

CITY OF MERRITT

BYLAW NO. 1905

A BYLAW TO PROVIDE FOR THE PREVENTION OF FIRE AND THE PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF MERRITT AND AGREEMENT AREAS

**** (CONSOLIDATED FOR CONVENIENCE ONLY, INCLUDING BASE BYLAW NO. 1905 (2005) AND AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 2050 (2008), 2080 (2009)) ****

WHEREAS pursuant to the Local Government Act of the Province of British Columbia, a Municipal Council may by bylaw, establish and make regulations for a fire and rescue department;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the City of Merritt, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

1. This bylaw may be cited as "CITY OF MERRITT FIRE AND SAFETY REGULATION BYLAW NO. 1905, 2005".
2. That City of Merritt Fire Rescue Department Establishment and Fire and Safety Regulation Bylaw No. 1785. 2001 and all amendments thereto, are hereby repealed.
3. The British Columbia Fire Code Regulations, Fire Services Act and National Fire Protection Association Codes, and all amendments thereto are applicable within the City of Merritt, in conjunction with this bylaw.
4. This bylaw is divided into the following parts:

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5. This bylaw shall be in force and effect as of January 1, 2005.

PART I - DEFINITIONS

"Administrator"	means the Administrator of the City of Merritt.
"Approval"	means acceptance as satisfactory to the Fire Chief or his designate.
"Building"	means any structure used or intended for supporting or sheltering any use or occupancy.
"Community Event"	means a special occasion event to which the public is invited.
"Council"	means the Council of the City of Merritt.
"Dangerous Goods"	means any product, substance or organism which is of a highly combustible, flammable or explosive nature, all as set out in the Transportation of Dangerous Goods Act (Canada, Chapter 34, 1992) and all amendments thereto; and any other material which, because of the toxic or other inherent characteristics, constitutes a fire hazard or a hazard to life, safety or health, and, without restricting the generality of the foregoing, are classified as follows:
<u>Class 1</u>	Explosives, including explosives within the meaning of the Federal Explosives Act, and Explosives Regulations, and all amendments thereto.
<u>Class 2</u>	Gases: compressed gases, liquified natural gas, liquified or dissolved gases; under pressure.

<u>Class 3</u>	Flammable liquids and combustible liquids.
<u>Class 4</u>	Flammable solids, substances liable to spontaneous combustion, substances that on contact with water emit flammable gases.
<u>Class 5</u>	Oxidizing substances, organic peroxides, chlorates, nitrates.
<u>Class 6</u>	Poisonous (toxic) and infectious substances.
<u>Class 7</u>	Radioactive materials and prescribed substances within the meaning.
<u>Class 8</u>	Corrosive.
<u>Class 9</u>	Miscellaneous dangerous goods or organisms not included in any of the above classes.
"Department"	means the Merritt Fire and Rescue Department.
"Deputy Fire Chief"	means the person appointed from time to time as the Deputy Fire Chief of the Merritt Fire and Rescue Department Deleted by Amending Bylaw No. 2080, 2009
"Duty"	means time while being paid as a member of the Fire and Rescue Department.
"Dwelling or Dwelling Unit"	means two or more rooms used or intended to be used for residential accommodations and shall have cooking, sleeping and sanitary facilities of which no more than one cooking facility is permitted consisting of cooking equipment, devices or appliances, sinks, cabinets and all electrical or plumbing service lines used or intended to be used to service the cooking facility.
"Fire Chief"	means the person appointed from time to time as the Fire Chief of the Merritt Fire and Rescue Department, and any Officer, Member or Inspector authorized by the Fire Chief, to act on behalf of the Fire Chief.
"Inspector"	means the Fire Chief or any Fire and Rescue Department Member authorized in writing by the Fire Chief, to act in such capacity; and also includes the Manager of Building Safety and Inspection Services.
"Manager of Building Safety and Inspection Services"	means the person assigned responsibility for building and safety inspections.
"Member"	means any Member of the Merritt Fire and Rescue Department and includes an Officer.

"Multiple Family Row Housing"	shall mean single family dwellings joined by a common wall, up to two (2) stories in height, occupied by one family, with each house having an individual ground floor entrance/exit directly to the exterior of the building.
"Natural Fuels"	means grasses, untreated wood, tree stumps and any material that has not been created or altered through manufacture or chemical means
"Occupancy"	means the use, or intended use, of a building, or part thereof for the shelter or support of persons, animals or property.
"Occupant or Occupier"	means any owner, tenant, lessee, agent, and any other person who has access to, and control of, any building or premises to which this bylaw applies.
"Officer"	means any Member appointed to a position of Fire Chief, Battalion Chief, Assistant Fire Chief, Captain, Lieutenant, Training/Prevention Officer or Safety Officer, and includes any employee of the Ministry of Forests (while enforcing this bylaw). Amending Bylaw No. 2080, 2009
"Private Fire Hydrant"	means any fire hydrant located on private property.
"Public Fire Hydrant"	means any fire hydrant located on: (i) a public highway or right-of-way; (ii) City owned property; (iii) an easement held in favour of the City of Merritt for the purpose of installing and maintaining a water distribution system.
"Public Works Manager"	means the person appointed by Council to that position or his/her delegate
"Ritual"	means a singular rite or event, usually religious, such as a funeral or wake
"Smoke Alarm"	means a combined smoke detector and audible alarm device designed to sound an alarm within the <i>dwelling unit</i> , or room in which it is located, upon the detection of smoke within that room.
"Sprinkler System"	means any sprinkler system installed in compliance with the National Fire Protection Association's Standards for Fire Protection purposes, as an integrated system of underground and overhead piping designed in accordance with good fire protection engineering practices.
"Ventilation Index"	means the index published by the Ministry of Environment. BC's weather conditions, mountainous landscape and settlement patterns often combine

to trap smoke in populated areas. Open burning can only take place when local air flow will not cause the smoke to build up when the ventilation index is “good” for the day the open burn is started, and “good” or “fair” for the second planned day of the burn.

PART II - FIRE PROTECTION AND LIFE SAFETY

201 EVACUATION

1. If an emergency arising from a fire, fire hazard, toxic chemical spill or from a risk of explosion causes the Officer in command to be apprehensive of imminent and serious danger to life or property, or of a panic, the Officer may immediately take the steps the Officer thinks advisable to remove the hazard or risk, or may cause the people to be removed. The Officer may order the evacuation of a building or area, and may call upon the police to assist and provide security to the evacuated area.

202 FIRE SUPPRESSION

1. The Fire Chief or his designate shall have control, direction and management of all Merritt Fire and Rescue Department apparatus, equipment or manpower assigned to an incident and, where a Member is in charge, shall continue to act until relieved by a senior Officer.
2. The Fire Chief or his designate shall take responsibility for all fire protection matters, including the enforcement of the Fire Services Act and Regulations, and shall assume the responsibilities of the Local Assistant to the Fire Commissioner.
3. The Fire Chief or his designate at an incident, is empowered to have members of the Merritt Fire and Rescue Department and its apparatus and equipment, to enter or pass through, or over buildings or property, where deemed necessary to gain access to the incident, or to protect any person or property.
4. No person shall damage or destroy Merritt Fire and Rescue Department apparatus or equipment.
5. No person at an incident shall drive a vehicle over any apparatus or equipment without permission of the Fire Chief or Member in charge.
6. The Fire Chief shall take all proper measures for the prevention, control and extinguishment of fires, and for the protection of life and property, and shall enforce all municipal bylaws respecting fire prevention, and exercise the powers and duties imposed on him by this bylaw and any Provincial Act or Regulation.
7. The owner, occupier, agent or trustee of real property is prohibited from allowing any person to stand, loiter or sit in the aisles, passages and stairways of churches, theatres, halls, skating rinks and other places of amusement or public resort, so as to prevent

impairment of access to exits.

8. The owner, occupier, agent or trustee of real property is required to remove anything and everything from a building or yard which in the opinion of the Fire Chief is a fire hazard or increases the danger of fires.
9. The owner, occupier, agent or trustee of real property is required to clean chimneys and flues, or other apparatus or thing which in the opinion of the Fire Chief may cause or increase the danger of fire.
10. The Fire Chief, or designate, is hereby authorized to enter any premises at reasonable times to inspect said premises for conditions which may cause a fire or increase the danger of fire to persons and property.
11. When more than three (3) false alarms are responded to in any year for the same property, the property owner shall be charged \$50.00 for the fourth false alarm with fines increasing in \$50.00 increments for subsequent alarms. If such charges remain unpaid on December 31st of the year in which the charge(s) were levied, the amount so unpaid shall be entered on the real property tax roll in arrears for said property.
12. The Fire Chief or Officer in command at any fire shall have the power to cause demolition of any building or part of a building which in his judgement should be demolished in order to prevent spread of fire or to prevent damage to persons or property or loss of life.
13. No person shall impede, hinder or obstruct the extinguishment of any fire. Any person who fails to comply with the orders or instructions of an Officer of the Merritt Fire and Rescue Department engaged, or about to be engaged, in the extinguishment of a fire, shall be liable to the penalties provided herein and such person may be forcibly removed from the scene of such emergency or fire by a police officer or Member of the Merritt Fire and Rescue Department.
14. No person shall refuse to permit any member of the Merritt Fire and Rescue Department to enter into, or upon, any premises for which an alarm of fire has been received, or in or upon, any premises for which such member has reasonable grounds to suspect that a fire exists.
15. When a person or company damages a utility causing a Merritt Fire and Rescue Department response and that person or company failed to contact the utility to obtain a line location, the City of Merritt shall bill the person or company responsible for costs of responding equipment and manpower at a rate of \$500.00 per hour.

203 FIRE DAMAGED BUILDING

1. The owner of any fire damaged building shall ensure that the premises are guarded, or

that all openings in the building are kept securely closed and fastened, so as to prevent the entry of unauthorized persons.

2. If the owner fails to provide the necessary security to the fire damaged building within a reasonable time, then the Fire Chief may have the work performed and the owner shall be liable to a charge, at cost, for such work payable to the City. If such charge remains unpaid on December 31st of the year in which the charge was levied, the amount so unpaid shall be entered on the real property tax roll in respect of the property receiving the assistance and shall be collected as taxes in arrears for said property.

204 FIREWORKS

1. The manufacture, storage, transportation and sale of fireworks shall conform to the Federal Explosives Act and Explosives Regulations, and amendments thereto.
2. The handling and discharge of fireworks, low and high hazard as defined by the Federal Explosives Act and Explosions Regulations, shall conform to the Fireworks Manual (Explosive Division), as published by the Department of Energy, Mines and Resources.
3.
 - a) Except as hereinunder provided, Class 7.2.1, (low hazard fireworks as defined by the Federal Explosives Act and Explosives Regulations) shall not be sold without a valid Fireworks Magazine Licence and shall not be sold except between the dates of October 16 and November 1 in each year. Amending Bylaw No. 2080, 2009
 - b) Class 7.2.1 low hazard fireworks, as defined by the Federal Explosives Act and Explosives Regulations may be sold and discharged other than on the dates specified in Subsection 3 with the written approval of the Fire Chief.
 - c) Class 7.2.1 low hazard fireworks, as defined by the Federal Explosives Act, and Explosives Regulations, shall not be directly or indirectly sold, given or furnished to a person under the apparent age of eighteen (18) years.
 - d) Retailers must obtain a Permission to Sell “Low Hazard Fireworks” permit in the form attached to and forming part of the bylaw as Schedule “D” Amending Bylaw No. 2080, 2009

205 ADDRESS IDENTIFICATION

All buildings or structures situated on any lot or parcel of land within the municipal

boundaries shall be properly identified with numbers facing the City road which accesses the property, indicating their City address as designated by the City of Merritt. All address numbers shall be a minimum of six (6) inches with a half (1/2) inch stroke in contrasting colours to the base colour of the building or structure. Address numbers shall not be obstructed by shrubs, trees, beams or any other material that would impair quick and easy identification.

206 HYDRANT AND WATER SUPPLY SYSTEMS ON PRIVATE PROPERTY

1. For firefighting purposes, all water supply systems on private property shall conform to City specifications and be installed to be capable of providing fireflows as determined by the latest issue of "Water Supply for Public Fire Protection" published by the Public Fire Protection Survey Services and the Insurance Bureau of Canada, or as otherwise approved by the Fire Chief.
2. For firefighting purposes, all new water supply systems on private property shall meet flow and pressure requirements according to City specifications or as otherwise approved by the Fire Chief and Public Works Manager.
3. Prior to proceeding with construction of any new water system or extension to an existing system, the applicant shall submit plans of proposed fire hydrant locations and all components of the water distribution system to the Fire Chief for approval.
4. Buildings under construction shall have:
 - a) Roads finished to a minimum standard as provided for in the British Columbia Building Code, Part 3, that provides for adequate access for Fire and Rescue Department apparatus; and
 - b) Water supplies for fire protection, when required, and as determined in subsections 206(1), shall be installed as soon as practical as determined by the Fire Chief and the Public Works Manager. The Merritt Fire and Rescue Department shall be notified of all newly installed fire hydrants so that such hydrants may be tested and approved.
5. All installations of fire hydrants on private property or private water systems shall be designed and supervised by a professional engineer.
6. During construction, servicing or repairs within a subdivision, the owner shall ensure that all fire hydrant conditions affecting fire safety such as fire hydrants, temporarily out of service, low water volumes, pressures, etc., are made known to the City Fire and Rescue Department immediately.
7. Bulk plants, sawmills and other major occupancies shall be provided with fire hydrants and a water supply with pressure and quantity adequate to meet the probable fire

demands as determined by the Fire Chief.

207 HYDRANT AND WATER SUPPLY SYSTEMS MAINTENANCE - PRIVATE PROPERTY

1. Records of all inspections and maintenance required for Subsection 206 shall be submitted annually to the Manager of Building Safety and Inspection Services with copies to the Fire Chief or his designate. These records shall be in the format as set by City of Merritt policy.
 - a) Hydrants shall be maintained in operating condition.
 - b) All fire hydrants shall be inspected and maintained in accordance with City of Merritt policy.
 - c) All valves in the water distribution system shall be operated annually during non-freezing weather and provided with any maintenance that may be required.
 - d) The Merritt Fire and Rescue Department shall be notified of all repaired fire hydrants so that such fire hydrants may be flow tested and approved.
 - e) All fire hydrants out of service for repair or not yet in service shall be wrapped with burlap or black polythene plastic sheeting.
 - f) Fire Hydrants shall be kept clear of ice, snow, shrubs, trees, structures and other obstructions and their locations shall be clearly identified.
 - g) Fire hydrants shall be painted in accordance with the paint schedule as set by City of Merritt policy.
2. Failure to provide the Manager of Building Safety and Inspection Services with confirmation of the required service in accordance with subsection 207(1) or failure to repair a malfunctioning fire hydrant or valve within seven (7) days may cause the Manager of Building Safety and Inspection Services to have the work performed at the expense of the owner. The owner shall be liable to a charge, at cost, for such work payable to the City. If such charge remains unpaid on December 31st of the year in which the charge was levied, the amount so unpaid shall be entered on the real property tax roll in respect of the property receiving the assistance and shall be collected as taxes in arrears for said property.
3. Fire hydrants are for the use of the City and the Fire and Rescue Department only. Fire hydrants may only be operated for the purpose of inspection, testing or servicing or as otherwise approved by the Fire Chief, his designate or Public Works Manager.

PART III - OUTDOOR FIRES - BURNING PERMITS AND FEES

301 OUTDOOR FIRES

1. No open burning of any kind will be permitted during any period with the exception of the following:
 - a) Small confined fires used for cooking food on grills and barbecues using charcoal briquettes or pressurized gas for fuel.
 - b) Open air burning under special permit for community events or rituals. This special permit shall be as set out in Schedule “B”. Council permission is required for open air burning for a special community event or ritual on public or City property.
 - c) Interface burning to prevent the spread of fire. This burning shall be permitted only on the prior approval of the Fire Chief in consultation with the Ministry of Forests and shall be supervised by the Fire Chief or his designate.
 - i) Only natural fuels may be burned.
 - ii) Burn piles must be located at a distance of 50 meters from any structure or as designated at the discretion of the Fire Chief.
 - iii) The Fire Chief may permit burning of land clearing materials subject to i) and ii) being met along with any other conditions listed on the permit.
 - iv) Burning of spring cleanup materials and/or pruning debris is not permitted.
 - v) Where in the opinion of the Fire Chief a significant interface fire hazard exists on a private property and where all other avenues for removal of the hazardous fuels have been exhausted, the Fire Chief may grant the property owner permission for open burning subject to conditions specified by the Fire Chief through issuance of a permit as set out in Schedule “C”. Any such burning undertaken by the property owner shall be solely at the property owner’s own risk and expense.
 - d) The Fire Chief may grant the property owner of agriculturally (AR1) zoned property permission for open burning subject to the issuance of a permit as set out in Schedule “C”. The owner of the property must conduct the open burning in accordance with the Ministry of Forests venting index, under the supervision of the Fire Chief and any such burning shall be solely at the property owner’s own risk and expense. Amending Bylaw No. 2050, 2008
 - e) Fire Department training exercises on the prior approval of Council.
2. Every owner or occupier of property who starts or permits to be started any outdoor fire is responsible for such fire. If the fire is prohibited or the fire is not extinguished in

accordance with the terms of any permit issued for the fire, or if in the opinion of the Fire Chief the fire presents a hazard or becomes out of control, the Fire Chief may summon the Fire Department to extinguish or control the fire and the owner or occupier shall pay the costs of the services provided by the Fire Department within thirty (30) days of receipt of an invoice from the City. Any charges remaining unpaid on December 31st in any year shall be collected in the same manner as municipal taxes.

PART IV - INSPECTION OF PREMISES

401 RIGHT TO INSPECT AND TEST

1. The Fire Chief, Inspector, or Manager of Building Safety And Inspection Services may at all reasonable hours enter into and upon any lands, premises, yards or buildings, other than single family dwellings, for the purpose of testing or inspecting:
 - a) buildings, as required by the Fire Services Act;
 - b) to determine if Fire and Rescue Department access and adequate water supply is available for fire suppression purposes;
 - c) to determine if the requirements of this bylaw are being carried out.
 - d) where the criteria for correction stated in an inspection have not been acted upon, the owner of the property or the business owner shall be billed for re-inspection at rates set out in the City of Merritt Fees and Charges Bylaw 1889 and any amendments thereto.

402 ENTRY FOR INSPECTION

1. No person may obstruct, hinder or prevent any authorized person from entering into or upon any lands, premises, yards or buildings, other than single family dwellings, for the purpose of inspecting or testing the same in the ordinary course of their duties.

403 ASSISTANCE IN INSPECTION

1. The owner, occupier, or lessee of a building or property or other person having knowledge of a building or property shall, upon request, give to an Inspector, who is carrying out an inspection of the building or property, such assistance as may be required in carrying out the inspection.

404. FEES FOR INSPECTIONS

1. A fee of One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150.00) shall be paid to the City of Merritt upon the need to conduct a fire safety inspection for the pending sale or purchase of a property.

PART V - ENFORCEMENT

501. **ISSUANCE OF ORDER**

1. If the Fire Chief or authorized person finds that any provision of this bylaw has been contravened or has not been complied with, or has been complied with improperly or only in part, or that conditions exist in or upon a building or property to which the bylaw applies and which, in his opinion, constitutes a fire hazard or otherwise constitutes a hazard to life and/or property he may make such order/s to ensure full and proper compliance with this bylaw and in particular, but without limiting the generality of the foregoing, may:
 - a) make to the owner, occupier or lessee of the building or property such recommendations as deemed necessary to correct the contravention or to ensure compliance with this bylaw or to remove the hazards referred to in the bylaw or,
 - b) make such orders as deemed necessary with respect to any of the matters referred to in this bylaw.
2. An order made under this bylaw shall be in writing and shall be directed to the owner, occupier or lessee of the building or property in respect of which the order is made or to both.

502 **SERVICE ORDER**

1. An order made under this bylaw shall be served by:
 - a) delivering it or causing it to be delivered to the person to whom it is directed, or
 - b) sending the order by return registered mail to the last known property owner.

PART VI - PENALTIES

601 **PENALTIES**

1. Every person who violates any of the provisions of this bylaw or suffers or permits any act or thing to be done in contravention or in violation of any of the provisions of this bylaw, or who neglects to do or who refrains from doing anything required by the bylaw shall be deemed to be guilty of an infraction thereof and liable to the penalties imposed.
2. Every person who commits an offence under this bylaw is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00).

PART VII - COURT FEES

701 COURT FEES

Fees for services for attending court for civil cases shall be paid where a member of the Merritt Fire and Rescue Department is required to attend court. Fees to be established in relation to direct costs incurred on behalf of the City as per Schedule "A".

READ A FIRST TIME this 09th day of August, 2005

READ A SECOND TIME this 23rd day of August, 2005

READ A THIRD TIME this 23rd day of August, 2005

ADOPTED this 11th day of October, 2005

Original signed by
David Laird, MAYOR

Original signed by
Ruth Tolerton, Corporate Services
Manager

**CITY OF MERRITT
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SCHEDULE "A"**

Charge Out Fees

The following rates for services for manpower, vehicles and equipment shall be recoverable by the City for violations of 301(2) and 701 and for equipment call-outs by the Province of British Columbia. Call-out rates for manpower by the Province of British Columbia shall be as negotiated with the City.

Manpower

Minimum two (2) hour call out for each firefighter at the rate of pay assigned to him or her, or for more than two (2) hour duration, the number of hours worked for each firefighter at the hourly rate of pay assigned to him or her, to equal the costs as paid out by the City.

Vehicles Per Hour Rate

Equipment	Active	Standby
Engines, E1 & E4	\$500.00	\$250.00
Aerial Device – A1	\$1100.00	\$550.00
Rescue Vehicle – R1	\$450.00	\$225.00
Pickups/SUVs/Officer Vehicles	\$200.00	\$100.00
Pickup with tank and pump	\$300.00	\$150.00

Equipment

At replacement costs.



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Bylaw No. 1905

SCHEDULE "B"

City of Merritt

Merritt Fire and Rescue Department

Burning Permit – Community Events & Rituals

Applicant: (Please Print) _____

Civic Address: _____

Mailing Address: Same above _____

Telephone Number: Home: _____ Work: _____

Date of Burn: _____ From: _____ To: _____

Location: _____

Purpose: _____

Fire Department Conditions: _____

Ministry of Water, Land & Air Protection approval is required in writing and a copy to be provided to the Merritt Fire Rescue Department. Ministry of Ministry of Water, Land & Air Protection Approval Required Yes No

Please see reverse for Conditions and Applicants Signature

Ministry of Water, Land & Air Protection Approval Received Yes No
Burning Permit Approved Yes No

Fire Chief

Fee: \$10.00 Payable to the City of Merritt

Fee Paid: Receipt # _____

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SCHEDULE "B"**

1. An Open Burning Permit is for community events or rituals and is subject to the approval of the Fire Chief or his designate.
2. Open burning is only permitted on private property unless through consent of Council. No City property may be used other than by the City of Merritt or its agent.
3. Open burning is to be carried out by the property owner, tenant or an agent acting on behalf of the property owner. The owner/occupant or agent accepts all responsibility for any liability as a result of the fire.
4. Any person who causes or through inadvertence, allows a fire to get beyond control and requires the assistance of the Merritt Fire Rescue Department personnel shall be liable to a charge at cost for such assistance as specified in Schedule "A" of Bylaw No. 1905.
5. A competent person shall be in control of the fire until extinguishment.
6. Adequate appliances, equipment and personnel shall be provided by the permit holder so as to prevent the fire from getting beyond control.
7. Fires are to be extinguished or not started when wind and weather conditions are such that the fire becomes a hazard or creates a nuisance to surrounding properties.
8. Neighbors of adjoining properties are to be notified by the permit holder as to the times of the burn.
9. Conditions of fire:
 - a) Fire area to be no larger than 1 metre by 1 metre.
 - b) Fire to be kept a minimum of 3 metres to any house, tree, shrub or other combustible material.
 - c) No burning in barrels or other appliances, the fire is to be on the bare ground in a shallow pit.
 - e) Only seasoned wood or charcoal to be burned.

**This permit can be revoked at any time with or without cause by
The City of Merritt Fire Chief or Designate**

I have read and fully understand the provisions of this permit and agree to all conditions.

Signature of Applicant: _____

Date: _____

**CITY OF MERRITT
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SCHEDULE "C"**

INTERFACE FUEL REDUCTION BURNING PERMIT

**City of Merritt
Merritt Fire and Rescue Department**

Property Owner (Please Print) _____

Civic Address: _____

Mailing Address: Same above or _____

Telephone Number: Home: _____ Work: _____

Dates (7 day window) from: _____ To: _____

Location: (please attach map or sketch of property highlight area to be burned)

Address: _____

Purpose: _____

Ignition method: _____

Method to control height of flames:

Resources to limit/prevent escape of fire: _____

Is there a fuel break in place? _____

How will adjacent property owners be notified? _____

Please see reverse for Conditions and Applicants Signature

Fire Chief's conditions: _____

Fire Chief

Date inspected

**This permit can be revoked at any time with or without cause by the City of
Merritt Fire Chief or Designate.**

**CITY OF MERRITT
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SCHEDULE "C"**

1. The Interface Fuel Reduction Burning Permit may be issued only by the Fire Chief or his Deputy and is subject to immediate cancellation as weather, humidity or other conditions change.
2. Interface burning is only permitted on private property. No City property may be used other than by the City of Merritt or its agent(s).
3. Interface burning is to be carried out by the property owner, tenant or an agent acting on behalf of the property owner. The owner accepts all responsibility for any liability as a result of the fire.
4. Any person who causes or through inadvertence, allows a fire to get beyond control and requires the assistance of the Merritt Fire Rescue Department personnel shall be liable to a charge at cost for such assistance as specified in Schedule "A" of Bylaw No. 1905.
5. A competent person shall be in control of the fire until extinguishment.
6. Adequate appliances, equipment and personnel shall be provided by the permit holder so as to prevent the fire from getting beyond control.
7. Fires are to be extinguished or not started when wind and weather conditions are such that the fire becomes a hazard or creates a nuisance to surrounding properties.
8. Neighbors of adjoining properties are to be notified by the permit holder as to the times of the burn.
9. Conditions of fire:
 - a) Fire to be kept of a minimum of _____ meters from any house, structure or property line.
 - b) The Provincial Government Venting Index must be adhered to.
 - c) No material is to be piled unless permission is granting in writing by the Fire Chief or designate.
 - d) Thorough knowledge of prescribed burning practices must be demonstrated by the applicant
 - e) Daylight hours only.
10. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure "Optimum burning conditions" are present and likely to continue prior to starting any burns and extinguished immediately upon any indications that conditions are deteriorating.

I have read and fully understand the provisions of this permit and agree to all conditions.

Signature of Applicant: _____

Date: _____

**CITY OF MERRITT
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SCHEDULE "D" Amending Bylaw No. 2080, 2009
**PERMISSION TO SELL
"LOW HAZARD FIREWORKS"**

AT: _____
(Business Name and Street Address)

IS HEREBY APPROVED, SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:

- a) NO HIGH HAZARD FIREWORKS may be sold or held without obtaining a SPECIAL PERMIT, issued by the City of Merritt Fire Rescue Department.
- b) NO FIRECRACKERS may be held or sold under any circumstances.
- c) "NO SMOKING" signs to be posted at entrance to store and at the counter area, and be strictly enforced.
- d) Display area to be separated from the general public. All fireworks to be displayed under glass or well out of the reach of the general public, in a well protected area. Area to be accessible to staff only.
- e) Fireworks are not to be displayed in the windows of the store. They must be stored well out of the way of direct or indirect sunlight.
- f) One extra 2A-10BC rated portable fire extinguisher shall be provided above the normal required number for your occupancy due to the extra hazard being placed within your business.
- g) Proof of I.D. (Picture I.D.) is to be provided before a sale can be made.
Only persons 18 years of age or older only, may purchase Fireworks.

THIS PERMIT IS VALID FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING:

**OCTOBER 16, 20__ THROUGH TO AND ENDING ON NOVEMBER 01,
20__ AT WHICH DATE NO FURTHER SALES WILL BE MADE.**

Any violation of the above listed requirements may render the owner or occupier liable to penalties provided for under the Fire Services Act, B.C. Fire Code or City of Merritt Bylaws; and will constitute immediate removal of the permit to sell low hazard fireworks.

FIRE CHIEF Per: _____ Date _____
Print Name Signature

Received By: _____
Print Name Signature