

Urban Planning and Economy

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Bylaw Amendments to Modernize the Fire Safety Inspection Process for New Business Licences

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Purpose of the Report

- The report proposes amending Business Licence Bylaw 20002 to replace the Edmonton Fire Rescue Services (EFRS) **consultation** requirement with a **notification** process for new business licences.
- **Key outcomes:**
 - Licence issued 12 days faster
 - EFRS' inspection and enforcement authority remains unchanged
 - Greater support for businesses

Current State and Proposed Future State Overview

Current State - Consultation:

1. Business licence application is reviewed by Zoning and Building Safety Codes areas
2. Application is referred to EFRS
3. EFRS completes a fire safety inspection prior to licence issuance
 - 12 day average timeline
4. Licence is issued and business can operate

Future State - Notification:

1. EFRS continues to be notified of new business licence application
2. Business licence is issued
3. EFRS completes a fire safety inspection

Benefits

- Businesses will get their licences an average of 12 days faster.
- Reduce duplication and creates capacity without compromising safety.
- Reduces barriers to continuous improvement. EFRS' Community Risk Reduction Plan won't be unnecessarily constrained by the BL Bylaw.

Implementation

If committee accepts this report for information, the proposed bylaw amendment will move forward to City Council for approval.

- If approved by Council, the new notification process will take effect immediately
- Fire inspections will continue to be completed as they are now - including risk assessment, timelines and fee collection
- Critical implementation tasks will be completed within 1 business day
- Non-critical implementation tasks will be completed within 60 days

Questions and Thank You

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