



THE DISTRICT OF NORTH VANCOUVER

RODENT CONTROL BYLAW

BYLAW 6040

Effective Date – **May 30, 1988**

CONSOLIDATED FOR CONVENIENCE ONLY

This is a consolidation of the bylaws below. The amending bylaws have been combined with the original bylaw for convenience only. This consolidation is not a legal document. Certified copies of the original bylaws should be consulted for all interpretations and applications of the bylaw on this subject.

Original Bylaw
Bylaw 6040

Date of Adoption
May 30, 1988

Amending Bylaw
Bylaw 8559

Date of Adoption
May 30, 2022

The bylaw numbers in the margin of this consolidation refer to the bylaws that amended the principal bylaw Rodent Control Bylaw 6040, 1988. The number of any amending bylaw that has been repealed is not referred to in this consolidation.

The Corporation of the District of North Vancouver

Bylaw 6040

A bylaw to provide for the control of rodents pursuant to sections 311 and 692 (1) of the *Municipal Act*, R.S.B.C. 1979, Chapter 290.

The Council for The Corporation of the District of North Vancouver enacts the following:

Title

1. This bylaw may be cited as the "Rodent Control Bylaw".

Definitions

2. In this bylaw,

"Medical Health Officer" means the person appointed to a position having that name under the *Health Act*, and includes any person acting under his supervision;

"person" includes a corporation, partnership or party, and the personal or other legal representatives of a person to whom the context can apply according to law; and

"rodent" means any mammal of the order Rodentia.

Prohibition

3. No person may create or permit unsanitary conditions upon premises owned, occupied or controlled by him which can or does provide shelter, refuge, or food for rodents.

Requirements

4. Every person who owns, occupies or controls property in the District shall
 - a. remove from the premises any waste products, construction material or debris, refuse or other material capable of providing shelter, refuge, or food for rodents;
 - b. remove from the premises any accumulation of waste food products, animal feed, or any other foodstuffs unless they are contained so as not to provide a food source for rodents;
 - c. ensure that the premises, including any buildings, structures, plumbing, drainage pipes, or any other item, are in such a condition that rodents are prevented from entering the premises, or from gaining harbourage;

- d. keep or maintain any animals or birds on the premises in a manner that prevents rodents from obtaining shelter, refuge or food;
- e. remove from the premises any growth of brush, noxious weeds or other growth which would provide rodents with shelter; and
- f. destroy or eliminate any food on the premises rendered unfit for human consumption through contamination by rodents.

Enforcement

- 5. The Medical Health Officer is empowered to administer this bylaw, and, for that purpose, may
 - a. order in writing any person to take the steps determined by the Medical Health Officer to be necessary to satisfy any of the requirements of section 4 that are not being complied with on the premises owned, occupied or controlled by such person, by a date given in the Order;
 - b. enter at all reasonable times on any premises to ascertain whether the requirements of this bylaw are being observed; and
 - c. carry out approved rodent control measures on any property owned by the District of North Vancouver.

Service of the Order

- 6. The Medical Health Officer shall serve any Order he makes pursuant to subsection 5(a)
 - a. on the owner of the premises where the violation exists by
 - i. personal service, or
 - ii. return registered mail to the address of the owner shown on the last revised real property assessment rolls;
 - b. on the occupier of the premises where the violation exists by
 - i. personal service, or
 - ii. delivery to a mail box or other receptacle for messages, if any, on the premises, or

- iii. affixing the Order to the door of the building, if any, on the premises, or posting on the premises;
- c. on any agent of the owner or occupier of the premises where the violation exists by
 - i. personal service, or
 - ii. return registered mail;

and when an Order is not personally served it is deemed to have been served on the third day after mailing or posting.

Default

- 7. If the terms of an Order by a Medical Health Officer are not performed by the date therein set out, the Municipality by its employees and others may enter the premises at the request of the Medical Health Officer and perform the obligations at the expense of the person defaulting and the charges for so doing, if unpaid on December 31 of the year in which the work was performed, shall be added to and form part of the taxes payable on that premises as taxes in arrear, with interest at the rate of 6% a year.

Costs

- 8. The District employee in charge of the work shall certify to the Treasurer all costs incurred by the municipality in performing or causing to be performed any obligations under section 7, upon receipt of which the Treasurer shall demand payment by issuing an invoice in the amount of the costs to the person named in the Order, and to the owner of the premises, if different from such person, in the same manner as an Order issued under section 6.

Offences and Penalties

- 9. (a) A person who:
 - i. contravenes a provision of this bylaw;
 - ii. causes, consents to, allows or permits an act or thing to be done contrary to this bylaw;
 - iii. neglects or refrains from doing anything required by a provision of this bylaw; or
 - iv. fails to comply with any order, direction or notice given under this bylaw,

commits an offence and is subject to the penalties imposed by this bylaw and the *Offence Act*.

- (b) Each instance that a contravention of a provision of this bylaw occurs and each day that a contravention occurs or continues shall constitute a separate offence.
- (c) A person found guilty of an offence under this bylaw is subject to a fine of not less than \$1,000.00 and not more than \$50,000.00 for every instance that an offence occurs or each day that it occurs or continues, plus the costs of prosecution.

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Obstruction

- 10. A person must not interfere with, delay, obstruct or impede a Bylaw Enforcement Officer or designate or other person lawfully authorized to enforce this bylaw in the performance of duties under this bylaw.

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Repeal

- 11. The Rodent Control Bylaw (Bylaw 5647), and any amendments thereto, are repealed.

Amended by: 8559