

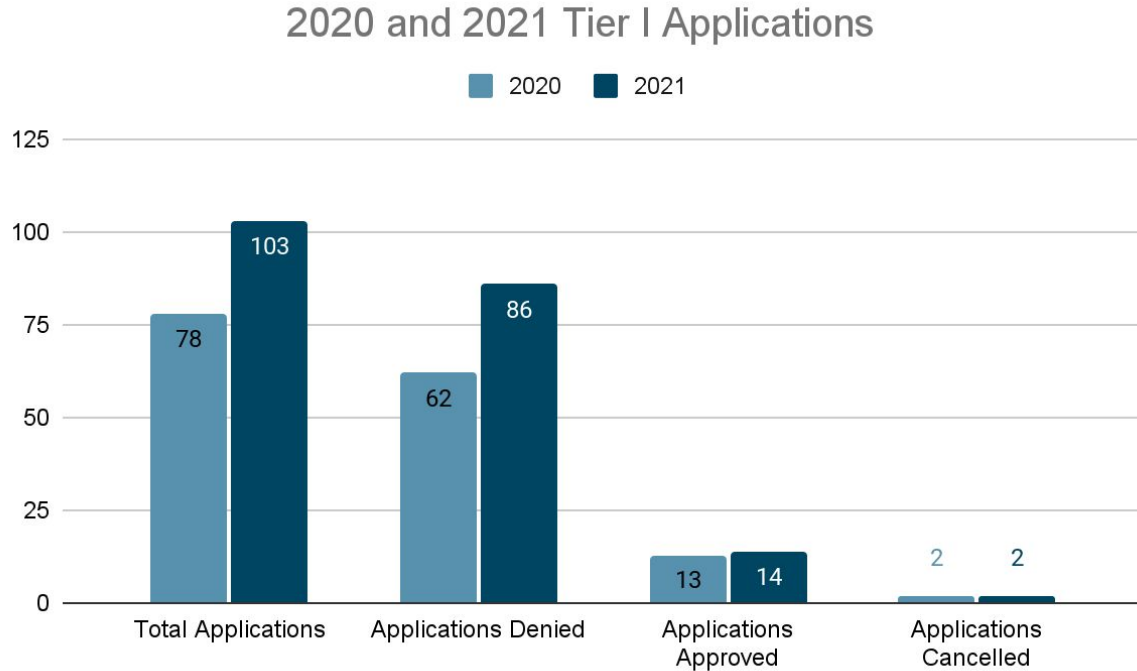
## Fire Rescue Services

Edmonton

# **Proposed Amendments to Fire Rescue Services Bylaw 15309 (Fireworks)**

Item 6.1 May 30, 2022  
Community and Public Services Committee

# Background: Edmonton Fireworks Permits



## City of Edmonton Permit Fees

Year	Tier II Permit Fee
2020	\$147.00
2021	\$147.00
<b>2022</b> <i>(proposed)</i>	<b>\$100.00</b>

- Fireworks permits require 5 business day notice for processing.
- Some activities in public parks and open spaces require a permit or other guidance to ensure public areas are safe, maintained and accessible.
  - Parkland permits are currently free.

# Fireworks and Public Safety Risk



April 14, 2022



May 16, 2022

# Recommended Approach

**Issue permits for certified, professional fireworks discharge only.**

**Eliminate “Tier I” Permits:**

- Very few private residential lots in Edmonton eligible for the permit
- Difficult to enforce
  - Creates additional liability for the City
- Unprofessional use is directly linked to injuries and increased fire risk

**Reduce “Tier II” Permit Fees:**

- From \$147 to \$100

## Desired Outcomes

- Fireworks in Edmonton would only be discharged by certified professionals in possession of a valid permit.
- The number of fires and injuries attributed to fireworks within city limits is anticipated to decrease.
- Increased awareness that non-professional firework use is not permitted.
- Simplified Bylaw and Police enforcement.
- Community and cultural groups host firework events with professional fireworks operators at a more accessible cost, through a streamlined-approval process.

## Next Steps

If the recommendations are approved, Administration will:

- Commence stakeholder consultation to implement a phasing-out of Tier I permits and facilitate a transition for current vendors and potential applicants.
- Prepare amendments to the Fire Rescue Services Bylaw 15309 for Council Approval:
  - Consolidate fireworks permits ensuring all fireworks use requires a Fireworks Operator Certificate
  - Reduce “Tier II” permit fees from \$147 to \$100, under Schedule B-Permits.

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**Thank you.**