

The NEW Business Licence Bylaw No. 734 - What does it mean for you?

The Village of Nakusp adopted a new Business Licence bylaw at its regularly scheduled council meeting on Monday, May 13, 2024. This bylaw replaces the previous Business Licence Bylaw No. 715. This new bylaw improves the wording within the provisions to reduce ambiguity. However, much of the bylaws remains the same.

Below are highlights of the changes to the bylaw. This information sheet is not a substitute for the bylaw, and we encourage you to review the full bylaw or come talk with us if you have questions or need clarification. [Here's a link for your convenience.](#)

Business Licence Renewal Discounts:

Effective immediately, existing Business Licence holders who renew their licence for the upcoming year are eligible for a discount if the licence fee is paid in full by December 31. Currently, this discount is \$25 off a business license costing \$100 or more.

Not Renewing Your Business Licence:

No one likes receiving invoices for something they don't need. Because of this, we are asking you to let us know you no longer require your business licence in the following year. This will ensure we do not send out invoices unnecessarily, which saves us time, saves you the annoyance, and saves tax payers money.

Responsibility of Private Property Owners Who Allow Mobile Venders Mobile Vendors:

If a mobile vendor is operating on your property with your permission; however, they are operating contrary to Village Bylaws, you, as the property owner, can be ticketed. If you are a property owner and you allow mobile vendors to operate on your property, please speak to them and ensure they are aware of and following the Village's bylaws. This includes obtaining a valid business licence!

90-day Short-Term Rental in C1 and LD-1 Zones:

While the Zoning Bylaw already regulates this use, the Business Licence Bylaw was amended to ensure that proper documentation is provided to the Village for an application to be processed. A person operating a short-term rental in a C1 or LD1 Zone for the 90-day period must provide the Village with a list of the 90 days in that year the short-term rental will be available for bookings. Proof of long-term occupancy outside of those 90 days is also required. Without this information, the application cannot be processed, and a Business Licence cannot be granted.

Mushroom Buyers:

A person operating a seasonal mushroom-buying business must operate on private property and must follow the regulations imposed on Mobile Vendors within the Business License Bylaws. Note that a Mushroom Buyer is prohibited from selling any products; this is why their business licence application fee is less than that of a mobile vendor on private property.

Summary

As a consumer, please check to see if the business you are purchasing from has a valid business license. Every person carrying on a business within the Village boundaries requires a valid business licence issued by the Village of Nakusp. It's only fair that everyone follows the same rules.

For businesses, it is up to you to submit your business licence application and follow the Village's regulations. Failure to do so can result in fines, the Village revoking the business licence, and even further legal action. However, we understand that reading bylaws is not everyone's cup of tea and that mistakes are made. That's why we remain committed to helping you through the relatively quick application process, achieving compliance, and answering any questions you may have. Village staff are here to help!