



The Corporation of the District of North Cowichan

Business Licence Amendment Bylaw

BYLAW NO. 4058

A bylaw to amend Business Licence Bylaw No. 3153, 2002, to include consideration for neighbours, good neighbour agreements, and licence suspension and cancellation provisions.

The Council of The Corporation of The District of North Cowichan, enacts in open meeting assembled, as follows:

Citation

1. This Bylaw may be cited as "*Business Licence Amendment Bylaw No. 4058, 2026*".

Amendment

2. Business Licence Bylaw 3153, 2002, is amended by, immediately after section 7.1(f), inserting the following:
 - (g) requirements with consideration to the business' impact on its neighbours, which may include but are not limited to the following:
 - (i) restrictions on the use of the interior of any buildings on the business' property relative to the occupancy rating of such buildings;
 - (ii) permitted hours of operation for the business;
 - (iii) required soundproofing measures and restrictions regarding the use of amplified music; and
 - (iv) parking requirements for the business;
 - (h) requirement that a good neighbour agreement, in a form and with contents satisfactory to North Cowichan, be entered into by the licence holder with North Cowichan in relation to and in compliance with, among other things, the provisions at paragraph (g) above;
 - (i) any other terms or conditions related to compliance with this Bylaw or other applicable bylaw(s) or enactment(s).
3. Business Licence Bylaw 3153, 2002, is amended by deleting section 9 in its entirety, and replacing it with the following:

Licence suspension and cancellation

- 9 (1) A licence may be suspended or cancelled:
- (a) failure to comply with a term or condition of a licence; or
 - (b) failure to comply with this Bylaw.
- (2) The Business Licence Inspector may post a notice of suspension or cancellation on the real or personal property respecting a licence is suspended or cancelled.
- (3) No person may remove a notice of suspension posted by the Business Licence Inspector until
- (a) after the period of suspension, or
 - (b) the licence holder no longer occupies the real property or possesses the personal property respecting which the licence is suspended.
- (4) No person may remove a notice of cancellation posted by the Business Licence Inspector until
- (a) the licence holder no longer occupies the real property or possesses the personal property respecting the licence is cancelled, or
 - (b) the Business Licence Inspector grants a new licence to carry on a different business from the real property or using the personal property respecting which the licence is cancelled.
- (5) A business licence applicant or holder that is subject to a decision made under section 9 of this bylaw is entitled to have the decision reconsidered by Council in accordance with the Delegation of Authority Bylaw.

READ a first time on February 4, 2026.

READ a second time on February 4, 2026.

READ a third time on February 4, 2026.

This bylaw was advertised on the municipality's public notice board and on the municipality's website on February 5, 2026, and advertised on the municipality's social media site on February 5, 2026.

RESCINDED third reading February 18, 2026.

READ a third time, as amended, on April 15, 2026

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ADOPTED on _____.

CORPORATE OFFICER

PRESIDING MEMBER