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CITY OF TERRACE

CONSOLIDATED FOR CONVENIENCE

"TERRACE FIRE PREVENTION BYLAW NO. 1365-1994"

(AND AMENDMENTS THERETO UP TO

BYLAW #2003-2012)

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All persons making use of this consolidated version of City of Terrace Bylaw No. 1365-1994 are advised that it has no legislative sanction; that the amendments have been embodied for convenience of reference only and that the original bylaw must be consulted for all purposes of interpreting and applying the law.

Subsections or sections of the original bylaw and/or amendments which have been repealed have not been included in this consolidation.

CITY OF TERRACE
CONSOLIDATED FOR CONVENIENCE
BYLAW NO. 1365-1994/1433-1995/1530-1996/1546-1996/
1756-2002/1839-2005/1914-2008/1939-2009/2003-2012

"A BYLAW OF THE CITY OF TERRACE FOR PREVENTING FIRES AND THE SPREAD OF FIRES, THE PRESERVATION OF LIFE, AND FOR PROVIDING A REGULAR SYSTEM OF INSPECTING BUILDINGS AND CONTENTS WITHIN CITY BOUNDARIES FOR THE PURPOSE OF FIRE PREVENTION."

WHEREAS the Council of the City of Terrace in open meeting assembled **HEREBY ENACTS** as follows:

1.0 DEFINITIONS

- 1.1** *The definitions contained in the Zoning Bylaw of the City of Terrace shall be accepted for interpretation purposes wherever used in this Bylaw. The requirements of the British Columbia Fire Services Act shall apply where applicable. In all cases not specifically covered in this Bylaw, the requirements of the British Columbia Fire Services Act and the British Columbia Fire Code and the requirements of other City of Terrace Bylaws shall apply.*
- 1.2** *"FIRE EXTINGUISHER" means a fully charged and operable fire extinguisher suitable for use on Class A or B or C fires, as defined by the Canadian Underwriter's Association.*
- 1.3** *"INDUSTRIAL OPERATION" includes logging, milling, land clearing, engineering, construction, use of explosives, tree planting, road construction or other industrial activity utilizing men, equipment or both.*
- 1.4** *"PREMISES" means every building including private buildings.*
- 1.5** *"HOTEL" includes apartment house, boarding house, lodging house, club and building where lodging is provided, other than a private dwelling house.*
- 1.6** *"PUBLIC BUILDING" includes warehouse, factory within the meaning of the Workplace Act, store, mill, school, hospital, theatre, public hall, office building and any other building other than a private dwelling house.*
- 1.7** *"DOMESTIC WASTE" includes food waste and household waste but not newspaper and cardboard.*
- 1.8** *"GARDEN WASTE" includes leaves, foliage and crop stubble for domestic use.*

2.0 ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY

2.1 *The provisions of this Bylaw shall be enforced by an official appointed by the Council, such official to be known as the Fire Chief. Any Local Assistant to the Fire Commissioner (hereinafter "LAFC") appointed to enforce any regulations contained in this Bylaw shall act upon the authority delegated to him by the Fire Chief. The Fire Chief may authorize in writing any person or persons to exercise any or all of the powers of a LAFC under this Bylaw.*

*Amended by
#1530-1996*

2.2 *No person shall impede, hinder or interfere with any Firefighter in the execution of his/her duties or any other person under the direction of any Officer in Command during an inspection or at a fire.*

*Added by
#1546-1996*

2.3 *No person shall wilfully, by outcry, ringing bells, using a fire alarm, telephone, or in any other manner, make or circulate or cause to be made or circulated an alarm of fire, without reasonable cause.*

3.0 REGULAR SYSTEM OF INSPECTIONS

*Amended by
#2003-2012*

3.1 *The Fire Chief is directed and authorized to:*

- a) Establish a regular system for the inspection of all hotels, public buildings, churches, theatres, halls, and other buildings used as a place of public resort;*
- b) Establish a regular system for the inspection of all other buildings in the City;*
- c) Establish classes of buildings and different inspection frequencies for different classes of buildings; and*
- d) Amend the frequency of inspection schedules from time to time.*

3.2 *For the purposes of this Bylaw, private dwelling house and single family dwellings are excluded from the Schedule of Inspections and will only be inspected on invitation by the owner/occupant.*

3.3 *A LAFC shall have the right to enter any building in the performance of his duties at all reasonable times for the purpose of carrying out his duties.*

4.0 OIL BURNING APPLIANCES AND FUEL TANKS

Amended by #1939-2009

4.1 *A permit shall be obtained from a LAFC by the owner or his duly authorized agent prior to the installation of any oil-fired appliances being installed in any building. For each permit the applicant shall pay to the Director of Finance of the City of Terrace a fee according to Schedule 'B' of this Bylaw.*

5.0 BULK PLANTS AND REFINERIES

- 5.1** *No person shall install, operate or modify a refinery or bulk plant without first obtaining a permit issued by the B.C. Fire Commissioner.*
- 5.2** *No permit shall be issued in the City of Terrace unless the approval of Council or its duly authorized agent has first been obtained for all new construction.*
- 5.3** *A permit shall be obtained from a LAFC for the storage of flammable and combustible liquids, the construction or renovation of refineries or bulk plants and the operation of service stations.*

6.0 SERVICE STATIONS, KEY-LOCK AND CARD-LOCK FACILITIES

Amended by #1433-1995 & #1939-2009

- 6.1** *No person shall operate a service station or install any storage tank or any pump or measuring device to be used for the purpose of retailing or storage of flammable or combustible liquids without first obtaining a permit issued by a LAFC. For each permit, the applicant shall pay to the Director of Finance of the City of Terrace a fee according to Schedule 'B' of this Bylaw.*

*Added by
#1433-1995*

6.2 FARMS AND ISOLATED CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

- (a) Storage of Flammable or Combustible Liquid: *No person shall store any flammable or combustible liquid in excess of Two Hundred and Thirty (230) litres on farms, construction sites, or on any private property without first obtaining written approval from the City of Terrace Planning Department to ensure compliance with existing Zoning Bylaws. A copy of the written approval shall form part of the applicant's written request to store flammable or combustible liquids.*
- (b) Applications for a Permit shall be made to the L.A.F.C. and accompanied by plans drawn to scale showing:
- (i) *the location of the storage containers in relation to the lines of the adjoining property(ies), buildings and fencing;*
 - (ii) *the size, capacity and use of the storage containers; and*
 - (iii) *the standard to which the storage containers have been constructed.*
- (c) Installation of Facilities used for Storage of flammable or combustible liquids shall not be commenced until such plans have been accepted in writing.
- (d) Conformation to Part 4 of B.C. Fire Code - *The storage, handling and use of flammable or combustible liquids in containers shall conform to Part 4 of the B.C. Fire Code.*

7.0 COMPRESSED GAS SYSTEMS

7.1 *NFPA - National Fire Protection Association;*

LPG - Liquid Petroleum Gas;

LNG - Liquid Natural Gas.

7.2 *All storage tanks, all gas-fired appliances and all gas dispensing devices shall be inspected and approved by the Provincial Gas Inspector.*

*Replaced by
#1756-2002
& Amended by
#1939-2009
of*

7.3 *Notwithstanding zoning, no person shall install, operate, or modify a Propane Filling Station, Refill Centre, Filling Plant and/or Bulk storage tank without a permit issued by the Fire Chief for the City of Terrace. For each permit, the applicant shall pay to the Director of Finance of the City*

of Terrace a fee according to Schedule 'B' of this Bylaw.

*Amended by
#1839-2005*

(a) *Installation of Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) storage tank(s) will not be allowed in areas zoned as Residential or in areas zoned Commercial C1, C1-A, C2 and C7. Propane installations in Industrial Parks, Commercial and open areas will be allowed, provided that there is no undue risk to persons in buildings of public assembly, parks and playgrounds, or other places of public assembly.*

(b) *Installation of LPG storage tank(s) with a total capacity greater than 2,000 gallons will not be allowed in areas zoned Commercial C-3. Installation of LPG storage tanks with a capacity of 2000 gallons or less shall be allowed providing the installation is done in conformance with B.C. Gas Safety Regulations.*

(c) *Installation of LPG storage tank(s) with a total capacity greater than 2,000 gallons will not be allowed in areas zoned Industrial M-1. Installation of LPG storage tanks of 2,000 gallons or less are permitted but shall be done in conformance with B.C. Gas Safety Regulations.*

(d) *Installation of LPG storage tank(s) in areas zoned Industrial M-2 and Ground-Side Commercial (GSC) will be permitted. Installation and safety requirements shall be in conformance with both the B.C. Gas Safety Regulations and NFPA requirements. For LPG storage tanks with a capacity greater than 2,000 gallons additional fire protection shall be provided by:*

(i) *Maintaining a minimum distance of 30m (100 ft) from the near side of any rail line.*

(ii) *Maintaining a minimum distance of 15m (50 ft) to property lines.*

(iii) *Maintaining a minimum distance of 30m (100ft) from municipal roads or provincial highways.*

- (iv) *Installation and maintenance of a fixed fire suppression system, consisting of leak detection and a water deluge system capable of flowing 2,270 lpm (500gpm) or as specified by a Certified Fire Protection Engineer.*

7.4 *Deleted by #1839-2005.*

7.5 *Deleted by #1839-2005.*

7.6 *Deleted by #1756-2002.*

7.7 *Adequate protection to all above ground LPG and LNG storage tanks shall be provided to the satisfaction of the LAFC in the City of Terrace.*

8.0 VEHICLES FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF FLAMMABLE AND COMBUSTIBLE LIQUIDS

8.1 *Tank vehicles shall not be left unattended by the vehicle operator for more than one hour anywhere within the City of Terrace boundaries except in an acceptable parking space.*

8.2 *An acceptable parking space shall be surrounded by a fence and shall:*

- (a) *be at least 1.8m high and include three (3) strands of barbed wire at the top spaced 100mm apart.*
- (b) *be of chain link construction that has an opening not greater than 50 x 50mm, and*
- (c) *have posts of angle iron, pipe or equivalent spaced not more than 3m apart and set securely.*

8.3 *All gates shall be locked when the enclosure is not manned.*

9.0 CHIMNEY AND SOLID FUEL BURNING APPLIANCES

9.1 *All newly constructed or newly installed chimneys and/or solid fuel burning appliances shall be inspected and approved for use by the City of Terrace Building Inspector.*

10.0 CHIMNEY CLEANING

10.1 *The owner or occupier of a building or premise shall cause every chimney flue and chimney connector to be cleaned as often as may be necessary to keep the chimney and chimney connector free from the danger of fire.*

11.0 FLAMMABLE LIQUID CONTAINERS

11.1 *Flammable liquids shall not be dispensed into, stored in, nor transported in glass containers, or plastic containers, except where the containers have been investigated by and meet the requirements of a nationally recognized testing laboratory and are so marked.*

Amended by **12.0** **STARTING FIRES IN OPEN AIR**
#1914-2008

Amended by **12.1** *No person shall light, ignite or start or permit to be or cause to be lighted, ignited or started a fire of any kind whatsoever in the open air without first having obtained a written burning permit to do so from the City of Terrace Fire Department. A burning permit may be required from the Ministry of Forests during their fire season, or from the Ministry of Environment.*
#1756-2002

12.2 *No person shall burn any rubbish, tires, oil, sata, asphalt shingles, battery boxes, plastic materials, domestic waste, garden waste or any similar materials that would, in the opinion of the Fire Chief or his designate, produce or emit heavy sooty black smoke or obnoxious odours.*

12.3 *The Fire Chief or his designate may withhold or cancel any permit issued where, in his opinion, the igniting of a fire in any area may create a hazard or nuisance to persons or property, and the Fire Chief or his designate may extinguish any fire that is causing a nuisance to persons, or any fire started without a written burning permit to do so.*

12.4 *A person to whom a burning permit has been issued under Section 12.1 herein shall place and keep a competent person or persons at all times in charge of the fire while it is burning or smouldering and shall provide that person or persons with efficient appliances and equipment in order to prevent the fire from getting beyond control or causing damage or becoming dangerous.*

12.5 *A person to whom a burning permit has been so issued under Section 12.1 herein shall comply with all requirements stated on the burning permit.*

Amended by **12.6** *Burning permits shall only be issued in Agricultural, Commercial, Industrial or Rural Zoned areas with the written permission of the City of Terrace Fire Department and the requirements of this Section shall apply where applicable.*
#1914-2008

12.7 *Deleted by #1914-2008.*

Amended by **12.8** *Except as hereinafter provided, burning permits to start any fire in the open air are required at all times of the year.*
#1914-2008

12.9 *Deleted by #1914-2008.*

Amended by **12.10** *Except for the occasional lawful burning of waste materials resulting from land clearing, agriculture, logging, demolition or construction, as permitted by the City of Terrace Fire Department under a Class "A" Burning Permit, no person shall burn any waste material other than in compliance with this Bylaw.*
#1914-2008

Amended by **13.0 BARBECUES/GRILLES/FIRE PITS**
#1914-2008

Amended by **13.1** *The requirements of Section 12.0 herein shall not apply to small confined fires used for the purpose of cooking food in or upon grilles, barbecues, or small fire pits.*
#1914-2008

14.0 PORTABLE INCINERATORS

14.1 *A portable incinerator or other portable device or appliance for burning garbage, rubbish or other waste materials shall not be erected or used nor shall any enclosed fire, except that provided in Section 13.1, be built, set or maintained outside the walls of a building without written permission from the LAFC.*

14.2 *An appliance or device referred to in section 14.1 shall be equipped with proper spark arresting attachments and such other safeguards, as shall be prescribed by the LAFC.*

15.0 FOREST FIRE PREVENTION

15.1 *Every person in charge of a work site, where work of an industrial operation is being carried out, shall keep at the work site, maintained in good working order and to be used for fire-fighting purposes only, fire-fighting equipment consisting of fire extinguishers, water barrels or tanks, (April 15th to October 15th, inclusive) round-nose shovels, axes and pulaski/mattock tools.*

15.2 *The number of tools and fire-fighting equipment that is to be kept at the work site shall be as follows:*

<u>PERSONS WORKING AT THE SITE</u>	<u>AXES</u>	<u>ROUND NOSE SHOVELS</u>	<u>PULASKI/ MATTOCK</u>	<u>FIRE EXTING.</u>	<u>HAND PUMP</u>
<i>Less than three</i>	<i>one</i>	<i>one</i>	<i>one</i>		<i>one</i>
<i>More than three</i>	<i>one per person</i>	<i>one per person</i>	<i>one per person</i>		<i>one per person</i>
<u>PERSONS OPERATING</u>	<u>AXES</u>	<u>ROUND NOSE SHOVELS</u>	<u>PULASKI/ MATTOCK</u>	<u>FIRE EXTING.</u>	<u>HAND PUMP</u>
<i>An engine</i>		<i>one per person</i>	<i>one per person</i>	<i>one per engine</i>	<i>one per person</i>
<i>A power saw</i>				<i>one per person</i>	

15.3 *Where, in the opinion of the Fire Chief, additional tools or fire-fighting equipment is required, that addition shall be in accordance with the Forest Fire Prevention Regulations (B.C. Reg. 557/78), Forest Act R.S. Chap. 140.*

15.4 *Deleted by #1756-2002.*

15.5 *Deleted by #1756-2002.*

15.6 *Deleted by #1756-2002.*

15.7 *Deleted by #1756-2002.*

15.8 *Deleted by #1756-2002.*

15.9 *Deleted by #1756-2002.*

16.0 SMOKING

*Amended by
#1530-1996*

16.1 *Where conditions are such as to make smoking a hazard the LAFC shall order the owner or occupier in writing to post approved "No Smoking" signs where smoking shall be prohibited, and shall designate specific safe locations in which smoking may be permitted. It is an offence where the owner/occupier fails to post signs.*

16.2 *It shall be unlawful for any person to remove any legally required "No Smoking" signs or to smoke in any place where such signs are posted.*

17.0 **FIRE EXIT DOORS**

17.1 *Fire exit doors, designated as such for escape from any building fire, shall only be used for that purpose and shall be kept free of any type of obstruction while the building is occupied by the public.*

17.0A **FIRE ALARM SYSTEMS**

Added by #1939-2009

17.1A *The owner of a fire alarm system shall be responsible for the proper use, maintenance and operation of such system, on or in real property. In order to ensure the prevention of false alarms, it is suggested that the fire alarm system be installed by a Licensed Fire Alarm Company, and regularly inspected and maintained by a Certified Fire Alarm Service Technician.*

17.2A *For every third and subsequent occurrence of a false alarm in any calendar year to which the City of Terrace Fire Department responds a fee will be charged according to Schedule 'B' of this Bylaw.*

17.3A *This does not apply to fire alarm systems that are intended to alert only the occupants of the dwelling unit in which they were installed.*

18.0 **FIREWORKS**

18.1 *Fireworks shall include cannon-crackers, fireballs, firecrackers, mines, Roman candles, skyrockets, torpedoes, flares and such other explosives as may be designated as such by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council.*

18.2 *No person shall sell, give, fire, or set off fireworks, except between the 24th day of October and the first day of November in any year.*

18.3 *No person shall explode any fireworks on any highway, road, street, lane, bridge, or other public place unless specifically authorized to do so by the Fire Chief of the City of Terrace.*

18.4 *No fireworks may be sold to any person under 19 years of age.*

18.5 *The storage of fireworks and the display of fireworks for sale shall conform to the requirements of the Canadian Explosives Act, R.S., 1985, c. E-17 amended by 1989, c.3.*

18.6 *Notwithstanding the provisions of this Bylaw, fireworks may be sold to and discharged by any person or organization conducting a public display if such public display is held with the written permission of Council and the written permission of the Fire Commissioner, or the LAFC having jurisdiction in the City of Terrace.*

19.0 REMOVE FIRE HAZARD AND SECURE BUILDINGS

- 19.1** Any owner or occupant of real property in the City of Terrace shall remove any matter or thing situated in or on any building or premises which he owns or occupies, which in the opinion of the Fire Chief, is a fire hazard or increases the danger of fire.
- 19.2** Any owner of any unoccupied building shall, at all times, ensure that the premises are free from debris and flammable substances and shall keep all openings in such a building securely fastened so as to prevent the entry of unauthorized persons.
- 19.3** The owner of any fire damaged building shall ensure that the premises are guarded or that all openings in the building are kept securely closed and fastened so as to prevent the entry of unauthorized persons.

20.0 ISSUANCE OF BURNING PERMITS

- 20.1** A written permit shall be in the form set out in the Schedule A attached hereto, or to like effect, and shall not be valid after expiration thereof.
- 20.2** The Fire Chief or his designate may withhold or cancel any permit issued where, in his opinion, the igniting of a fire in any area may create a hazard or nuisance to persons or property.
- 20.3** If at any time the Fire Chief or his designate on account of the existence of hazardous conditions inclusive of meteorological or ambient air quality conditions deems it advisable, cancel or suspend for such time as it is necessary, any right to burn granted pursuant to this Bylaw including all or any permits issued pursuant to this Bylaw, or he may attach to any or all such permits such conditions and restrictions as he thinks proper.
- 20.4** All permits issued pursuant to this Bylaw shall be subject to such conditions, restrictions and provisions as the Fire Chief or his designate may consider necessary and expedient to incorporate therein.

Added by **20.5** *If the Fire Department is called to attend a Class "A", Class "C" or non-1914-2008 & permitted burn that does not meet the conditions or requirements of this Bylaw*
Amended by *or the issued permit, an inspection fee will be charged according to Schedule*
#1939-2009 *'B' of this Bylaw.*

21.0 LIABILITY FOR DAMAGES

21.1 *This Bylaw shall not be construed to hold the City of Terrace nor its authorized agent or agents responsible for any damage to persons or property by reason of:*

- (a) Inspections authorized by this Bylaw, or*
- (b) The failure to carry out an inspection, or*
- (c) A permit issued as herein provided,*
- (d) The approval or disapproval of any equipment authorized herein.*

22.0 PENALTIES

22.1 *Any person guilty of an offense under this Bylaw shall be punishable, in accordance with the Offence Act.*

22.2 *Any person who commits an offense contrary to the provisions of this Bylaw is liable to a maximum fine of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00).*

22.3 *Each day a violation is caused or allowed to continue constitutes a separate offense.*

23.0 REPEALING CLAUSE

23.1 *Terrace Fire Prevention Bylaw No. 1198-1990 and all amendments thereto are hereby repealed.*

24.0 CITING CLAUSE

24.1 *This Bylaw may be cited as "**Terrace Fire Prevention Bylaw No. 1365-1994**".*

This Bylaw is consolidated for convenience only. If discrepancies exist between this consolidation and the original bylaws, the original bylaws shall prevail.

BYLAW NO. 1365-1994 READ a first time this 9th day of May, 1994.

BYLAW NO. 1365-1994 READ a second time this 9th day of May, 1994.

BYLAW NO. 1365-1994 READ a third time this 9th day of May, 1994.

BYLAW NO. 1365-1994 ADOPTED this 24th day of May, 1994.

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY "J. TALSTRA"

Mayor

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY "E.R. HALLSOR"

Clerk-Administrator

SCHEDULE 'A'**BURNING PERMITS**

City of Terrace burning permits are to be issued as follows:

CLASS "A" BURNING PERMITS

Amended by #1914-2008 These permits are to be issued to properties within Agricultural, Commercial, Industrial or Rural Zoned areas only for burning of forest debris resulting from land clearing operations, logging, firewood cutting or any other operation that creates slash. The following will apply with regard to the issuing and recording of the permits:

- (1) A permit is required to be obtained prior to any burning of any materials at any time during the year.
- (2) The issuance of a permit is subject to B.C. Environment approval and any additional restrictions they may require.
- (3) Once fire season commences April 15 to October 15, the issuance of permits is subject to B.C. Forest Service approval and any additional restrictions they may require.
 - (a) Burning in Area "B" within the City of Terrace boundaries will require a permit from and approval by B.C. Forest Service prior to obtaining a permit from the Terrace Fire Department.
- (4) The following shall be considered as minimum requirements at the burning site:
 - (a) One 45 gallon barrel of water and/or a garden hose connected to a water source,
 - (b) Two buckets,
 - (c) One axe,
 - (d) One shovel,
 - (e) One pulaski/mattock,
 - (f) Fireguards that are acceptable to the Fire Chief are prepared,
 - (g) For hand operations, piles are not to exceed 2m (6 feet) in height or 3m (10 feet) in diameter; wind rows or larger piles are to be broken down to the above noted dimensions.
 - (h) For major operations with a machine on stand-by during burning, the piles are not to exceed 4m (13 feet) in height or 6m (20 feet) in diameter; wind rows or larger piles are to be broken down to the above noted dimensions.
- (5) Burning periods on each pile shall be as short a duration as possible but not to exceed 48 hours; and if more than one pile is to be burnt, each additional pile shall not be ignited until the previous pile is completely burnt down.

- (a) *No burning of materials on statutory or declared holidays that occurs during the week.*
 - (b) *There shall be a sufficient number of competent personnel on site at all times a fire is burning or smouldering.*
- (6) *Burning periods on each permit shall not exceed two weeks up to June and one week thereafter during the rest of the fire season unless otherwise restricted by B.C. Forest Service or B.C. Environment.*
- (7) *The Terrace Fire Department shall be notified prior to the burning of any pile to approve the size of the piles to be burnt and the method of igniting piles to be burnt, and to ensure that the necessary fire fighting equipment and manpower is on site and available for immediate use.*
- (8) *All permits shall be automatically cancelled on instruction from B.C. Forest Service or from B.C. Environment.*
- (9) *No burning is to be conducted when winds exceed 10 miles per hour, or on hot dry days, or after consultation with B.C. Forest Service that current weather conditions prohibit such burning.*
- (10) *Only dry wood, paper, cardboard or diesel fuel oil can be used as fuel to start, assist or enhance the burning of any pile, or*
 - (a) *When available, an auxiliary forced air system shall be used to start fires in piles.*
- (11) *Materials to be burnt must be dry/seasoned, stacked effectively, lightly packed and composed of small to medium sized pieces, and*
 - (a) *Large pieces such as wood stumps and large trees shall be cut into smaller pieces,*
 - (b) *Green or wet wood, damp leaves or other materials that create smoke are not acceptable,*
 - (c) *All soil shall be removed from all materials to be burnt prior to the piling of materials to be burnt.*
- (12) *Each pile of material to be burnt shall be located at least 100m (328 feet) from any building or other combustible materials on surrounding properties, and at least 500m (1,641 feet) from schools in session, hospitals and facilities used for continuing care as defined under the Continuing Care Act.*

- (13) In addition, the Fire Chief or his designate may require that additional fire fighting equipment and manpower to be on site and available for immediate use such as but not limited to:
- (a) Fire hose or hoses connected to a fire hydrant,
 - (b) Sufficient manpower to man the fire hoses, and
 - (c) Sufficient manpower to patrol the perimeters checking for fires started by airborne firebrands.
- (14) In addition to the Fire Chief, the following personnel are authorized to sign and issue Class "A" burning permits:
- (a) Deputy Fire Chief, and
 - (b) Lieutenant.
- (15) A burning permit is valid only when both the Fire Chief or his designate and the applicant have signed the burning permit.
- (16) The original copy is for the permittee and the carbon copy is for the Fire Department files.
- (17) B.C. Forest Service and B.C. Environment is to be notified by telephone or by fax of any Class "A" burning permits issued.

REQUIREMENTS FOR FOREST FIRE PREVENTION

Every person in charge of a work site, where work of an industrial operation is being carried out, shall keep at the work site, maintained in good working order and to be used for fire fighting purposes only, fire fighting equipment consisting of fire extinguishers, water barrels or tanks filled with water, round-nose shovels, axes and pulaski/mattock tools.

The number of tools and fire-fighting equipment that is to be kept at the work site shall be as follows:

<u>PERSONS WORKING AT THE SITE</u>	<u>AXES</u>	<u>ROUND NOSE SHOVELS</u>	<u>PULASKI/ MATTOCK</u>	<u>FIRE EXTING.</u>	<u>HAND PUMP</u>
Less than three	one	one	one		one
More than three	one per person	one per person	one per person		one per person

<u>PERSONS OPERATING</u>	<u>AXES</u>	<u>ROUND NOSE SHOVELS</u>	<u>PULASKI/ MATTOCK</u>	<u>FIRE EXTING.</u>	<u>HAND PUMP</u>
Cat, Loader, etc.		one per person	one per person	one per engine	one per person
A power saw				one per person	

Where, in the opinion of the Fire Chief or his designate, additional tools or fire fighting equipment is required, that addition shall be in accordance with the Forest Fire Prevention Regulations (B.C. Reg. 557.78), Forest Act R.S. Chap. 140.

Every person shall, prior to carrying out the work of an industrial operation within the City of Terrace, notify the Fire Chief of their intent.

If logging operations are intended to be carried out, a LOGGING PLAN acceptable to the Ministry of Forests shall also be submitted with the NOTICE OF INTENT to the Fire Chief or his designate.

If the NOTICE OF INTENT involves land clearing operations, logging, firewood cutting or any other operation that creates slash, every person in charge of the work site shall submit to the Fire Chief or his designate a SLASH DISPOSAL PLAN.

Every person in charge at a work site, where work on an industrial operation is being carried on, shall ensure that:

- (a) All leaning trees are felled, AND that all branches are looped from all felled trees;
- (b) All looped branches and tree tops are piled or bunched in such a manner that they are clear of all reserved trees, to the satisfaction of the Fire Chief or his designate;
- (c) All debris, which includes the tops of felled trees, and all dead and down material be disposed of by burning, at a location specified in accordance with the LOGGING PLAN, or in accordance with other methods of disposal that are acceptable to the Fire Chief or his designate;
- (d) Fireguards that are acceptable to the Fire Chief or his designate are prepared;
- (e) A BURNING PERMIT has been obtained prior to the burning of any debris;
- (f) Any industrial operation is not to be conducted during the period of hot, dry weather when the Forest Fire Rating is classified by the Fire Chief or his designate, or by the Ministry of Forests as EXTREME;

- (g) *No work is to be carried on where the Fire Chief or his designate has restricted the hours of operation, due to weather conditions.*

Subject to Section 700 of the Local Government Act, every person carrying out work of an industrial operation within the City of Terrace may be required by the Fire Chief or his designate to give security to the City of Terrace, the return of which shall be conditional on the completion of the work as stated on the SLASH DISPOSAL PLAN or on the BURNING PERMIT,

- (h) *The amount of security will be at the discretion of the Fire Chief or his designate, and shall be in the form of cash, certified cheque, bond guarantee by a licensed bonding company or a letter of credit from a bank.*



CLASS "A" BURNING PERMIT

PERMIT FEE: \$50.00

Paid by: Cheque Cash Interac

A. PERMIT HOLDER:

Subject to the provisions of the Fire Prevention Bylaw No. 1365-1994, and amendments thereto, permission is hereby granted to:

PERMIT HOLDER: _____

CONTACT PHONE(S): (H) _____ Cell _____

PROPERTY OWNER (If different than Applicant): _____

ON (DATE ISSUED): _____

B. BURNING LOCATION:

To light and maintain a fire at: _____

C. BURNING PERIOD (DURATION):

This Permit is valid for _____ consecutive days, commencing on _____ day of _____, 20 _____. This Burning Permit is only in effect for the dates stated; extensions must be approved by the Fire Department.

D. LIABILITY:

This permit is issued only on condition that the person to whom it is issued and whose signature appears hereunder as applicant assumes all liability for any damage or injuries which may occur as a result of such fire.

E. REQUIREMENTS:

A person to whom a Burning Permit has been issued shall comply with all the requirements stated on this permit, including:

- AN ON SITE INSPECTION MUST BE CONDUCTED AND APPROVED** by the Fire Chief, or his designate, prior to any burning. On site inspected conducted on the ____ day of _____, 20 ____, by _____
- FORESTRY REFERENCE:** The Permit Holder shall obtain a Burning Reference Number from the Ministry of Forests for all Class "A" fires within the City of Terrace boundaries prior to burning. A Burning Reference number may be obtained from the Ministry of Forests by phoning 1-888-797-1717.
- NOTIFY FIRE DEPARTMENT PRIOR TO BURNING:** The Permit holder will notify the Terrace Fire Department (250) 638-4734 or (250) 638-4744 prior to burning of any Class "A" fires.

F. ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS:

- SIZE OF BURN PILE(S):** The Permit Holder shall ensure that piles of material to be burned do not exceed 4m (13 feet) in height and 6m (20 feet) in diameter.
- LOCATION OF BURN PILE(S):** The Permit Holder shall ensure that each pile to be burned is located at least 100m (328 feet) from any building, neighbouring residences and businesses, and at least 500m (1,641 feet) from schools in session, hospitals and facilities used for continuing care as defined under the Continuing Care Act.

3. **ON SITE CONTROL:** *The Permit Holder, or some competent person appointed by him/her, shall supervise and keep under control any burning, and ensure that any equipment necessary for fire control is available for immediate use.*
4. **ON SITE EQUIPMENT:** *The Permit Holder shall keep at the burn site fire fighting equipment consisting of fire extinguishers, water barrel or tanks full of water, round-nose shovels, axes and Pulaski/mattock tools and any other fire fighting equipment and manpower necessary to extinguish fires as may be required by the Fire Chief or his designate:*
5. **WILDFIRE INTERFACE:** *The Permit Holder shall take all necessary precautions to prevent fire from spreading out to adjacent forest and properties.*
6. **WEATHER CONDITIONS & BURNING BANS:** *Forestry approval is not required within City limits, however, if burning conditions are dry and hot and have been for some time, the permit holder should check with both the Fire Department and the local Forestry Attack Base (635-9735) to ensure that no burning bans are in place. Do not burn during hot, dry, windy weather, or unless otherwise approved by the Fire Chief or his designate.*
7. **PROHIBITED MATERIALS:** *All burning must comply with the B.C. Waste Management Act. This includes no burning of tires, plastics, drywall, demolition waste, domestic waste, paint, hazardous waste, tar paper, treated lumber, railway ties, manure, rubber, asphalt, asphalt products, fuel and lubricant containers, or biomedical waste; nor any article which is likely to emit a black sooty smoke or obnoxious odours. Contravention may result in a fine from the Ministry of Environment. For further information on this act consult the B.C. Environment office @ 638-6530 or the Waste Management Branch in Smithers by calling 1-800-663-7867 and asking to be put through to (250) 847-7259.*
8. **NO BURNING ON STATUTORY HOLIDAYS:** *Fires are not permitted on Victoria Day, Canada Day, B.C. Day, Labour Day or any other declared statutory holiday.*
9. **NUISANCE TO NEIGHBOURS:** *If the burn is deemed to be a nuisance to neighbours, you may be required to extinguish the fire and the permit will be cancelled.*

G. OTHER REQUIREMENTS @ FIRE CHIEF'S DISCRETION

The Fire Chief, or his designate, may require any or all of the following; those items that have been checked are required for this Burning Permit:

- _____ *Approved to burn one smaller pile, to be fed by a feeder pile.*
- _____ *A fire hose must be connected to an established water supply at all times during the burn.*
- _____ *The Permit Holder must have a fan to accelerate burning and assist the pile in burning clear and hot.*

H. INSPECTION FEES (Burning In Contravention)

An inspection fee of \$100.00 will be charged if the Fire Department is called to attend a Class "A", or Class "C" or non-permitted burn that does not meet the conditions or requirements of Terrace Fire Prevention By-law No. 1365-1994 and amendments thereto or the issued permit. (Added by Bylaw #1914-2008)

APPROVED BY: _____

APPLICANT: _____

CLASS "B" BURNING PERMITS

Deleted by #1914-2008



CLASS "C" SPECIAL EVENT FIRE BURNING PERMIT

PERMIT FEE: (No Charge)

Date of Issue: _____

CLASS "C" PERMITS are to be issued for special functions only such as backyard campfires and block parties that are located on private property in residential areas, or for bonfires or campfires related to specific public events (i.e. Halloween Hoot at Library Park, Church Group Campfire or Bonfire on Church's property, etc.). Requirement of Section 12.0 of the City's Fire Prevention Bylaw does not apply to small confined fires used for the purpose of cooking food in or upon grilles, barbeques, or small fire pits.

A. PERMIT HOLDER:

Subject to the provisions of the Fire Prevention Bylaw No. 1365-1994, and amendments thereto, permission is hereby granted to:

PERMIT HOLDER: _____

CONTACT PHONE(S): (H) _____

Cell _____

PROPERTY OWNER: _____

(If Different than Applicant)

B. LOCATION & DATE OF FIRE:

Permission is hereby granted to the above-named Applicant to light and maintain a Special Event Cooking Fire or Bonfire

AT: _____

ON the ____ day of _____, 20 _____. This Burning Permit is only in effect for the dates stated; extensions must be approved by the Fire Department.

C. ON SITE INSPECTION AND APPROVAL REQUIRED: YES NO

If yes, on site inspection conducted on the ____ day of _____, 20 _____, by: _____

Comments: _____

D. LIABILITY:

This permit is issued only on condition that the person to whom it is issued and whose signature appears hereunder as applicant assumes all liability for any damage or injuries which may occur as a result of such fire.

E. REQUIREMENTS:

A person to whom a Burning Permit has been issued shall comply with all the requirements stated on this permit, including:

1. The Permit Holder shall ensure that only dry, well-seasoned wood is to be burned.
2. The Permit Holder shall ensure that no prohibited material, as set out in Schedule "A" of the Environmental Management Act, Open Burning Smoke Control Regulations (OBSC), is placed in the fire. Namely: tires, plastics, drywall, demolition waste, domestic waste, paint, hazardous waste, tar paper, treated lumber, railway ties, manure, rubber, asphalt, asphalt

products, fuel and lubricant containers, or biomedical waste. Nor is any article which is likely to emit a black sooty smoke; or obnoxious odours permitted.

- 3. The Permit Holder shall ensure that the fire is completely extinguished when the special event is finished.*
- 4. The Permit Holder shall take all necessary precautions to prevent fire from spreading out to adjacent forest and properties.*
- 5. The Permit Holder, or some competent person appointed by him/her, shall supervise and keep under control any burning, and ensure that any equipment necessary for fire control is available for immediate use.*
- 6. Do not burn during hot, dry, windy weather, or unless otherwise approved by the Fire Chief or his designate.*
- 7. If the burn is deemed to be a nuisance to neighbours, you may be required to extinguish the fire and the permit will be cancelled.*

F. ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS:

G. INSPECTION FEES (Burning In Contravention)

An inspection fee of \$100.00 will be charged if the Fire Department is called to attend a Class "A", Class "C" or non-permitted burn that does not meet the conditions or requirements of Terrace Fire Prevention By-law No. 1365-1994 and amendments thereto, or the issued permit. (Added by Bylaw #1914-2008)

APPROVED BY: _____

APPLICANT: _____

SCHEDULE 'B'

Added by #1939-2009

FIRE DEPARTMENT FEE SCHEDULE**1.0 BURNING**

- .1 Burning Permits – Class A \$50.00
- .2 Burning Permits – Class C..... \$0
- .3 Inspection Fee as per Section 20.5 of this Bylaw..... \$100.00

2.0 OIL BURNING APPLIANCES AND FUEL TANKS

- .1 Heater or burner for domestic use..... \$25.00 per inspection
- .2 Furnace for domestic use..... \$25.00 per inspection
- .3 Furnace and tank for commercial use \$25.00 per inspection
- .4 Each additional or other appliance..... \$25.00 per inspection

3.0 SERVICE STATIONS, KEY-LOCK AND CARD-LOCK FACILITIES**Gasoline and Diesel**

- .1 Each underground fuel storage tank \$25.00 per inspection
- .2 Each fuel pump \$25.00 per inspection
- .3 Farm storage tanks aboveground \$25.00 per inspection
- .4 Waste oil storage tanks aboveground..... \$25.00 per inspection

4.0 COMPRESSED GAS SYSTEMS – PROPANE TANK INSTALLATION

- .1 Permit & site inspection..... \$25.00 per inspection

5.0 KEY-LOCK BOXES

- .1 Rental of key-lock box..... \$50.00

6.0 OXYGEN CYLINDERS

- .1 Refills per cylinder \$10.00

7.0 PORTABLE FIRE EXTINGUISHER TRAINING

- .1 Per participant..... \$30.00

8.0 INCIDENT SECURITY

- .1 Per hour/per member..... \$25.00

9.0 CONFINED SPACE RESCUE & HAZMAT RESPONSE

- .1 Confined space hole watch/rescue stand-by – per hour \$300.00
- .2 Terrace Rescue 11 – per hour \$600.00
(equipment replacement or rentals is not included in hourly rates)

10.0 WILDFIRE INTERFACE RESPONSES (Forestry – Mutual Aid)

- .1 Per apparatus/per hour (set by Ministry of Forests) \$400.00

11.0 INCIDENT RESPONSES (Contracted Apparatus/Personnel)

- .1 Terrace Engine 11 (per hour) \$650.00
- .2 Terrace Engine 12 (per hour) \$650.00
- .3 Terrace Rescue 11 (per hour) \$600.00
- .4 Support Vehicle – Terrace Service 11 (per hour)..... \$250.00
- .5 Support Vehicle – Terrace Chief 11 (per hour)..... \$250.00
- .6 Firefighters – per member/per hour \$35.00

12.0 FIRE SAFETY INSPECTION FEES

- .1 Per inspection \$100.00
(if conducted outside of a regularly scheduled inspection)

13.0 FIRE ALARM SYSTEMS – FALSE ALARMS

- .1 Response Fee as per Section 17.2A of this Bylaw \$100.00

FINES RELATING TO THE CONTRAVENTION OF THE CITY OF TERRACE FIRE PREVENTION BYLAW ARE INCLUDED IN THE CITY OF TERRACE TICKET INFORMATION UTILIZATION BYLAW NO. 1193-1990.