

Bylaw 15694

A Bylaw to amend the Business Licence Bylaw 13138

Purpose

The purpose of this Bylaw is to amend Schedule A (Business Classifications) and Schedule B (Fees and Referrals) in the Business Licence Bylaw 13138.

Readings

Bylaw 15694 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 15694 be considered for third reading."

Position of Administration

Administration supports this Bylaw.

Report Summary

This Bylaw will amend the Business Licence Bylaw by creating additional Business Licence Categories. These new categories will have a regulatory referral to Fire Rescue Services.

Previous Council/Committee Action

At the April 11, 2011, Community Services Committee meeting, Bylaw 15694 was forwarded to City Council for the appropriate readings.

Report

This is a minor amendment to the Business Licence Bylaw to acknowledge general businesses that may carry a potential high fire risk. The recommendations are to:

- acknowledge some businesses that were formerly classified as General Business with specific categories

including retail stores, commercial schools and funeral homes

- send regulatory referrals to Fire Rescue Services for the new categories that have a high fire risk

Corporate Outcomes

This Bylaw supports the Goal to "Ensure Edmonton's Financial Stability" as described in The Way Ahead – City of Edmonton Strategic Plan 2009-2018.

This Bylaw supports the Goal to "Improve Edmonton's Livability" as described in the Way Ahead – City of Edmonton Strategic Plan 2009-2018.

Budget/Financial Implications

Identifying specific business categories that have inherent fire risks will foster the sustainability of a comprehensive fire risk assessment and inspection program in the form of cost recovery. Fire assessment and/or inspection fees will be collected by Planning and Development Department at the time of the business licence application and then transferred to Fire Rescue Services.

Attachments

1. Bylaw 15694

Background Information Available on Request from Department

1. Bylaw 15597
2. Bylaw 15668
3. Fire Quality Management Plan

Others Reviewing this Report

- L. Rosen, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer
- L. Cochrane, General Manager, Community Services Department