing any person to stand, loiter or sit in the aisles, passages and stairways of churches, theatres, halls, skating rinks and other places of amusement.
47. The owner, occupier, agent or trustee of real property is required to remove anything and everything from a building or yard which in the opinion of the Fire Chief and/or Fire Marshall is a fire hazard or increases the danger of fires.
48. Every person who violates any of the provisions of this By-law or who suffers or permits any act or thing to be done in contravention of, or in violation of any of the provisions of this By-law, or who neglects to do or refrains from doing anything required to be done by any of the provisions of this By-law, shall be deemed to be guilty of an infraction of this By-law, and liable to the penalties hereby imposed.
49. Every person found guilty of any infraction of this By-law shall on summary conviction, be liable to a fine not exceeding \$100.00 and costs. The imposition of any fine or penalty for any violation of this By-law shall not excuse the violation or permit it to continue, and all such persons shall be required to correct or remedy such violation within a reasonable time.
50. In addition to being liable to the penalties herein imposed, every person who is responsible for a fire and who violates the provisions of this By-law, may be charged by the Village with any expenses incurred by the Fire Department in the fighting of such fire. Such charges remaining unpaid on December 31st, of the year in which the charges are levied, charged or imposed, is in arrears and shall be forthwith entered on the real property tax roll in respect of the property as taxes in arrears.
51. Nothing in this By-law shall absolve any person or persons from any law or regulations relating to any matter within the provisions of the Fire Marshal's Act.

52. Every person who requires a burning permit in accordance with the regulations provided herein, shall be in possession of a current authorized permit in the form of "Appendix A" attached to and forming a part of this By-law.
53. This By-law may be cited as "Village of Chase Fire Regulations By-law No. 155, 1977".

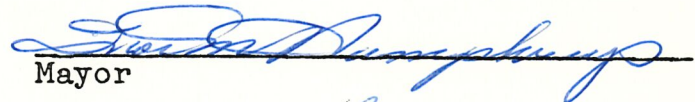
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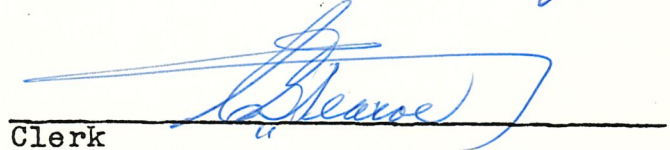
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RECONSIDERED AND ADOPTED on this 18th day of April, 1977.



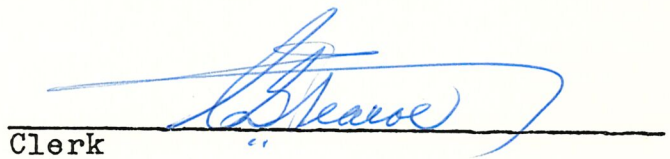


Mayor



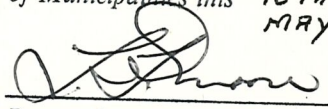
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I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of Fire Regulations By-law No. 155, 1977, as adopted on the 18th day of April, 1977.



Clerk

A true copy of By-Law No. 155
registered in the office of the Inspector
of Municipalities this 18TH day of
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Assistant Deputy Inspector of Municipalities

APPENDIX "A"

TO FIRE REGULATIONS BY-LAW NO. 155

Distribution:

- Original to permit holder
- 2nd copy to Fire Chief
- 3rd copy for office file

VILLAGE OF CHASE
BURNING PERMIT

Permit No. _____

Date: _____

Authority is hereby granted to: _____

Address: _____

House No.	Street	Box No.	City
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Legal Description of Property where burning is to be conducted _____
and street address _____

To carry out Controlled Burning as per the following:

- _____ Incinerator complete with screen (household garbage or garden refuse)
- _____ Incinerator complete with screen (business premises)
- _____ Open (household garbage or garden refuse)
- _____ Land clearing (not demolition of buildings)
- _____ Other _____
To Be Stated

Permit is for the period _____ to _____
of this year, except when burning is cancelled by Local Authority.

SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

- (1) The permittee shall be liable for all damages caused by a fire set under this permit and may be liable for costs of extinguishing any resulting fires for failure to comply with permit conditions.
- (2) No burning is permitted during windy conditions.
- (3) All burning must be attended by adult supervision, with the necessary fire equipment available.
- (4) No burning to take place near standing timber, bush, buildings or other flammable material.
- (5) All fires must be extinguished prior to leaving the burning area.
- (6) Other special conditions _____

I HEREBY AGREE TO THE ABOVE AND TO ABIDE BY THE TERMS REGULATING THE CONTROL OF FIRES, AS CONTAINED IN THE VILLAGE OF CHASE FIRE REGULATIONS BY-LAW NO. 155, 1977.

FIRE DEPARTMENT IN CASE
OF EMERGENCY: 679-3311

Signed _____
Phone No. _____