

City of Richmond

Report to Committee

To General Purposes May 20, 2007

To: General Purposes Committee

Date: April 27, 2007

From:

Dave Semple

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Director of Parks and Public Works Operations

Re:

Athletic Commission By-Law 8035 Amendment

Staff Recommendation

That Athletic Commission Bylaw No. 8035, Amendment Bylaw No. 8246 be introduced and given first, second and third readings.

Dave Semple

Director of Parks and Public Works Operations

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Staff Report

Origin

On October 23, 2006 Richmond By-law 8035 establishing an Athletic Commission to regulate professional boxing activities was adopted.

Following adoption Council appointed representatives to the Athletic Commission. Throughout this process it became apparent that amendments to the by-law would be required to align the promotion practices to the regulating by-law. This report addresses those amendments.

Analysis

Part 1.1.1 Establishment of the Richmond Athletic Commission

Staff recommended that this section be amended to require the Richmond Athletic Commission be a member of the Canadian Boxing Federation.

Part 1.7 Indemnities, Waivers and Insurance

The current by-law requires the promoter to provide Commercial General Liability Insurance in the amount of \$10 million dollars. While this amount may be available from the marketplace on a long-term policy, is not readily available for the short-term policy's that would be in place to cover a single regulated sporting event. Research indicates that \$5 million is available for single events and this amount is recommend to substitute for the current \$10 million.

Schedule A to Bylaw 8035 - Section "C" - Seat Tax/Event Fees

This amendment will eliminate Section "C" – Seat Tax and replace that section with an event fee that reflects the real costs of the commission in carrying out it's duties. Event fees support the operation of the Commission and are linked to the seating capacity of the venues for the event. The event fee revenue that may be realized from the limited seating capacity of proposed current venues hosting a regulated event would not support the estimated expenses of the commission. As such event fees for events with 500 persons and under is proposed at \$1000.00 and events with venues with a seating capacity of 1000 or more persons is proposed at \$1500.00.

Financial Impact

There is no financial impact to the City from the by-law amendments.

Conclusion

Approval of the amendments will align the promotion activities of a regulated sporting event to the bylaw and provide funding support to the Commission.

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Athletic Commission Bylaw No. 8035, Amendment Bylaw No. 8246

The Council of the City of Richmond enacts as follows:

- 1. Bylaw No. 8035 is amended by:
 - (a) adding to Section 1.1.1, the following as subsection 1.1.1.2, "The Richmond Athletic Commission must be a member of the Canadian Boxing Federation.";
 - (b) deleting subsection 1.7.1.1 in its entirety, and by substituting the following:
 - "1.7.1.1 The Promoter must take out or cause to be taken out, and keep or cause to be kept, in force at all times material to the staging of a Regulated Sporting Event, Commercial General liability insurance, acceptable to the Commission, in respect of claims for personal and bodily injury, death, or property damage arising out of any occurrence related to the Regulated Sporting Event in the amount of not less than Five Million Dollars (\$5,000.000) per occurrence.": and
 - deleting in Schedule A, Part C Seat Tax, Part D Event Fee, and Part E- Annual License Fee, and by substituting the following:

"C. Event Fee Per event fee \$1000.00 for events held in a venue with up to 500

spectators, and \$1500.00 per event fee for events held in a venue

with a seating capacity of over 500 persons.

D. Annual License Fee Officials (Per person) \$20.00"

This Bylaw is cited as "Athletic Commission Bylaw !	
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