

Bylaw 16303

A Bylaw to Amend the Fee Schedule in the Business Licence Bylaw 13138

Purpose

To amend the fee schedule in the Business Licence Bylaw 13138.

Readings

Bylaw 16303 is ready for three readings.

If Council wishes to give three readings during a single meeting, then prior to moving third reading, Council must unanimously agree "That Bylaw 16303 be considered for third reading."

Position of Administration

Administration supports this Bylaw.

Report Summary

This bylaw will amend Schedule B of the Business Licence Bylaw 13138, effective February 1, 2013.

Report

The majority of the proposed business licence fees represent a three percent increase over 2012 fees. The fee increase reflects the expected increase to business licensing expenditures.

The following proposed fee changes are the only exceptions to the overall 3% percent increase:

- Select business licence fees will not increase from 2012 rates. This includes Independent Escort Agency, Flea Market Vendor, Travelling or Temporary Sales (1-3 days), Travelling or Temporary Food Sales (1-3 days), Non-Profit

Organization, and the Non-Resident fee.

- The fees for Exotic Entertainment Agency and Major Retail Store will increase by more than 3% from 2012 rates. This larger increase reflects the complex nature of these business licence categories and will better align these fees with those for businesses with similar complexity.
- The Home Based Business fee will decrease from the 2012 rate. This change is in response to public concerns over the affordability of home based business licences.

Corporate Outcomes

The Way Ahead, City of Edmonton Strategic Plan, 2009-2018:

- Ensure Edmonton's Financial Sustainability

Budget/Financial Implications

These proposed fee changes align with the revenue projections for business licencing, as presented to City Council in the 2013 Proposed Operating Budget.

Attachments

1. Bylaw 16303
2. Summary of Proposed Amendments

Others Reviewing this Report

- D. H. Edey, General Manager, Corporate Services
- L. Rosen, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

