

A By-law to amend By-law No. 12661, “A By-law to declare a State of Emergency in Vancouver”

WHEREAS Council has declared that an emergency exists in the City of Vancouver as a result of the pandemic spread of COVID-19;

WHEREAS Council is authorized to exercise all powers necessary to deal effectively with the emergency.

NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VANCOUVER, in a public meeting, enacts as follows:

1. This By-law amends By-law No. 12661, “A By-law to declare a State of Emergency in Vancouver”.
2. Council strikes section 3 of the By-law and replaces it with the following:

“3. Council hereby authorizes City Manager Sadhu Johnston, Deputy City Manager Paul Mochrie and Fire Chief Darrell Reid to:

 - a. acquire or use any land or personal property considered necessary to prevent, respond to or alleviate the effects of the emergency, including the use of buildings to assist with the increased demands for healthcare, shelter and childcare;
 - b. procure on a first priority basis any clothing, equipment, medical supplies or other essential supplies required to cope with the emergency, for the duration of the emergency;
 - c. restrict, limit or prohibit through the issuance of written orders, the use or occupancy of any premises within the City of Vancouver;
 - d. issue written orders to enforce any written orders issued under this section 3 of the By-law.”
3. Council adds the following sections as sections 6 and 7 of the By-law:

“6. It is an offence under this By-law to fail to comply with any written order issued under section 3 of this By-law.

7. An offence under this By-law is punishable by a fine of not more than \$50,000.”
4. This By-law shall come into force and take effect immediately upon enactment.
5. A decision by a court that any part of this By-law is illegal, void, or unenforceable severs that part from this By-law, and is not to affect the balance of this By-law.

ENACTED by Council this 23rd day of March, 2020

Mayor

Acting City Clerk