

CITY OF WEST KELOWNA

BYLAW NO. 0114.05

A BYLAW TO AMEND THE FIRE RESCUE ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATIONS BYLAW

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WHEREAS the Council of the City of West Kelowna may by bylaw, establish and make regulations for a fire department; and

WHEREAS the Council of the City of West Kelowna desires to amend Bylaw No. 0114; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of West Kelowna in open meeting assembled, hereby enacts as follows:

1. Citation

This Bylaw may be cited as the “City of West Kelowna Fire Rescue Establishment and Operations Amendment Bylaw No. 0114.05, 2025.”

2. Amendments

“District of West Kelowna Fire Rescue Establishment and Operations Bylaw No. 0114” is hereby amended as follows:

2.1 By deleting all references to “District” of West Kelowna and replacing with “City” of West Kelowna.

2.2 By deleting all references to “Fire Services Act” and replacing with “Fire Safety Act”.

2.3 By deleting paragraph 6, under the heading “Authority of the Fire Chief” in its entirety and replacing with the following paragraph 6:

“6. The Fire Chief is authorized to direct and control all fire protection and assistance response activities, and such other activities as the Council directs, including but not limited to:

- a) first response medical emergencies;
- b) rescue operations;
- c) mutual aid to other fire services including the BC Wildfire Service;
- d) response to hazardous material incidents;
- e) public services; and
- f) fire prevention activities.”

2.4 By deleting paragraph 8, under the heading “Fire Department Established” in its entirety and replacing with the following paragraph 8:

“8.1 Council is responsible for providing oversight of, and guidance and direction to the Fire Department to ensure that its operations align with the well-being and interests of the municipality and its community, and in accordance with applicable statutes and regulations.

8.2 The Fire Chief is responsible for establishing administrative rules, regulations, operational policies, guidelines, and committees that may be necessary to ensure alignment between the organization, administration, and operations of the Fire Department and Council's guidance and direction."

2.5 By deleting paragraph 24, under the heading "Authority at an Incident" in its entirety.

2.6 By deleting paragraph 29.11, under the heading "Burning" in its entirety and replacing with the following paragraph 29.11:

"29.11 Regardless of the issuance of a permit, the person to whom a permit for open burning has been issued shall not burn unless the venting index as provided daily by Environment Canada, is fifty-five (55) or greater when the fire is started."

2.7 By deleting Schedule "A" in its entirety and replacing it with a new Schedule "A", as per Appendix A attached to, and forming part of this bylaw.

READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME THIS 25<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2025  
ADOPTED

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MAYOR

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CORPORATE OFFICER

Appendix A forming part of Bylaw No. 0114.05

