

**BY-LAW NO. 11391**

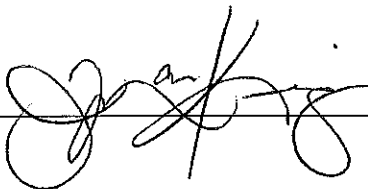
**A By-law to amend the  
Inter-Municipal Business Licence Agreement  
By-law No. 10757**

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VANCOUVER, in public meeting, enacts as follows:

1. This By-law amends the indicated provisions of By-law No. 10757.
2. Council strikes out Schedule A and substitutes Schedule A attached to this By-law.
3. A decision by a court that any part of this By-law is illegal, void, or unenforceable severs that part from this By-law, and is not to affect the balance of this By-law.
4. This By-law is to come into force and take effect on the first day of January, 2016.

ENACTED by Council this 1<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2015

  
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Mayor

  
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City Clerk

## Schedule A

### Inter-municipal Business Licence Agreement

WHEREAS the City of Burnaby, the Corporation of Delta, the City of New Westminster, the City of Richmond, the City of Surrey, and the City of Vancouver (hereinafter the "*Participating Municipalities*") wish to permit certain categories of Businesses to operate across their jurisdictional boundaries while minimizing the need to obtain a separate municipal business licence in each jurisdiction;

NOW THEREFORE the City of Burnaby, the Corporation of Delta, the City of New Westminster, the City of Richmond, the City of Surrey, and the City of Vancouver agree as follows:

1. The *Participating Municipalities* agree to establish an inter-municipal business licence scheme among the *Participating Municipalities*, pursuant to section 14 of the *Community Charter* and section 192.1 of the *Vancouver Charter*.

2. The *Participating Municipalities* will request their respective municipal Councils to each ratify this Agreement and enact a by-law to implement a permanent inter-municipal business licence scheme effective January 1, 2016.

3. In this Agreement:

"*Business*" has the meaning in the *Community Charter*;

"*Community Charter*" means the *Community Charter*, S.B.C. 2003, c.26;

"*Inter-municipal Business*" means a trades contractor or other professional related to the construction industry or a contractor who performs maintenance, repair and/or inspections of land and buildings outside of its *Principal Municipality*;

"*Inter-municipal Business Licence*" means a business licence which authorizes an *Inter-municipal Business* to be carried on within the jurisdictional boundaries of any or all of the *Participating Municipalities*;

"*Inter-municipal Business Licence By-law*" means the by-law adopted by the Council of each *Participating Municipality* to implement the inter-municipal business licence scheme contemplated by this Agreement;

"*Municipal Business Licence*" means a licence or permit, other than an *Inter-municipal Business Licence*, issued by a *Participating Municipality* that authorizes a *Business* to be carried on within the jurisdictional boundaries of that *Participating Municipality*;

"*Participating Municipality*" means any one of the "*Participating Municipalities*";

"*Person*" has the meaning in the *Interpretation Act*, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 238;

“Premises” means one or more fixed or permanent locations where the *Person* ordinarily carries on *Business*;

“Principal Municipality” means the *Participating Municipality* where a *Business* is located or has *Premises*; and

“Vancouver Charter” means the *Vancouver Charter*, S.B.C. 1953, c.55.

4. Subject to the provisions of the *Inter-municipal Business Licence By-law*, the *Participating Municipalities* will permit a *Person* who has obtained an *Inter-municipal Business Licence* to carry on *Business* within any *Participating Municipality* for the term authorized by the *Inter-municipal Business Licence* without obtaining a *Municipal Business Licence* in the other *Participating Municipalities*.

5. A *Principal Municipality* may issue an *Inter-municipal Business Licence* to an applicant if the applicant is an *Inter-municipal Business* and meets the requirements of the *Inter-municipal Business Licence By-law*, in addition to the requirements of the *Principal Municipality's* by-law that applies to a *Municipal Business Licence*.

6. Notwithstanding that a *Person* may hold an *Inter-municipal Business Licence* that would make it unnecessary to obtain a *Municipal Business Licence* in other *Participating Municipalities*, the *Person* must still comply with all other regulations of any municipal business licence by-law or regulation in addition to any other by-laws that may apply within any jurisdiction in which the *Person* carries on *Business*.

7. An *Inter-municipal Business Licence* must be issued by the *Participating Municipality* in which the applicant maintains *Premises*.

8. The *Participating Municipalities* will require that the holder of an *Inter-municipal Business Licence* also obtain a *Municipal Business Licence* for *Premises* that are maintained by the licence holder within the jurisdiction of a *Participating Municipality*.

9. The *Inter-municipal Business Licence* fee is \$250 and is payable to the *Principal Municipality*.

10. The *Inter-municipal Business Licence* fee is separate from and in addition to any *Municipal Business Licence* fee that may be required by a *Participating Municipality*.

11. Despite section 15, the *Inter-municipal Business Licence* fee will not be pro-rated.

12. The *Participating Municipalities* will distribute revenue generated from *Inter-municipal Business Licence* fees amongst all *Participating Municipalities* based on the *Principal Municipality* retaining 90% of the *Inter-municipal Business Licence* fee and the remaining 10% distributed equally to the remaining *Participating Municipalities*.

13. The *Participating Municipalities* will review the *Inter-municipal business licence* scheme and the revenue sharing formula established by this Agreement from time to time and may alter the formula in section 12 by written agreement of all *Participating Municipalities*.

14. The revenue generated from *Inter-municipal Business Licence* fees collected from January 1 to December 31 inclusive that is to be distributed to other *Participating Municipalities*, in accordance with section 12, will be distributed by February 28 of the year following the year in which fees were collected. The *Participating Municipalities* will designate one municipality, which may change from time to time, to calculate and distribute the revenue generated from *Inter-municipal Business Licence* fees.

15. The length of term of an *Inter-municipal Business Licence* is twelve (12) months, except that, at the option of a *Principal Municipality*, the length of term of the initial *Inter-municipal Business Licence* issued to an *Inter-municipal Business* in that municipality may be less than twelve (12) months in order to harmonize the expiry date of the *Inter-municipal Business Licence* with the expiry date of the *Municipal Business Licence*.

16. An *Inter-municipal Business Licence* will be valid within the jurisdictional boundaries of all of the *Participating Municipalities* until its term expires, unless the *Inter-municipal Business Licence* is suspended or cancelled or a *Participating Municipality* withdraws from the inter-municipal business licence scheme among the *Participating Municipalities* in accordance with the *Inter-municipal Business Licence By-law*.

17. Each *Participating Municipality* will share a database of *Inter-municipal Business Licences*, which will be available for the use of all *Participating Municipalities*.

18. Each *Participating Municipality* which issues an *Inter-municipal Business Licence* will promptly update the shared database after the issuance of that licence.

19. A *Participating Municipality* may exercise the authority of the *Principal Municipality* and suspend an *Inter-municipal Business Licence* in relation to conduct by the holder within the *Participating Municipality* which would give rise to the power to suspend a business licence under the *Community Charter* or *Vancouver Charter* or under the business licence by-law of the *Participating Municipality*. The suspension will be in effect throughout all of the *Participating Municipalities* and it will be unlawful for the holder to carry on the *Business* authorized by the *Inter-municipal Business Licence* in any *Participating Municipality* for the period of the suspension.

20. A *Participating Municipality* may exercise the authority of the *Principal Municipality* and cancel an *Inter-municipal Business Licence* in relation to conduct by the holder within the *Participating Municipality* which would give rise to the power to cancel a business licence under the *Community Charter* or *Vancouver Charter* or the business licence by-law of the *Participating Municipality*. The cancellation will be in effect throughout all of the *Participating Municipalities*.

21. The cancellation of an *Inter-municipal Business Licence* under section 20 will not affect the authority of a *Participating Municipality* to issue a business licence, other than an *Inter-municipal Business Licence*, to the holder of the cancelled *Inter-municipal Business Licence*.

22. Nothing in this Agreement affects the authority of a *Participating Municipality* to suspend or cancel any business licence issued by that municipality or to enact regulations in

respect of any category of *Business* under section 15 of the *Community Charter* or sections 272, 273, 279A, 279A.1, 279B, and 279C of the *Vancouver Charter*.

23. A *Participating Municipality* may, by notice in writing to each of the other *Participating Municipalities*, withdraw from the inter-municipal business licence scheme among the *Participating Municipalities*, and the notice must:

- (a) set out the date on which the withdrawing municipality will no longer recognize the validity within its boundaries of *Inter-municipal Business Licences*, which date must be at least six months from the date of the notice; and
- (b) include a certified copy of the municipal Council resolution or by-law authorizing the municipality's withdrawal from the *Inter-municipal Business Licence* scheme.

24. Prior to the effective date of a withdrawal under section 23 of this Agreement, the remaining *Participating Municipalities* will review and enter into an agreement to amend the revenue distribution formula set out in section 12 of this Agreement.

25. Nothing contained or implied in this Agreement shall fetter in any way the discretion of the Council of the *Participating Municipalities*. Further, nothing contained or implied in this Agreement shall prejudice or affect the *Participating Municipalities'* rights, powers, duties or obligation in the exercise of its functions pursuant to the *Community Charter*, *Vancouver Charter*, or the *Local Government Act*, as amended or replaced from time to time, or act to fetter or otherwise affect the *Participating Municipalities'* discretion, and the rights, powers, duties and obligations under all public and private statutes, by-laws, orders and regulations, which may be, if each *Participating Municipality* so elects, as fully and effectively exercised as if this Agreement had not been executed and delivered by the *Participating Municipalities*.

26. Despite any other provision of this Agreement, an *Inter-municipal Business Licence* granted in accordance with the *Inter-municipal Business Licence Bylaw* does not grant the holder a licence to operate in any jurisdiction other than within the jurisdictional boundaries of the *Participating Municipalities*. Furthermore, a business licence granted under any other inter-municipal business licence scheme is deemed not to exist for the purposes of this Agreement even if a *Participating Municipality* is a participating member of the other inter-municipal business licence scheme

27. This Agreement may be executed in several counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original. Such counterparts together shall constitute one and the same instrument, notwithstanding that all of the Participating Municipalities are not signatories to the original or the same counterpart.

Signed and delivered on behalf of the *Participating Municipalities*, the Councils of each of which has, by By-law, ratified this agreement and authorized their signatories to sign on behalf of the respective Councils, on the dates indicated below.

The City of Burnaby

City Clerk

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Date

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The Corporation of Delta  
Mayor

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Clerk

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Date

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The City of New Westminster  
Mayor

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Clerk

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Date

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The City of Richmond  
Chief Administrative Officer

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General Manager

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Corporate and Financial Services

Date

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The City of Surrey

Mayor

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Clerk

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Date

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The City of Vancouver

Director of Legal Services

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Date

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