

# DISTRICT OF MISSION



## DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS REGULATION BYLAW

**2568-1993**

**THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENT HAS BEEN REPRODUCED FOR CONVENIENCE ONLY** and is a consolidation of "District of Mission Discharge of Firearms Regulation Bylaw" with the following amending bylaws:

Bylaw Number	Date Adopted	Section Amended
2745-1994	April 5, 1994	Schedule A
2979-1996-2568(2)	July 15, 1996	Section 2, 3, 5, 6

Individual copies of any of the above bylaws are available from the Administration Department of the District of Mission. For legal purposes, copies of the original bylaws should be obtained.

**DISTRICT OF MISSION**

**BYLAW 2568-1993**

A bylaw to Provide for the Regulation of Firearms

The Council of the District of Mission in open meeting assembled ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. This bylaw may be cited for all purposes as "District of Mission Discharge of Firearms Regulation Bylaw 2568-1993".

2. Interpretation:

"**Firearm**" means a gun, including a rifle, pistol or shotgun and includes an airgun, air rifle, air pistol and spring gun, but does not include a weapon used for the discharge of blank ammunition in connection with athletic or sporting events.

"**Highway**" means a street, road, lane, bridge, viaduct, forestry road and any other way open to the use of the public, but does not include a private right-of-way on private property.

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"**Livestock**" means the same as defined in the *Livestock Protection Act* (RSBC 1979) as may be amended from time to time, and for the purposes of this bylaw also includes aquaculture and fish as defined in the *Fisheries Act* (RSBC 1979), as may be amended from time to time.

"**District**" means the District of Mission.

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3. No person shall discharge a firearm within the limits of the District in those areas shown as "closed to the discharge of firearms" and designated as Area "A" on Schedule "A", hereto attached and forming part of this bylaw, except as otherwise provided under Sections 5, 8 and 12.

4. No person shall discharge a firearm utilizing a single projectile anywhere in the District except as otherwise provided under Sections 5, 11(b), 11(c) and 12.

5. A permit to discharge a firearm within the limits of the District shall be required:

a) by a person who operates a pistol range, rifle range, trap range or skeet shooting range. Any permit issued to such person shall be valid for not more than one calendar year from date of issue;

b) by an organizer of a trap or skeet shooting event located on property elsewhere than on a shooting range. Any permit issued to such organizer shall be valid for not more than seven days from date of issue;

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c) by a property owner for the protection of crops, poultry or livestock on their own property if said property is located in an area shown as "closed to the discharge of firearms" designated as Area "A" on Schedule "A". Any permit issued under this section shall be subject to the provisions of the *Wildlife Act* (SBC 1982), *Livestock Protection Act* (RSBC 1979), and the *Migratory Birds Convention Act* (SC). Any permit issued to such person shall be valid for not more than the time specified, if any, in the federal or provincial permits and in no case for longer than one calendar year from the date of issue.

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6. Application for a permit as required under Section 5 shall be made in writing to the Municipal Clerk of the District on forms provided for that purpose. The Municipal Clerk shall be authorized to issue permits, based on the application being in compliance with the provisions of this bylaw, provided that the applicant is in possession of a current Firearms Acquisition Certificate which is not in any manner jeopardized by criminal activity or other cause.
7.
  - a) An applicant for a permit to discharge a firearm under Section 5 must be covered by an existing third party public liability and property damage insurance policy covering an incident which may occur from the discharge of a firearm in the amount of at least \$2,000,000 per occurrence.
  - b) Failure to maintain such coverage during the life of the permit automatically cancels the permit.
  - c) An applicant must provide a copy of his existing insurance policy or a valid British Columbia Wildlife Federation membership card to the Municipal Clerk and must sign a waiver of liability form prepared by the District of Mission, saving it harmless of any and all claims made against the District of Mission that may arise from the applicant's discharge of a firearm.
  - d) The District shall be a named insured on any applicant's policy unless the applicant has coverage by virtue of his membership with the British Columbia Wildlife Federation.
8. Subject to the provisions of the Wildlife Act, Migratory Birds Convention Act, and the Livestock Protection Act and all amendments and regulations thereto, the provisions of Section 5 of this bylaw shall not apply:
  - a) to a person engaged in a farm operation who discharges a firearm for the purpose of protecting his crops, poultry or livestock from injury or destruction by birds or animals provided that the area in which the firearm is to be discharged is not located in an area shown as "closed to the discharge of firearms" designated on Schedule "A";
  - b) to a person engaged in the humane destruction of an injured or sick animal;
  - c) to a person engaged in the slaughter of domestic livestock, where such livestock is legally kept according to the provisions of other applicable District bylaws;
  - d) to a person who discharges an airgun, air pistol, air rifle or spring gun on property owned or leased by him or by his parent or guardians;
  - e) when the discharge of firearms is conducted by a person who is the holder of a valid resident trapping licence issued by the Province of British Columbia in conjunction with the person's trapping operation.
9. The provisions of this bylaw do not apply to a Peace Officer, employee of the Government of British Columbia or the Government of Canada or the District or a Special Constable of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, any of whom may be required to use a firearm in the performance of his duties, and discharges the firearm while performing his duties.

10. No person shall discharge a firearm:
  - a) on or across any highway;
  - b) within 150 metres of any school building, school yard, public park, playground or church unless discharging same within the provisions of Sections 8(b) and 8(c);
  - c) within 150 metres of any workshop, place of business, dwelling house, farm building, highway or place where people are assembled or engaged in work of any kind unless discharging same within the provisions of Sections 5(a) and Section 8.
11. A person may, without permit, subject to the applicable laws and regulations of the Province of British Columbia and the Dominion of Canada, discharge:
  - a) a shotgun utilizing ammunition with shot only while hunting in the area shown as Area B on Schedule "A";
  - b) a shotgun utilizing ammunition with a single projectile or shot while hunting in the area shown as Area C on Schedule "A";
  - c) a rifle or shotgun utilizing ammunition with shot or a single projectile while hunting in the area shown as Area D on Schedule "A".
12. No person shall discharge a firearm except for an air gun or spring gun for the purpose of target practice of any kind in the District, except:
  - a) on a legal shooting range which has been issued a permit under Section 5(a); or
  - b) on property of which they are the owner or legal occupier, or have the written permission of the owner or legal occupier, provided that such property is within an area designated on Schedule "A" appropriate to the kind of firearm and ammunition used and such discharge is not in violation of other applicable sections of this bylaw; or
  - c) on property for which a permit has been issued under section 5(b) of this bylaw.
13. No person shall discharge a firearm in such a way that the projectile or projectiles go into, over or through an area which is closed to the discharge of firearms, including any area prohibited by application of Section 10 of this bylaw.
14. Any person who offends any provision of this bylaw commits an offence and shall be liable, upon summary conviction, to a fine of not less than \$100 or to imprisonment, or both.
15. "Discharge of Firearms Regulation Bylaw No. 2184-1990 and amendments thereto, are hereby repealed.

READ A FIRST TIME this 1st day of February, 1993

READ A SECOND TIME this 1st day of February, 1993

READ A THIRD TIME this 1st day of February, 1993

RECONSIDERED AND FINALLY ADOPTED this 15th day of March, 1993

\_\_\_\_\_  
MAYOR

\_\_\_\_\_  
CLERK

# DISTRICT OF MISSION



## DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS

### PERMIT APPLICATION

1. Applicant's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: _____	Contact person: _____
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2. Address where firearm will be discharged (attach plan showing where firearms will be discharged and proximity to roads and buildings): \_\_\_\_\_

3. Type(s) of firearm intended to be discharged: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Purpose of discharging firearm(s) (e.g. rifle range, skeet shooting, target practice, protection of crops, poultry, livestock): \_\_\_\_\_

5. Name of applicant's insurer: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: _____	Contact person: _____
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Amount of liability insurance coverage: \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (per occurrence)

6. Proof of insurance indicating amount of liability coverage <input type="checkbox"/> attached <input type="checkbox"/> to be provided	OR	Proof of B.C. Wildlife Federation Membership <input type="checkbox"/> attached <input type="checkbox"/> to be provided

**APPLICATION WILL NOT BE PROCESSED UNTIL PROOF OF INSURANCE SATISFACTORY TO THE DISTRICT OF MISSION, OR PROOF OF B.C. WILDLIFE FEDERATION MEMBERSHIP IS ATTACHED TOGETHER WITH A CURRENT AND VALID FIREARMS ACQUISITION CERTIFICATE IN THE NAME OF THE APPLICANT AND ANY PROVINCIAL OR FEDERAL PERMITS RELATED TO THE INTENDED PURPOSE INCLUDED IN THIS APPLICATION.**

I acknowledge I have reviewed and agree to comply with District of Mission Discharge of Firearms Regulation Bylaw 2568-1993.

Applicant signature _____	Date _____
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# DISTRICT OF MISSION



## DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS

### PERMIT

The District of Mission hereby grants a **DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS PERMIT**

to \_\_\_\_\_ (the "Permit Holder") for the period commencing  
\_\_\_\_\_ up to and including \_\_\_\_\_, subject to  
(date) (date)  
the provisions of District of Mission Discharge of Firearms Regulation Bylaw 2568-1993, as  
amended, for the discharge of firearms at the following location \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(address or legal description)

for the purpose of \_\_\_\_\_

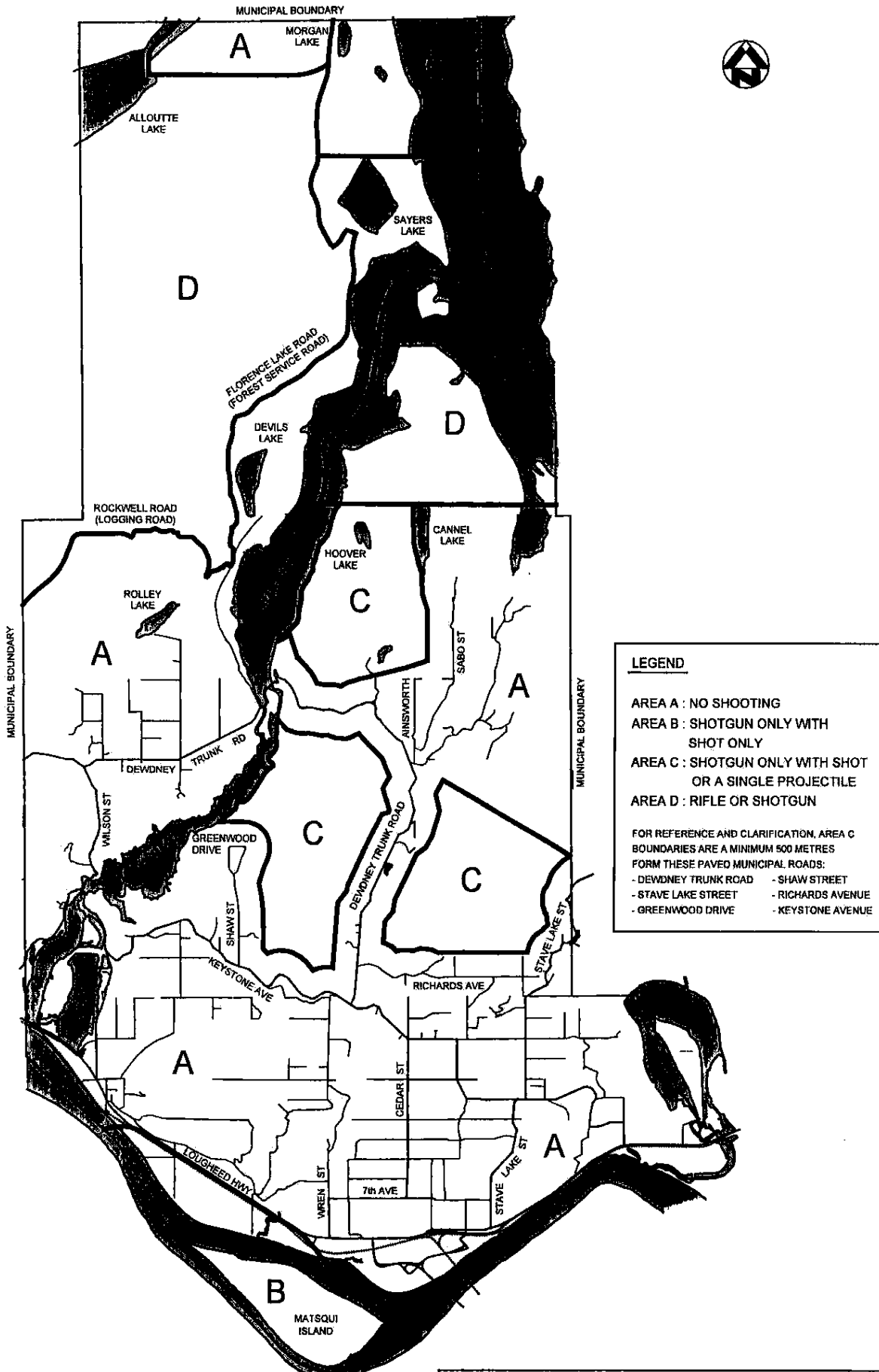
\_\_\_\_\_  
(date issued)

\_\_\_\_\_  
MUNICIPAL CLERK

**WAIVER AND INDEMNITY:** In consideration of being issued a Firearms Discharge Permit by the District of Mission, the Permit Holder for himself, his agents and employees, hereby indemnifies and saves harmless the District of Mission, its employees and agents from and against all claims, losses, demands, costs, damages, actions, suits and proceedings that may arise out of the discharge of a firearm at the location described above or the issuance of a permit to him to discharge a firearm.

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Signature of Permit Holder

**WARNING:** Failure by the Permit Holder to maintain third party public liability insurance in the manner and amount required by District of Mission Discharge of Firearms Regulation Bylaw 2568-1993 and all amendments thereto, automatically invalidates this permit.



**LEGEND**

AREA A : NO SHOOTING  
 AREA B : SHOTGUN ONLY WITH SHOT ONLY  
 AREA C : SHOTGUN ONLY WITH SHOT OR A SINGLE PROJECTILE  
 AREA D : RIFLE OR SHOTGUN

FOR REFERENCE AND CLARIFICATION, AREA C BOUNDARIES ARE A MINIMUM 500 METRES FROM THESE PAVED MUNICIPAL ROADS:

- DEWDNEY TRUNK ROAD
- SHAW STREET
- STAVE LAKE STREET
- RICHARDS AVENUE
- GREENWOOD DRIVE
- KEYSTONE AVENUE

<b>DISTRICT OF MISSION</b>		SCALE N.T.S.
DESIGN	<b>DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS BYLAW SCHEDULE "A" BYLAW No. 2568-1993 "CONSOLIDATED"</b>	DATE 31-03-93
DRAWN R.S.		DOCUMENT NO. G-44
PROJECT		REVISION 1 of 1
APPROVED		