



# THE DISTRICT OF NORTH VANCOUVER

## REGULATION OF HORSES BYLAW

### BYLAW 4298

Effective Date – November 27, 1972

#### 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	Date of Adoption
<a href="#">Bylaw 4298</a>	November 27, 1972
Amending Bylaw	Date of Adoption
Bylaw 5027	February 13, 1978
<a href="#">Bylaw 7521</a>	December 20, 2004
<a href="#">Bylaw 7700</a>	December 17, 2007
<a href="#">Bylaw 7755</a>	December 15, 2008
<a href="#">Bylaw 7800</a>	September 28, 2009
<a href="#">Bylaw 7960</a>	December 12, 2012
Bylaw 8559	May 30, 2022

The bylaw numbers in the margin of this consolidation refer to the bylaws that amended the principal bylaw (Regulation of Horses Bylaw – Bylaw 4298). The number of any amending bylaw that has been repealed is not referred to in this consolidation.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 4298**

A Bylaw to regulate the keeping of horses within the District of North Vancouver

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

### **Title**

1. This Bylaw may be cited as the "**REGULATION OF HORSES BYLAW**".

### **Definitions**

2. In this Bylaw, unless the context otherwise requires:

"at Large", when used with reference to a horse, means being elsewhere than on the premises of a person owning or having the custody, care or control of any horse, and not being under the immediate charge and control of a person;

"Chief Building Inspector" means the person holding the office of Chief Building Inspector for the District of North Vancouver, and includes his assistants;

"Chief Public Health Inspector" means the person holding the office of Chief Public Health Inspector for the North Shore Union Board of Health, and includes his assistants;

"Impounded" means seized, delivered, received or taken into the Pound, or in the custody of the Poundkeeper;

"Pound" means the agency or person appointed as Poundkeeper for the District of North Vancouver and includes his assistants or Pound employees.

### **General Regulations**

3. The keeping of horses is permitted subject only to the provisions of this Bylaw.
4. An occupier of property on which it is proposed to keep a horse or horses shall hold a valid permit for each horse pursuant to this Bylaw.
5. A horse must be stabled on the lot named on the permit for the keeping of the horse, and is liable to be impounded by the Poundkeeper if found at large.
6. The lot upon which a horse is permitted to be kept shall have a minimum of 1,100 square metres of lot area for the first horse and an additional 370 square metres of lot area for each additional horse.
7. All stables and buildings for the shelter or accommodation of horses shall be located not less than 30 metres from the street in front, nor less than 3 metres from the rear property line abutting a lane or 9 metres from the rear property line where no lane exists, nor less than 10 metres from any other lot line, provided that, where the depth of any lot is in excess of 120 metres, the minimum sideyard may be reduced to 7 metres, provided also that the minimum setback from the front street line is increased to not less than 45 metres.

8. All lands and premises where horses are kept shall be maintained in a sanitary condition at all times, and manure shall not be allowed to accumulate in such a manner as to cause, in the opinion of the Chief Public Health Inspector, an objectionable odour or nuisance.
9. No person may keep or harbour any horse afflicted with an infectious or contagious disease except under conditions of isolation and quarantine approved by the Medical Health Officer.
10. In the event a horse becomes infected with an infectious or communicable disease, the owner or permit holder shall forthwith notify the Medical Health Officer stating the fact and furnishing particulars of the condition.
11. The Medical Health Officer, the Chief Public Health Inspector, the Chief Building Inspector, or a veterinarian when directed by the Medical Health Officer or the Chief Building Inspector, or any of them, are hereby authorized to enter at all reasonable times upon property where horses are kept for the purpose of inspecting any horses and the facilities for sheltering same and shall take such action as deemed necessary to ensure that the provisions of this Bylaw are complied with, and the Medical Health Officer or Chief Building Inspector may order that any horse suffering from disease or in such a condition as to pose a threat to public health or sanitary conditions be destroyed by the Poundkeeper.
12. No stable, building or run for the shelter or accommodation of horses may be erected or developed unless and until the Chief Public Health Inspector is first satisfied that the location and manner of construction of any stable, building or run is such as will prevent the same from becoming a nuisance or menace to public health and safety.

13. All property upon which a horse is stabled or kept must be adequately fenced in accordance with the following minimum requirements:

Posts:

Posts shall have a minimum dimension of 140 millimetres and shall be placed no more than 3 metres apart. All posts must be sunk 1.0 metres and properly secured.

Fencing:

Fencing must be a minimum of 1.5 metres in height and shall consist of two rails, 38 mm x 140 mm, erected on the inside of the posts, except that

- (1) fencing abutting developed residential property shall be close-boarded; and
- (2) fencing for a stallion must be a minimum of 2.5 metres in height and be close-boarded with 38 mm thick planking.

Material other than lumber may be used if approved by the Chief Building Inspector.

14. (1) Every application for a permit pursuant to this Bylaw shall be made to the Chief Building Inspector in the form attached hereto as Schedule "A".
- (2) Every application for a permit pursuant to this Bylaw shall be accompanied by:
  - (a) duplicate copies of plans of stables or buildings either existing or proposed, to be used for the accommodation or shelter of a horse or horses;
  - (b) a plot plan of the parcel of land showing existing buildings, the siting of any proposed stables or buildings, and the location of any buildings on abutting properties which are situated within a

minimum distance of 30 metres of the closest face of the existing or proposed stables or buildings.

- (c) the non-refundable application fee as prescribed in Schedule "E" of the District of North Vancouver Fees and Charges Bylaw 6481

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- 15. Upon the Chief Building Inspector receiving an application for a permit under this Bylaw he shall inspect the subject lands and premises and ascertain whether the proposals of the applicant conform to the provisions of this Bylaw and, upon being satisfied that the provisions of this Bylaw are met, shall issue a permit to the applicant.
- 16. Every permit issued under this Bylaw shall be in the form attached hereto as Schedule "B" and shall be renewed on or before the first day of January in each year. Such annual permit when issued is valid and subsisting for the current calendar year and the annual permit fee prescribed in Schedule "E" of the District of North Vancouver Fees and Charges Bylaw 6481 is due and payable on the second day of January in each year.

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### **Enforcement**

- 17. It is unlawful for any person to prevent, or obstruct, the entry of the Medical Health Officer, the Chief Public Health Inspector, the Chief Building Inspector or a veterinarian when directed by the Medical Health Officer or the Chief Building Inspector, into or upon any lands and premises for the purpose of carrying out any inspections under this Bylaw.
- 18. It is unlawful for any person to cause, suffer or permit any lands and premises to be used in contravention of this Bylaw or otherwise to contravene or fail to comply with this Bylaw.
- 19. Upon impounding a horse, the Poundkeeper shall immediately notify the permit holder or the owner and, if such horse is not reclaimed within 72 hours, shall cause a notice to be published once in any weekly newspaper circulating within the Municipality and shall post a similar notice at the Municipal Hall and such notice shall include a description of the horse and shall specify the place where, and the time when, such horse will be sold if not previously reclaimed.
- 20. Any impounded horse may be reclaimed by the permit holder or owner prior to the date of the advertised sale upon payment of the charges prescribed in Schedule "E" of the District of North Vancouver Fees and Charges Bylaw 6481.

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- 21. The Poundkeeper shall sell any impounded horse not reclaimed by the owner and, after deducting impounding and transportation fees and maintenance and advertising costs, shall pay any surplus to the Municipal Treasurer within 30 days. Such surplus shall be paid to the owner of the horse. Where the owner is unknown, any surplus shall, after 3 months from the date of the sale, if not sooner claimed, be deemed to have been forfeited and shall be paid into the general funds of the Municipality.

### **Offences and Penalties**

- 22. (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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**Amended by 5027, 770, 7755, 7800, 8559**

SCHEDULE "A"

THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF NORTH VANCOUVER

BUILDING DEPARTMENT  
355 West Queens Road, North Vancouver, V7N 4N5

Application for Permit to Keep a Horse  
(pursuant to the "Regulation of Horses By-law")

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_  
(name of applicant)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(address) (phone)

hereby make application to keep the following described horse on Lot(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Block \_\_\_\_\_ District Lot \_\_\_\_\_

Known as \_\_\_\_\_  
(residential property address)

said lot(s) being \_\_\_\_\_ square metres in area.

Owner of Horse (if other than applicant) \_\_\_\_\_  
(name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(address)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(phone)

Particulars of Horse

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Breed \_\_\_\_\_ Description \_\_\_\_\_

And submit the following:

☐ Duplicate copies of plans of stables or buildings, either existing or proposed, to be used for the accommodation or shelter of a horse or horses.

☐ Plot plan of the parcel of land showing existing buildings, the siting of the proposed stables or buildings, and the location of any buildings on abutting properties which are situated within a minimum distance of 30 metres of the closest face of the existing or proposed stables or buildings.

Other information required:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(signature of Applicant)

SCHEDULE "B"

THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF NORTH VANCOUVER

PERMIT NO. \_\_\_\_\_

(pursuant to "Regulation of Horses By-Law")

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Applicant)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Address)

is hereby permitted to keep the horse named and described herein

on \_\_\_\_\_  
(legal description of property)

known as \_\_\_\_\_  
(residential property address)

Owner of Horse (if other than applicant): \_\_\_\_\_  
(name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Address)

Particulars of Horse

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_

Breed \_\_\_\_\_

Description \_\_\_\_\_

This permit is valid until the 31st day of December, 20\_\_\_\_, and is granted on the basis of the representations made by the holder as contained in his application dated \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, and any material change in the facts as represented therein will be cause for cancellation of this Permit by the Chief Building Inspector

Date \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chief Building Inspector



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Schedule C  
Fees

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**Deleted by Bylaw 7800**

**Please see Schedule “E” of the District of North  
Vancouver Fees and Charges Bylaw 6481**

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