

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LANGLEY

DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS REGULATION BYLAW 1991 NO. 3001

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Bylaw No. 3001 prohibits the discharge of firearms within the Township of Langley except for the provisions involved in Section 4 being Peace Officers etc.; destruction of domestic livestock or slaughterhouse operations; protection of animals and crops; Shooting Clubs and the Fort Langley National Historic Park.

The Bylaw does not provide for any designated hunting permit areas.

Bylaw No. 3001 is the result of Council's resolution pursuant to Report No. 90-646 on December 10th to no longer designate hunting permit areas.

Amending Bylaw No. 3380 provides for an amendment to the Discharge of Firearms Bylaw to prohibit the use of bows except as provided for in the bylaw. A person who uses a bow shall exercise care for the safety of other persons or property.

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A bylaw to provide for the regulation of the discharge of firearms in the Municipality of Langley

CONSOLIDATED FOR CONVENIENCE ONLY As amended by Bylaw 3380 (94.11.7)

WHEREAS Section 933 of the "Municipal Act" provides that the Council may, by bylaw applicable throughout the municipality or any defined area of it, regulate or prohibit, and that regulations may be different for different areas, the discharging of firearms, including air guns, air rifles, air pistols and spring guns;

AND WHEREAS the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the Township of Langley deems it necessary to provide for the regulation of the discharge of firearms;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Township of Langley in Open Meeting Assembled ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. This bylaw may be cited as "Discharge of Firearms Regulation Bylaw 1991 No. 3001."
2. For the purpose of this bylaw, a firearm includes a rifle, a pistol, a shotgun, an air gun, an air rifle, an air pistol and a spring gun.
3. The discharge of firearms or the use of bows is prohibited throughout the municipality except as provided for in this bylaw. (Bylaw 3380)
4. The discharge of firearms is not prohibited where:
 - a) a peace officer, member of a military unit, employee or contractor of the Municipality of Langley, employee of the Province of British Columbia, employee of the Dominion of Canada, or employee of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals discharges a firearm in the performance of duty;
 - b) a person discharges a firearm in the humane destruction or slaughter of domestic livestock;
 - c) a person who holds a valid trapping licence from the Province of British Columbia discharges a firearm in the humane destruction or slaughter of wildlife caught in his traps;
 - d) a person discharges a firearm in the operation of a commercial slaughterhouse;

- e) a person engaged in a normally accepted agricultural or horticultural business discharges a firearm for the purpose of protecting livestock or crops from birds or animals;
- f) a person who is a member or guest of a firearms shooting club discharges a firearm at a recognized range for the purpose of target practice;
- g) a person engaged in an activity involving firearms at the Fort Langley National Historic Park site discharges a firearm as part of that activity.

5. The use of a bow is not prohibited where: (Bylaw 3380)

- a) the use takes place:
 - i) at Camp McLean or Campbell Valley Regional Park and the person using the bow has received the prior written permission of Scouts Canada for Camp McLean or the Greater Vancouver Regional District for Campbell Valley Regional Park;
 - ii) the use takes place on public land other than Camp McLean or Campbell Valley Regional Park and the person using the bow has received the prior written permission of the authority having jurisdiction over said public land and the bow is used to shoot an arrow or other projectile at a stationary target constructed for that purpose; or
 - iii) on private land and the person using the bow has received the prior permission of the owner of said land and the bow is used to shoot an arrow or other projectile at a stationary target constructed for that purpose; and
- b) the person using the bow exercises care for the safety of other persons or property.

6. Bylaw No. 2408 cited as "Discharge of Firearms Regulation Bylaw 1987 No. 2408" is hereby repealed.

READ A FIRST TIME the	28th	day of	January	,1991.
READ A SECOND TIME the	28th	day of	January	,1991.
READ A THIRD TIME the	28th	day of	January	,1991.
RECONSIDERED AND ADOPTED the	11th	day of	March	,1991.

"JOHN BEALES"	Mayor	"ROD EDWARDS"	Clerk
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Certified a True Copy:

Municipal Clerk