

BYLAW NO. 9927

The Fire and Protective Services Amendment Bylaw, 2023 (No. 2)

The Council of the City of Saskatoon enacts:

Short Title

1. This Bylaw may be cited as *The Fire and Protective Services Amendment Bylaw, 2023 (No. 2)*.

Purpose

2. The purpose of this Bylaw is to amend *The Fire and Protective Services Bylaw, 2001* to:
 - (a) incorporate the minimum standards for carbon monoxide alarms set out in provincial legislation;
 - (b) add requirements for inspecting and keeping maintenance records of carbon monoxide alarms; and
 - (c) make minor housekeeping amendments.

Bylaw No. 7990 Amended

3. *The Fire and Protective Services Bylaw, 2001* is amended in the manner set forth in this Bylaw.

Section 2 Amended

4. Section 2 is amended by adding the following clause after clause (c):

“(c.1) to regulate carbon monoxide alarms;”.

Section 3 Amended

5. Section 3 is repealed and the following substituted:

“3. In this Bylaw:

- (a) “**closure**” means a closure as defined in *The National Fire Code*;
- (b) “**combustible liquid**” means a combustible liquid as defined in *The National Fire Code*;
- (c) “**community association**” means a non-profit corporation providing recreational programs and services for designated City neighbourhoods;
- (d) “**cord**” means 3.62 cubic metres or 128 cubic feet of cut wood;
- (e) “**dangerous goods**” means dangerous goods as defined in *The National Fire Code*;
- (f) “**Department**” means the Saskatoon Fire Department established pursuant to section 4;
- (g) “**discharge**” includes to ignite, fire or set off;
- (h) “**dwelling unit**” means a dwelling unit as defined in *The National Fire Code*;
- (i) “**fire separation**” means a fire separation as defined in *The National Fire Code*;
- (j) “**fireworks**” means low hazard fireworks or high hazard fireworks;
- (k) “**fireworks display permit**” means a permit issued pursuant to subsection 39(2);
- (l) “**fireworks sale permit**” means a permit issued pursuant to subsection 38(1);
- (m) “**fireworks supervisor**” means a person licensed or approved by the Chief Inspector of Explosives, Natural Resources Canada to handle and use high hazard fireworks;
- (n) “**flammable liquid**” means a flammable liquid as defined in *The National Fire Code*;

- (o) **“hazardous substance”** means a hazardous substance as defined in *The Hazardous Substances and Waste Dangerous Goods Regulations*;
- (p) **“high hazard fireworks”** means fireworks that are subject to the requirements of Part 18 of *The Explosives Regulations, 2013*;
- (q) **“low hazard fireworks”** means fireworks that are subject to the requirements of Part 16 of *The Explosives Regulations, 2013*;
- (r) **“municipal inspector”** means either a municipal inspector as defined in *The Fire Safety Act* or a designated officer as defined in *The Cities Act*;
- (s) **“NFPA”** means the National Fire Protection Association;
- (t) **“private fireworks display”** means the discharge of low hazard fireworks for private recreation and entertainment;
- (u) **“public fireworks display”** means the discharge of low or high hazard fireworks for public recreation and entertainment;
- (v) **“sell”** includes distribute, offer for sale, cause or permit to be sold and to possess for the purpose of sale;
- (w) **“The National Fire Code”** means the code declared to be in force pursuant to subsection 3(1) of *The Fire Safety Regulations*.

Part V Heading Amended

6. The heading to Part V is amended by adding “and Other Hazards” after “Fires”.

Section 17 Amended

7. Section 17 is repealed and the following substituted:

“Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Alarms

17. (1) Smoke and carbon monoxide alarms shall be installed in accordance with:

- (a) the provisions of the National Building Code adopted pursuant to section 3.1 of *The Fire Safety Regulations*; and
 - (b) the manufacturer's instructions.
- (2) Smoke and carbon monoxide alarms shall be maintained in accordance with the following requirements:
- (a) alarms shall at all times:
 - (i) be maintained in an operable condition and in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions;
 - (ii) be securely fastened to a wall or ceiling;
 - (iii) be kept free of any physical damage, paint application or excessive grease or dirt; and
 - (iv) have a continuous source of power, either from batteries or electricity;
 - (b) the ventilation holes on alarms shall be kept clean and free of any obstructions; and
 - (c) the batteries in battery operated alarms shall be replaced immediately when the low battery warning beep sounds.
- (3) Smoke and carbon monoxide alarms shall be inspected:
- (a) in the case of alarms installed by permanent connection to an electrical circuit, at least once every 12 months;
 - (b) in the case of tamper-proof alarms with 10-year batteries, at least once every 12 months;
 - (c) in the case of any other battery-operated alarms, at least once every 3 months; and
 - (d) where a residential tenancy is terminated, before the dwelling unit is reoccupied.
- (4) Inspections pursuant to this section shall:
- (a) be carried out:

- (i) by the owner of the premises or the owner's authorized agent;
 - (ii) while the person doing the inspection is actually present in the premises; and
 - (iii) in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions; and
- (b) at a minimum, determine whether the alarm:
 - (i) is receiving power;
 - (ii) is working properly; and
 - (iii) has been properly maintained in accordance with the requirements of subsection (2).
- (5) A record shall be kept of all inspections required by subsection (3) and retained for examination by the Department.
- (6) A record required by subsection (5) shall contain the following information:
 - (a) the address of the premises being inspected;
 - (b) the date of the inspection;
 - (c) the name of the person carrying out the inspection;
 - (d) whether the alarm being inspected is a smoke alarm, carbon monoxide alarm or an alarm that is both a smoke alarm and carbon monoxide alarm;
 - (e) whether the alarm being inspected is battery powered and if so, the type of battery, or whether the alarm is permanently connected to an electrical circuit;
 - (f) the deficiencies, if any, in the condition, maintenance or operation of the alarm;
 - (g) the measures taken, if any, to correct any deficiencies; and
 - (h) the signature of the occupant of the premises or a notation to the effect that a sticker issued by the Department evidencing the inspection has been affixed inside the cover of the alarm that was inspected.

