

BY-LAW TO LESSEN THE DANGER FROM FIRES.

NOW THEREFORE the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the City of Waterloo enacts as follows:

1. The Chief of the Fire Department shall examine carefully, whenever requested by the Council to do so, or whenever he may deem it necessary or proper, all chimneys, fireplaces, hearths, ovens, boilers, furnaces, stoves, steam pipes, stove pipes, funnels, flues and all places where fires are made or kept, or where ashes are kept, or where hay, straw, wood, lumber, shavings, or other inflammable matter is collected or kept, or any buildings, fences, or erections, which may be a source of danger from fire to adjacent property within the City; and he shall notify the owner, occupant or party using the building or premises where any such thing may be a source of danger from fire, to discontinue the keeping or use of or to remove the same, or shall see that proper safeguards against fire are adopted.
2. It shall be the duty of the member of the Fire Department of the City to report to the Chief the existence and location of anything which may be a source of danger from fire, and which should be discontinued or removed in order to place the building or premises where it is situated in a safe condition with regard to danger from fire, and also to report in the same manner any other violation of this by-law which may come under their notice; and it shall be the duty of the Chief to make an entry of every such report in a book to be kept by him for that purpose, and to take immediate action thereupon.
3. The said Chief shall, inspect all Public Buildings, Churches, Halls, Theatres, Lodge Rooms, Schools, Hospitals, Factories, Hotels and Wholesale and Retail places of business. In the event premises are found to be in dangerous condition, he shall report said findings to the Council.
- 4.1 All Public Buildings, Halls, Theatres, Lodge Rooms and Schools more than two storeys in height shall be provided with one or more enclosed stairways, to ground level to afford convenient and adequate means of escape from fire for the number of persons that may at any time be assembled in the building above the first or ground floor.
- 4.2 No obstruction shall be placed or permitted in any of the halls or passageways in any such building, or in any Church, while it is occupied by a public assemblage.

- 4.3 The Chief of the Fire Department or his Designate shall have the right to enter any such building during any lecture, concert, performance, exhibition or other public assemblage and at all reasonable times to ascertain whether the regulations herein contained are obeyed, and to enforce this by-law.
5. No open burning except a barbecue for the purposes of cooking food shall be permitted by any person without first having obtained permission from the Fire Chief or Deputy Fire Chief for said City and the Ministry of the Environment, Air Quality Branch, and in the event such permission is given, such open burning must be attended by a person over the age of eighteen years and shall not be started before sunrise and shall be extinguished not later than sunset. Notwithstanding anything herein, no open burning except a barbecue for the purposes of cooking food shall be permitted on any street, square or lane within the City of Waterloo or on any other property in the City of Waterloo within thirty-five (35) feet of any building.
6. No person shall, either personally or by any one acting for him or by his instructions or authority place or deposit any building material, or any other substance or object, upon any street, lane or public place within the City, in such a position as would obstruct or hinder free and ready access to any hydrant, or the complete and most effective use of such hydrant, in case of fire or for any purpose for which such hydrant may lawfully be used.
7. No barbecues or open burning of any kind shall be permitted on balconies of residential buildings. Notwithstanding the foregoing, electric barbecues shall be permitted on balconies of residential dwellings.
8. That By-law No. 91-37 and all other by-laws inconsistent with the provisions of this by-law are hereby repealed.
9. Any person who contravenes any provisions of this by-law shall be guilty of an offence and upon conviction of an offence shall be subject to a fine as prescribed in the *Provincial Offences Act*, R.S.O. 190, Chapter P-33 as amended.
10. This by-law shall come into force and effect on the date that it is finally passed.

PASSED this 15th day of July, 1996.

SIGNED B. TURNBULL
MAYOR

SIGNED L. AYERS
CITY CLERK