



**Fire Protection and Life Safety Bylaw No. 8306,
Amendment Bylaw No. 9221**

The Council of the City of Richmond enacts as follows:

1. The **Fire Protection and Life Safety Bylaw No. 8306**, as amended, is further amended by:

(a) deleting subsection 9.7.1 and substituting the following:

“9.7.1 For the purposes of this Section, **vacant premises** means a lot, **building** or other structure:

- (a) in respect of which a water or electricity service has been intentionally discontinued, other than for temporary maintenance, repair or upgrading; or
- (b) where the condition of the **premises** is not suitable for human habitation or other **occupancy** due to non-compliance with the **Fire Code, Building Code** or health or safety regulations.”

(b) deleting subsections 9.7.3 and 9.7.4 and substituting the following:

“9.7.3 Where an **owner** fails to securely close a **vacant premises** as required by Subsection 9.7.2(b), a **Fire Inspector** may, by notice in writing, order the **owner** to secure the **building** or other part of the **vacant premises** against unauthorized entry in a manner set out in the notice.

9.7.4 If an owner of **vacant premises** fails to bring the **premises** into compliance with this Bylaw within twenty-four (24) hours of receiving a notice under Subsection 9.7.3, or if the **Fire Inspector** is unable to contact the owner within twenty-four (24) hours of finding **vacant premises** in an unsecured state, the **Fire Inspector** may cause the **premises** to be secured by **City** employees or agents, who may board up or otherwise secure doors, windows and other points of entry into the **premises** in order to prevent fires and unauthorized entry, at the cost and expense of the **owner**.

9.7.5 The **owner** of a **vacant premises** shall pay to the **City**, upon invoice by the **City**, the costs and expenses incurred by the **City** or its contractors or agents for:

- (a) response to any fire, **fire hazard**, or other incident at the **premises**;
- (b) additional **City** personnel, consumables and damage to **City** equipment resulting from a response to any fire, **fire hazard**, or other incident at the **premises**; and
- (c) demolition, clean-up, abatement, removal, disposal, and safe transport of a **building** or **structure** on the **premises**,

in accordance with the rates and amounts set-out from time to time in the Consolidated Fees Bylaw No. 8636. Such rates and amounts are in addition to any fines or penalties imposed under this Bylaw, any other **City** bylaw or otherwise by law.”

(c) by deleting subsection 14.1.4 and substituting the following:

“14.1.4 Except for an order issued pursuant to Subsection 9.7.3, a person against whom an order has been made under this Bylaw may, by submitting a request in writing before the expiration of ten days from the date of the order, appeal to or seek a reconsideration by the **Fire Chief**, who may uphold the order, vary or set aside the order, or issue an alternative order. For an order issued pursuant to Subsection 9.7.3, the written request must be made within twenty-four (24) hours of receiving the order.”

2. This Bylaw is cited as “**Fire Protection and Life Safety Bylaw No. 8306, Amendment Bylaw No. 9221**”.

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SECOND READING

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THIRD READING

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MAYOR

CORPORATE OFFICER