



The Corporation of the City of Courtenay

# Bylaw No. 3163

## **A bylaw to amend Fire Protective Services Bylaw No. 2556, 2008.**

The Council of the City of Courtenay, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

### **Citation**

1. This Bylaw shall be cited as **“Fire Protective Services - Amendment Bylaw No. 3163, 2025”**.

### **Amendment**

2. “Fire Protective Services Bylaw No. 2556, 2008” is amended as follows:
  - a) by deleting the phrase “Fire Services Act” where it appears in the Bylaw and substituting “Fire Safety Act”; and
  - b) by deleting section 4. and substituting it with the following:
    - 4.1 The Fire Chief may administer this Bylaw within the boundaries of the City in accordance with applicable legislation.
    - 4.2 The Fire Chief may appoint an Officer or other person who meets the applicable standards of the fire commissioner to carry out the functions, powers and duties of a fire safety inspector or fire investigator, as applicable, under the Fire Safety Act.
    - 4.3 The Fire Chief, or a person appointed by the Fire Chief who is qualified under the Building Act and its regulations, may evaluate and accept alternative solutions to specific fire code requirements provided that:
      - a. the alternative solution meets the intent of the applicable provisions of the British Columbia Fire Code and ensures an equivalent or greater level of fire safety; and
      - b. the alternative solution is supported by documentation, including plan compliance certifications by registered professionals, engineering reports, fire safety plans, or other evidence deemed relevant by the Fire Chief to demonstrate compliance.

**Severability**

3. If any portion of this Bylaw is declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, then the invalid portion must be severed and the remainder of the Bylaw is deemed valid.

Read a first time this 11<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2024.

Read a second time this 11<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2024.

Read a time this 11<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2024.

Adopted this 18<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2024.

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Mayor

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Corporate Officer