

CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF MAPLE RIDGE

BY-LAW NO. 4643 - 1992

A by-law to provide for the regulation of the discharge of firearms in the District of Maple Ridge.

WHEREAS, Section 933 of the Municipal Act provides that the Council may, by by-law applicable throughout the municipality or any defined area of it, regulate or prohibit, and that regulations may be different for different areas, the discharging of firearms, including air guns, air rifles, air pistols and spring guns;

AND WHEREAS, the Council of the District of Maple Ridge in open meeting assembled, ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. This by-law may be cited as "Maple Ridge Discharge of Firearms Regulation By-law No. 4643 - 1992".
2. For the purpose of this By-law a firearm includes a device that propels a projectile by means of an explosion, compressed gas or spring and includes a rifle, shotgun, handgun, air gun or spring gun specifically excluding those devices discharging a projectile at a velocity less than 152 metres/second.
3. The discharge of firearms is prohibited throughout the municipality, except as provided for in this by-law.
4. The discharge of firearms is not prohibited where:
 - a) A Peace Officer, member of a military unit, employee or contractor of the Municipality of Maple Ridge, employee of the Dewdney Alouette Regional District, employee of the Province of British Columbia, employee of the Dominion of Canada, or employee of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals discharges a firearm in the performance of duty;
 - b) a person discharges a firearm in the humane destruction or slaughter of domestic livestock;
 - c) a person who holds a valid trapping licence from the Province of British Columbia discharges a firearm in the humane destruction or slaughter of wildlife caught in his traps;
 - d) a person discharges a firearm in the operation of a commercial slaughterhouse;

- e) a person engaged in a normally accepted agricultural or horticultural business discharges a firearm for the purpose of protecting livestock or crops from birds or animals;
 - f) a person who is a member or guest of a firearms shooting club discharges a firearm at an authorized shooting range for the purpose of target practice;
5. The discharge of firearms is not prohibited where a permit has been issued for:
- a) An organized trap or skeet shooting event not located on an authorized shooting range.
 - b) The discharge of firearms for a Commercial Game Bird Club on private property authorized by the Ministry of Environment, Fish & Wildlife Management.
 - c) The discharge of firearms for a Rod & Gun Club duly authorized pursuant to the By-laws of the Municipality.

A permit for the discharge of firearms may be issued providing the applicant is covered by an existing public liability and property damage insurance policy in the minimum amount of \$2,000,000.00 validated for the duration of the permit.

6. No permits shall be issued for the discharge of firearms utilizing a single projectile save and except a permit issued pursuant to Section 5(c) of this bylaw.
7. Applications for a permit as required under Section 5 shall be made in writing on forms shown attached as Schedule "A".
8. The Municipal Clerk of the Corporation of the District of Maple Ridge is hereby authorized to issue a permit to discharge a firearm to an applicant subject to such conditions, restrictions, and provisions as he shall deem proper, including relief from any other provisions as he shall deem proper including relief from any other provision of this by-law; but there shall be specified therein the duration for which and the place or places for which such permit shall be valid and the expiry date of such permit.
9. In the event that an application for a permit is refused, the reasons for such refusal shall be given by the Municipal Clerk in writing.

10. An applicant may appeal such refusal to Council and Council may grant the application or confirm the refusal, at it's discretion.
11. Every person who contravenes or violates any provision of this by-law, or who suffers or permits any act or thing to be done in contravention or violation of any provision of this By-law, or who neglects to do or refrains from doing anything required to be done by any provision of this By-law, commits an offence and, upon summary conviction therefore, shall be liable to a fine of not less than \$100.00 and not more than the maximum fine provided by the "Offence Act".

READ a first time the 3rd day of February, 1992.

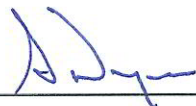
READ a second time the 3rd day of February, 1992.

READ a third time the 16th day of March, 1992.

RECONSIDERED AND ADOPTED the 30th day of March, 1992.



MAYOR



CLERK

SCHEDULE "A"

MAPLE RIDGE FIREARMS REGULATION BY-LAW NO. 4643 - 1992

APPLICATION FOR FIREARM PERMIT

I, _____ of _____
_____ (address)
_____ hereby apply for a permit to discharge
a firearm within the District of Maple Ridge.

Type of Firearm: _____

Reason for Using Firearm: _____

Area in which firearm is to be used: _____

Time for which permit is required:

FROM: _____, 19____. TO: _____, 19____.

Date: _____, 19____. _____
(Signature of Applicant)

I HEREBY COVENANT to and with the District of Maple Ridge that, in consideration of and upon permission being granted to me pursuant to Firearms Regulation By-law, perform and carry out all the conditions set out in the permit which may be issued to me pursuant to the said Firearm Regulations By-law and in consideration of the District of Maple Ridge granting me this Firearm Permit, I will at all times indemnify and keep indemnified the District of Maple Ridge of and from all claims, damages, and causes of action whatsoever, including costs, which may be made or brought against or suffered by the District of Maple Ridge arising in any way as a result of the issuance of this Permit, or as a result of my actions with respect to the firearm.

I HEREBY REPRESENT that I have read and examined and thoroughly understand a copy of said By-law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and seal this _____
day of _____, 19____.

SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED)

IN THE PRESENCE OF)

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Schedule "A"
By-law No. 4643 - 1992

(DO NOT DETACH)

PERMIT

Permission is hereby granted to _____
to discharge the firearm described in the above application within
the District of Maple Ridge in the area and between the dates
shown on the application, subject to the following conditions:

Copy of the Firearms Regulation By-law is attached herewith.

District of Maple Ridge, B.C.

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MUNICIPAL CLERK

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