



## FIREARMS REGULATION BYLAW, 2015,

### BYLAW NO. 2961

A Bylaw to regulate the use of firearms and bows in the City of Langley.

The Council of the City of Langley, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

#### 1. **Title**

This bylaw shall be cited as the “Firearms Regulation Bylaw, 2015, No. 2961”.

#### 2. **Definitions**

In this bylaw:

- (1) **Bow** includes a long bow, recurve bow, composite bow, or crossbow.
- (2) **Firearm** includes any barreled weapon using a propellant, compressed air, explosives, or gas from which any shot, bullet, or other projectile can be discharged but does not include:
  - (a) Starting pistols when used in connection with an athletic or sporting event where blank ammunition is used;
  - (b) paintball guns when used in a licensed and insured facility designed for organized paintball games.
- (3) **City** means the City of Langley.
- (4) **Inspector** means the Bylaw Enforcement Officer, the Chief Building Inspector, a Peace Officer and any other person who is authorized by the City Council to enter and inspect property in accordance with this Bylaw.

#### 3. **Exemptions**

This Bylaw, does not apply to:

- (1) a peace officer, a conservation officer under the Wildlife Act, an enforcement officer of the Department of Fisheries and Oceans, an employee of the Canadian Wildlife service, or a person appointed to enforce the City’s Animal Control Bylaw, when engaged in the lawful performance of their duties;

- (2) land located in the Agricultural Land Reserve where a firearm or bow is discharged for the purpose of:
  - (a) the protection of agricultural crops, livestock, or domestic animals from wildlife; or
  - (b) the humane destruction of livestock.

#### 4. **General Regulations**

No person shall discharge a firearm or bow within the City.

#### 5. **General**

Nothing contained in or permitted in this Bylaw shall abrogate or relieve any obligation of any person pursuant to any applicable provincial or federal act or regulations with regard to the discharge of firearms.

#### 6. **Enforcement**

- (1) No person shall obstruct an Inspector in the administration or enforcement of this Bylaw.
- (2) Every person who violates any of the provisions of this Bylaw or who suffers or permits any act or thing to be done in contravention or in violation of any of the provisions of this Bylaw, who neglects to do or refrains from doing anything required to be done by any of the provisions of this Bylaw or who does any act which violates any of the provisions of this Bylaw, is guilty of an offence against this Bylaw and liable to the penalties hereby imposed.
- (3) Each day that a violation continues to exist shall constitute a separate offence.
- (4) Every person who commits an offence against this Bylaw is liable to a fine and penalty of no more than \$2000.00 and not less than \$100.00 for each offence, and in default of payment thereof, forthwith or within such time as the presiding Provincial Court Judge of the Province shall direct the fine imposed shall be recoverable under the provisions of the *Offence Act* R.S.B.C. 1996, Chapter 338 and all amendments.

#### 7. **Severability**

If a court of competent jurisdiction should declare any section of part of a section of this Bylaw to be invalid, such declaration shall not affect the validity of the remainder of this Bylaw all of which shall remain valid and in force.

#### 8. **Repeal**

Bylaw No. 1046 and all amendments are hereby repealed.

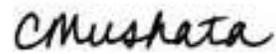
READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME this twenty ninth day of June, 2015.

FINALLY ADOPTED this thirteenth day of July, 2015.



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**MAYOR**



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**CORPORATE OFFICER**