



COUNCIL REPORT

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TO: Vancouver City Council

FROM: Chief Licence Inspector

SUBJECT: 2025 Business Licence, Vehicles for Hire and Animal Control Fees

Recommendations

- A. THAT Council approve in principle the following fee adjustments and other amendments to the Licence By-law:
 - a. Adjust Restaurant with Liquor Class 1 and Restaurant with Liquor Class 2 licence fees from \$12.20 per person to \$10 per person; retain the \$944 base licence fee, and add a maximum fee of \$5673;
 - b. For Standard Hours Liquor Establishment Class 1 to Class 6: increase the fee from \$7.50 per person to \$9.00 per person; increase the minimum fee from \$250 to \$650; and increase the maximum fee from \$3769 to \$5673
 - c. For Standard Hours Liquor Establishment Class 7 and Class 8: increase the fee from \$7.50 per person to \$9.00 per person, and increase the maximum fee from \$641 to \$801;
 - d. Adjust Extended Hours Liquor Establishment fees from \$20.40 per person to \$17.00 per person, and increase the minimum fee from \$250 to \$650;
 - e. Increase the fee for Venue from \$7.50 per person to \$9.00 per person; and increase the maximum fee from \$582 to \$801;
 - f. Increase the fee for Liquor Retail Store from \$502 to \$745;

- g. Apply a 6% cost escalation increase to all other fees in Schedule A of the Licence By-law;
- h. Add a new licence type Limited Service Food with Liquor, with an annual licence fee of \$692, and a per seat fee of \$10;
- i. Add a new licence type Concession Stand with Liquor, with an annual licence fee of \$360, and a per seat fee of \$10;
- j. Add a definition for Concession Stand;
- k. Housekeeping amendments to update section numbering

FURTHER THAT the Director of Legal Services bring forward for enactment the necessary amendments to the Licence By-law generally in accordance with the by-laws attached in Appendix A, to be effective January 1, 2025.

- B. THAT Council approve in principle the following fee adjustments to the Vehicles for Hire By-law:
 - a. A 6% cost escalation increase to all fees in Schedule A of the Vehicles for Hire By-law;

FURTHER THAT the Director of Legal Services bring forward for enactment the necessary amendments to the Vehicles for Hire By-law generally in accordance with the by-laws attached in Appendix B, to be effective January 1, 2025.

- C. THAT Council approve in principle the following fee adjustments to the Animal Control By-law:
 - a. A 6% cost escalation increase to all fees in Schedule A of the Animal Control By-law;

FURTHER THAT the Director of Legal Services bring forward for enactment the necessary amendments to the Vehicles for Hire By-law generally in accordance with the by-laws attached in Appendix C, to be effective January 1, 2025.

Purpose and Executive Summary

This report seeks Council approval for adjustments to Business, Vehicles for Hire, and Animal Control licence fees for 2025. The City adjusts fees annually to ensure that revenue aligns with increases to City costs. Staff have calculated a cost escalation factor of 6% for the coming year and propose to apply this increase to all vehicles for hire and animal control fees and to all business licence fees except fees for specific liquor-serving and liquor retail businesses.

Staff propose to reduce fees for Restaurants with Liquor Service; to increase fees for Standard Hours Liquor Establishments, and to decrease fees for Extended Hours Liquor Establishments, to better reflect the relative public health and safety risks of these business types and to better align Vancouver's licence fees with fees in neighbouring municipalities (Appendix D). Additional changes to liquor-serving and liquor retail business types are proposed (Table 1).

The combined fee adjustments proposed for liquor serving and liquor retail businesses would result in foregone revenue of approximately \$246,600 in 2025, mostly from the proposed decrease to Restaurant with Liquor fee, about \$220,000 (Table 1). Restaurants that serve liquor currently pay more than double the licence fee of Standard Hours Liquor Establishments of the same size. The proposed changes would take a partial step toward better alignment of fees among these licence types.

Offsetting the impact of the above-referenced foregoing revenue, staff note that 2024 licence fee revenue is expected to exceed budget projections by \$1 million dollars from a higher-than-expected number of business licences issued, and \$0.5 million from higher ride-hailing licence fee revenue. Cost escalation of 6% applied to all business licence, vehicles for hire and animal services fees would be approximately \$1.7 million additional revenue. Taking into consideration foregone revenue from liquor-related fee adjustments of \$246,600, the total net revenue increase from licence fees in 2025 would be \$3.0 million.

Staff also propose to add two new licence types that would simplify licensing for Limited Service Food and Concession Stands that want to add liquor service to their business. The proposed fees per person capacity align with Restaurant with Liquor at \$10. There is no anticipated revenue impact.

Council Authority/Previous Decisions

- [Section 272](#) of the Vancouver Charter authorizes Council to make by-laws for the licensing of any business, trade, profession, or other occupation; and to set fees for any permit or licence, which may be in the nature of a tax.

City Manager's Comments

The City Manager concurs with the foregoing recommendations.

Context and Background

Licence fees primarily fund the City's licensing operations, including enforcement. Each year, staff recommend an adjustment to the licence fees to ensure fee revenue remains consistent with increases to City costs. The Vancouver Charter authorizes the City to set licensing fees above the cost of recovery. Revenue above costs contributes to a balanced budget across the City and funds City services that benefit businesses.

In 2023 Council approved a 6% increase to all business and vehicles for hire licence fees to cover increases to City costs, with the exception of the following: all business licences set at \$171 were increased to \$250 except for Trade Contractor which

increased to \$340; General Contractor increased from \$207 to \$340; Gas Station increased from \$255 to \$340; Short Term Rental Operator increased from \$109 to \$1000. These increases helped to align Vancouver licence fees more closely with neighbouring municipalities and to generate new revenue. The increase to the Short Term Rental Operator licence fee also funded increased enforcement against non-compliant STR operators.

Inter-municipal business licence (IMBL) fees including those for transportation network services (ride-hailing) are set according to inter-municipal agreements established and ratified by the councils of participating municipalities. Fees for these licences are reviewed and adjusted from time to time with the approval of participating municipalities.

In 2023 Council also approved a 6% increase for all fees in the Animal Control By-law, except for the Aggressive Dog licence fee which was not increased, and the Dog licence fee which was increased by \$12. Council approved new adoption fees of \$200 for Exotic Birds and \$100 for Other Animals.

In 2023, the City issued approximately 56,900 business and vehicles for hire licences and 23,100 dog licences. Actual revenue from licensing fees was approximately \$22.7 million in 2023, compared to budgeted revenue of \$22.2 million. As of July 2024, the City has collected approximately \$28.7 million in licensing fees, with a budgeted total revenue of \$28.9 million for 2024. Staff expect to exceed 2024 budgeted revenue primarily due to higher-than-expected volume for business licences, and higher than anticipated revenue from the City's portion of ride-hailing IMBL fees.

The City levies a licence fee on marina operators for each live-aboard boat moored at a marina. As boats used for live-aboard purposes are not a defined class under the Assessment Act, this licence fee contributes to the provision of municipal services, similar in function to property taxes paid by Vancouver residents who occupy assessable real property. Council enacted a policy in 1996 to base the licence fee on the length of the boat at waterline, with the fee adjusted annually to mirror the increase to the municipal general purpose tax levied on the resident property class in the previous year. Based on the general purpose tax rate for 2024, the live-aboard fee adjustment for 2025 is recommended to be a 7.28% increase.

For 2025, in addition to licence fee adjustments to cover cost increases to the City, staff have considered specific adjustments to licence fees for liquor serving businesses and liquor retail. Fees for these businesses were identified for adjustment in 2023 but were not proposed pending an up-coming review of the City's liquor – related regulations and requirements. That regulatory review is nearing completion; a report to Council with recommendations to simplify regulations and streamline liquor service hours is anticipated in early 2025.

Limited Service Food and Concession stands are businesses that primarily sell food and beverages prepared on the premises. Limited Service Food has a maximum of sixteen indoor or outdoor seats for patrons. Concession stands may or may not have patron seating. Provincial regulations permit liquor service at both these types of businesses

subject to compliance with all relevant municipal regulations. Staff have reviewed and propose liquor-related fees for each.

Discussion

For 2025, staff calculate that a 6% (\$1.7 million) increase to all Animal Control and Vehicles for Hire licence fees, and to all business licence fees will ensure fee revenue remains aligned with anticipated increases to City costs.

Licence Fees for Liquor Serving Businesses and Liquor Retail

The City's business licence fees generally reflect the impact of specific businesses on City resources, potential risks to the community and where appropriate, fees align with neighbouring municipalities. Staff reviewed licence fees for all liquor serving businesses (Appendix D Table 1). Three types of business make up most of the liquor serving businesses in the city: Restaurants with Liquor (1190 licences in 2024); Extended Hours Liquor Establishments (108 licences in 2024) and Standard Hours Liquor Establishments (90 licences in 2024). Among these business types, licence fees do not appropriately reflect business impacts, and some do not compare favourably to fees in neighbouring cities.

Restaurant with Liquor and Standard Hours Liquor Establishment

Restaurant with Liquor businesses pay more than twice the annual business licence fee paid by Standard Hours Liquor Establishments (pubs and nightclubs) of the same size. For example, a Restaurant with Liquor that has a person capacity of 150 paid \$2774 in 2024¹ while a 150-person Standard Hours Liquor Establishment paid \$1125. From a public health and safety standpoint, restaurants serving liquor as a complement to their primary business of food service generally have lower risk of negative impact than establishments whose primary business is the service of liquor.

Restaurants with liquor service also pay much higher licence fees in Vancouver than restaurants in other municipalities: more than four times the average fee paid in neighbouring municipalities and destination cities like Victoria, Whistler and Kelowna (Appendix D Table 3). Standard Hours Liquor Establishments pay fees that are somewhat lower than fees in other municipalities (Appendix D, Table 4).

Staff propose that business licence fees for Restaurant with Liquor should be decreased and fees for Standard Hours Liquor Establishments increased as shown in Table 1. Using the example of a 150-person capacity establishment, the 2025 licence fee for a Restaurant with Liquor would decrease by 12% from \$2774 to \$2444, and for a Standard Hours Liquor Establishment it would increase 20% from \$1125 to \$1350.²

¹ Over 85% of Restaurant with Liquor licences in Vancouver have a person capacity of 150 or less.

² Restaurants would see a business licence fee decrease of 3% to 15% depending on their person capacity.

The proposed fee adjustments would be an initial step toward more appropriately reflecting the public health and safety risk of business types and toward alignment with neighbouring municipalities. Further adjustments could be considered in future years.

Extended Hours Liquor Establishment

The licence fee for Extended Hours Liquor Establishment is almost triple the fee of a Standard Hours Liquor Establishment of the same size, despite the former having only one additional hour of evening liquor service³. While an additional evening hour of service can increase risks to public health and safety, the fee difference between the two licence types may be out of proportion. Vancouver's Extended Hours Liquor Establishments pay the highest business licence fees among Liquor Establishments in the region and destination cities in BC (Appendix D, Table 4). Staff propose the licence fee for this business type be reduced as shown in Table 1 to narrow the difference in fees between Extended Hours and Standard Hours Liquor Establishments and bring Vancouver's licence fee closer to fees in other large and destination cities. If approved, businesses would see a 17% decrease in their 2025 business licence fees.

Other Fee Adjustments

Staff propose additional adjustments to streamline fees: align the per seat fee for Venue (stadiums, halls and theatres that serve liquor) with the proposed per seat fee for Standard Hours Liquor Establishment; increase and align the maximum fees for Standard Hours Liquor Service Class 7 and Class 8 and Venue.

An increase to the licence fee for Liquor Retail Store will align it more closely with fees in neighbouring municipalities (Appendix D, Table 5).

Finally, staff recommend adding a maximum fee for Restaurant with Liquor to Schedule A of the Licence By-law. In [2010](#) the licence types Restaurant and Dining Lounge were combined into the Restaurant with Liquor licence. A maximum fee similar to that of the former Dining Lounge, was applied to Restaurant with Liquor licences issued, but was not included in the 2010 Licence By-law amendments. The 2010 maximum fee of \$3702 has been adjusted annually in line with the Council-approved business licence fee adjustments. Adding the maximum fee to the Licence By-law fee schedule will align the By-law with fees being charged. There is no associated financial impact.

Business Licence Type	Fee Per person 2024 (\$)	Proposed Fee per person 2025 (\$)	Min. Fee 2024 (\$)	Proposed Minimum Fee 2025 (\$)	Max. Fee 2024 (\$)	Proposed Maximum Fee 2025 (\$)	Base Fee 2024 (\$)	Proposed Base Fee 2025 (\$)	Estimated Revenue Impact 2025 (\$)
Restaurant with Liquor	12.20	10.00	n/a	n/a	5352	5673*	944	944	(220,000)

³ Extended Hours Liquor Establishment are allowed to open two hours earlier than Standard Hours establishments, 9am compared to 11am. These hours generally have lower public health and safety risks than late night hours.

Class 1 & 2									
Standard Hours Liquor Est. Class 1 - 6	7.50	9.00	250	650	3769	5673	n/a	n/a	15,300
Standard Hours Liquor Est. Class 7 & 8⁴	7.50	9.00	250	250	641	801	n/a	n/a	5,800
Extended Hours Liquor Est. Class 1 - 7	20.40	17.00	250	650	27,545	29,198*	n/a	n/a	(74,500)
Venue	7.50	9.00	250	250	582	801	n/a	n/a	6,500
Liquor Retail Store	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	502	745	20,300
Total Estimated Revenue Impact									(246,600)

Table 1 Proposed licence fee changes and revenue impacts for 2025

*Includes proposed 6% increase

The proposed adjustments to fees for liquor serving and liquor retail businesses would yield an overall revenue loss of approximately \$246,600 in 2025. Staff propose 2025 is an appropriate year to make the adjustments, given revenue from 2024 licence fees is expected to exceed budget projections by \$1.5 million dollars because of a higher-than-expected number of business licences issued and ride-hailing licence revenue collected.

Recommended adjustments to live-aboard licence fees

Staff recommend a 7.28% increase to live-aboard licence fees. This increase mirrors the 2024 increase to residential property tax.

Table 2 Recommended fees for live-aboard licences, 2025

Length of Boat at Waterline	2024 Licence Fee (\$)	Recommended 2025 Licence Fee (\$)
21 feet or less	1,780	1,910
More than 21 feet to 26 feet	2,155	2,312
More than 26 feet to 31 feet	2,427	2,604
More than 31 feet to 37 feet	2,767	2,968
More than 37 feet	3,052	3,274

Limited Service Food and Concession Stand

Limited Service Food and Concession Stand businesses are eligible for provincial licences to serve liquor. Currently, they must either take out a second business licence

⁴ Standard Hours Liquor Establishment Class 7 is a club for members and guests; Class 8 is a non-traditional liquor serving business like a barber shop with a provincial licence to serve liquor.

as a Standard Hours Liquor Establishment Class 8 or change their business to a Restaurant which has operational and financial implications for the business. Staff propose to simplify licensing for these businesses with new licence types Limited Service Food with Liquor and Concession with Liquor. Staff propose a per person fee of \$10 for these licences, to align with the proposed person fee for Restaurant with Liquor.

Financial Implications

Staff have calculated that a 6% (\$1.7 million) increase to all Animal Control and Vehicles for Hire licence fees and business licence fees will help align fee revenue with anticipated increases in City costs. Furthermore, staff anticipate the 2024 licence fee revenue will exceed budget projections by \$1.5 million due to a higher-than-expected number of business licences issued (\$1.0 million) and revenue from ride-hailing licence fees (\$0.5 million).

The proposed fee adjustments for liquor-related businesses would result in approximately \$246,600 in foregone revenue in 2025. If the proposed fee adjustments are approved, the 2025 net revenue increase from licence fees is expected to be \$3.0 million.

Legal Implications

There are no legal implications associated with this report’s recommendations.

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APPENDIX A
DRAFT By-law to amend Licence By-law No. 4450
regarding 2025 business licence fees
and other miscellaneous amendments

Note: An amending by-law will be prepared generally in accordance with the provisions listed below, subject to change and refinement prior to posting.

1. This by-law amends the indicated schedules of the Licence By-law No. 4450.

2. In section 2, Council:
 - (a) adds new definitions for Concession Stand with Liquor Service and Concession Stand without Liquor Service in the correct alphabetical order as follows:

“Concession Stand with Liquor Service means a business located in a City Park that primarily sells food and beverages prepared on the premises, including the sale, or offering for sale, of liquor, that has outdoor seating only, and that operates for 6 months of the year or less.

Concession Stand without Liquor Service means a business located in a City Park that primarily sells food and beverages prepared on the premises, not including the sale, or offering for sale, of liquor, that has outdoor seating only, and that operates for 6 months of the year or less.”;

 - (b) in the definition of Dining and Drinking Establishment, strikes out **“Limited Service Food Establishment”** and substitutes **““Concession Stand with Liquor Service, Concession Stand without Liquor Service, Limited Service Food Establishment with Liquor Service, Limited Service Food Establishment without Liquor Service”**;

 - (c) strikes out the definition of Limited Service Food Establishment and substitutes the following:

“Limited Service Food Establishment with Liquor Service means a business that primarily sells food and beverages prepared on the premises, including the sale, or offering for sale, of liquor, and that has no more than sixteen indoor or outdoor seats.

Limited Service Food Establishment without Liquor Service means a business that primarily sells food and beverages prepared on the premises, not including the sale, or offering for sale, of liquor, and that has no more than sixteen indoor or outdoor seats.”;

- (d) in the definition of Parking Area or Garage, strikes out “means Auto Lot Parking, Auto Lot Parking Small” and substitutes “Auto Parking Lot, Auto Parking Lot Small”;
 - (e) strikes out ““Public Bike Share”” and substitutes “**Public Bike Share**”;
 - (f) strikes out ““Public Bike Share Station”” and substitutes “**Public Bike Share Station**”;
 - (g) strikes out ““Shared E-Scooter System”” and substitutes “**Shared E-Scooter System**”; and
 - (h) strikes out ““Shared E-Scooter Station”” and substitutes “**Shared E-Scooter Station**”.
3. In section 9, Council:
 - (a) in subsection (6), strikes out “subsection (1)” wherever it appears and substitutes “subsection (5)”;
 - (b) in subsection (8), strikes out “subsection (1)” and substitutes “subsection (5)”.
4. In section 10.6(3), Council strikes out “Auto Parking Lot Auto Parking Lot Small” and substitutes “Auto Parking Lot, Auto Parking Lot Small”.
5. In section 21.3, Council:
 - (a) in subsection (4)(b), strikes out “subsection (a)” and substitutes “clause (a)”;
 - (b) in subsection (7)(b), strikes out “sections 11D and 11E” and substitutes “sections 3.1(a)(iv) and 3.1(b)(iii)”.
6. In section 28, Council:
 - (a) renumbers sections 28.3 through 28.7 as sections 28.2 through 28.6, respectively; and
 - (b) in section 28.3, strikes out “Social Escort Agency” wherever it appears, except for the title, and substitutes “social escort agency”.
7. In section 39(5), Council strikes out “28.5” and substitutes “28.3”.
8. Council:
 - (a) repeals Schedule A, and substitutes for it Schedule A attached to this by-law, which new Schedule A is to form part of the Licence By-law; and
 - (b) approves the fees set out in the new Schedule A.

SCHEDULE A

2025 BUSINESS LICENCE FEES

All licence fees are payable annually, unless otherwise specified.

	<u>Licence Fee</u>
Adult Retail Store	\$265
Adult Services, except Body-rub Parlour, Body-painting Studio, Model Studio, and Social Escort Agency	\$265
Body-rub Parlour	\$14,598
Body-painting Studio	\$14,598
Model Studio	\$14,598
Social Escort Agency	\$1,629
Amusement Park	\$7,060
Animal Services, except Animal Clinic or Hospital	\$265
Animal Clinic or Hospital	\$360

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Architectural and Engineering Services	\$265
Artist	\$265
Artist Agency	\$265
Artist Studio	\$265
Arts and Creative Instruction	\$265
Association or Society, except Club	\$2
Club	\$13
Beauty Services, except Barber Shop or Beauty Salon, Beauty and Wellness Centre, and Tanning Salon or Tattoo and Piercing Studio	\$265
Barber Shop or Beauty Salon	\$360
Beauty and Wellness Centre	\$360
Tanning Salon or Tattoo and Piercing Studio	\$360
Bed and Breakfast Accommodation	\$68

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Bingo Hall/Casino/Horse Racing, except Casino – Class 2 and Horse Racing	\$360
Casino - Class 2	\$16,710
Horse Racing	\$16,710
Brokerage Services	\$265
Building Repair and Maintenance Services	\$265
Business Support Services	\$265
Business and Vocational Instruction	\$265
Caterer	\$510
Concession Stand with Liquor	\$360 plus \$10 annual per person, based on the person capacity set out on the Provincial liquor licence for the restaurant
Concession Stand without Liquor	\$360
Consulting and Management Services	\$265

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Creative Products Manufacturer	\$265
Design Services	\$265
Digital Entertainment and Interactive Technology	\$265
Entertainment Facility	\$360
Exhibition Centre	\$265
Extended Hours Liquor Establishment	\$17 annually per person based on the person capacity set out on the Provincial liquor licence for the establishment, except that despite the number of persons, the minimum fee will be \$650 and the maximum fee will be \$29,198
Financial Institution	\$1,955
Financial Services	\$265
Fitness Centre – Class 1	\$265
Fitness Centre – Class 2	\$360

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Food Manufacturing, Assembling and Processing	\$510
Food Market	\$13
Forestry Services	\$265
Gasoline Station	\$360
Gasoline Station with Charging	\$360
General Contractor	\$360
General Repair and Maintenance Services	\$265
Grocery Store, except Market Outlet - Food	\$1,060
Market Outlet - Food	\$5,618
Hall or Spectator Sports Venue	\$265
Health Care or Social Assistance Facility, except Health Care or Social Assistance Facility providing overnight stays	\$265

Licence Fee

Health Care or Social Assistance Facility providing overnight stays	\$45 annually per bed
Health Care Professionals and Services	\$265
Health Enhancement Services, except Therapeutic Touch Technique Practitioner	\$360
Therapeutic Touch Technique Practitioner	\$265
Hotel or Motel	\$94 annually per dwelling unit
	\$68 annually per housekeeping unit
	\$45 annually per sleeping unit
Information Communication Technology	\$265
Insurance Services	\$265
Inter-municipal Business Licence	\$300

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Inter-municipal TNS Business Licence	\$155 plus \$150 for each vehicle except for accessible passenger directed vehicles and zero emission vehicles, plus \$30 for each zero emission vehicle
Laboratory Services	\$265
Laundry Services	\$265
Legal Services	\$265
Limited Service Food Establishment with Liquor	\$692 plus \$10 annually per person, based on the person capacity set out on the Provincial liquor licence for the restaurant
Limited Service Food Establishment without Liquor	\$692
Liquor Retail Store	\$745
Logistics Services	\$265
Long Term Rental, except Long Term Rental provided in Non-profit Housing	\$94 annually per dwelling unit

Licence Fee

	<p style="text-align: right;">\$68</p> <p>annually per housekeeping unit</p>
	<p style="text-align: right;">\$45</p> <p>annually per sleeping unit</p>
<p>Long Term Rental provided in Non-profit Housing</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">\$265</p>
<p>Marina Operator</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">\$360</p> <p>plus \$1,910 for each occupied live-aboard boat 21 feet or less in length at water line,</p> <p>plus \$2,312 for each occupied live-aboard boat more than 21 feet but not more than 26 feet in length at water line,</p> <p>plus \$2,604 for each occupied live-aboard boat more than 26 feet but not more than 31 feet in length at water line,</p> <p>plus \$2,968 for each occupied live-aboard boat more than 31 feet but not more than 37 feet in length at water line,</p>

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	plus \$3,274 for each occupied live-aboard boat which is more than 37 feet in length at water line
Marine Service Station	\$360
Marketing / Public Relations/ Advertising/ Event Promotion Services	\$265
Mining	\$265
Money Services, except Bank Machine	\$265
Bank Machine	\$94
Non-Food Manufacturing, Assembling and Processing	\$265
Oil, Gas and Other Fuels Services	\$265
Parking Area or Garage	\$265

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Personal Services	\$265
Pharmacy	\$360
Photography, Production and Rehearsal Studio	\$265
Printing, Imaging and Photo Services	\$265
Private School or College	\$360
Publishing and Journalism Services	\$265
Real Estate Services	\$265
Recycling and Resource Recovery Services	\$265
Rental Services	\$265
Restaurant - Class 1	\$1,001
Restaurant - Class 2	\$1,001
Restaurant - Class 1 with Liquor Service	\$944 plus \$10 annually per person, based on the person capacity set out on the Provincial liquor licence

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	for the restaurant, except that despite the number of persons, the maximum fee will be \$5,673
Restaurant – Class 2 with Liquor Service	\$944 plus \$10 annually per person, based on the person capacity set out on the Provincial liquor licence for the restaurant, except that despite the number of persons, the maximum fee will be \$5,673
Retail Dealer, except Market Outlet – Non-Food, Public Market, Transient Peddler and Transient Trader	\$265
Market Outlet – Non-Food	\$5,618
Public Market	\$692 per day or \$1,955 per week
Transient Peddler	\$692 per week or \$4,626 annually
Transient Trader	\$692 per week or \$4,626 annually
Retail Dealer – Cannabis	\$5,618

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Retail Dealer – Food	\$360
Retail Dealer - Used Goods, as follows:	
Pawnbroker	\$2,969
Secondhand Dealer – Class 1	\$2,965
Secondhand Dealer – Class 2	\$2,969
Secondhand Dealer – Class 3	\$1,629
Secondhand Dealer – Class 4	\$1,060
Secondhand Dealer – Class 5	\$360
Secondhand Dealer – Class 6	\$692
Security Services	\$265
Shared E-Scooter System	\$3,040

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Short Term Rental Accommodation Operator	\$1,060
Single Room Accommodation Operator	deemed
Soliciting for Charity	\$13
Special Events, as follows:	
(a) automobile or motorcycle racing	\$265 per day or \$438 per week or \$1,673 annually
(b) circus or rodeo	\$265 per day or \$438 per week or \$4,113 annually
(c) concert, lecture or a musical or theatrical performance staged or promoted by a person not holding a licence, except where no part of the proceeds from the event enures to the benefit or private gain of any person or proprietor or member thereof or shareholder therein, or to the person or persons organizing or managing such event, where the capacity of the facility:	
(i) does not exceed 500 seats	\$265 per day or \$376 per week or \$3,308 annually

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<p>(ii) is greater than 500 seats but does not exceed 1000 seats</p>	<p>\$265 per day or \$438 per week or \$3,854 annually</p>
<p>(iii) is greater than 1000 seats but does not exceed 2000 seats</p>	<p>\$265 per day or \$510 per week or \$5,138 annually</p>
<p>(iv) exceeds 2000 seats</p>	<p>\$296 per day or \$581 per week or \$5,918 annually</p>
<p>(d) boxing, wrestling, game, show, contest or any other exhibit, performance or device not hereinbefore specifically mentioned, except where no part of the proceeds from the event enures to the benefit or private gain of any person or proprietor or member thereof or shareholder therein, or to the person or persons organizing or managing such event</p>	<p>\$265 per day or \$438 per week or \$3,854 annually</p>
<p>(e) concert, lecture or a musical or theatrical performance staged or promoted by a person not holding a licence, or boxing, wrestling, game, show, contest or any other exhibit, performance or device not hereinbefore specifically mentioned, where no part of the proceeds from the event enures to the benefit or private gain of any person or proprietor or member thereof or shareholder therein, or to the person or persons organizing or managing such event</p>	<p>\$53 per day or \$64 per week or \$2,571 annually</p>
<p>(f) Arts and Culture Event</p> <p>(i) 31 to 60 persons</p>	

Licence Fee

(ii)	61 to 150 persons	\$37 per event or series of up to 6 events in a 30-day period	
(iii)	151 to 250 persons	\$159 per event or series of up to 6 events in a 30-day period	
(iv)	250 persons and above	\$212 per event or series of up to 6 events in a 30-day period	
(g)	Late Night Dance Event	\$265 per event or series of up to 6 events in a 30-day period	
(i)	with patron capacity of less than 350		\$418
(ii)	with patron capacity of 350 or more but less than 750		\$734
(iii)	with patron capacity of 750 or more but less than 2000		\$1,256
(iv)	with patron capacity of 2000 or more		\$1,673
(h)	Pacific National Exhibition Annual Fair (PNE)		\$23,403

Licence Fee

Sports and Fitness Instruction	\$265
Standard Hours Liquor Establishment	<p>\$9</p> <p>annually per person based on the person capacity set out on the Provincial liquor licence for the establishment, except that despite the person capacity,</p> <p>the minimum fee for Classes 1 through 6 will be \$650, and the maximum fee will be \$5,673, and</p> <p>the minimum fee for Classes 7 and 8 will be \$265, and the maximum fee will be \$801</p>
Street Vendor	\$265
Swimming Pool associated with any Long Term Rental provided in Multiple Conversion Dwelling, Multiple Dwelling or Non-profit Housing, or Hotel or Motel	\$1,060
Temporary Filming Company	\$131

Licence Fee

Theatre	\$360
Tourism Services	\$265
Trade Contractor	\$360
Transportation and Support Services, except Public Bike Share and Passenger Directed Vehicle Services, excluding transportation network services providers providing transportation network services under an inter-municipal TNS business licence	\$265
Public Bike Share	\$3,040
Passenger Directed Vehicle Services, excluding transportation network services providers providing transportation network services under an inter-municipal TNS business licence	\$265 plus \$124.02 for each vehicle except for accessible passenger directed vehicles and zero-emission vehicles
Urban Farm – Class A	\$13
Urban Farm – Class B	\$265
Vehicle Repair, Detailing and Washing Services	\$265

Licence Fee

Venue	\$9 annually per person based on the person capacity set out on the Provincial liquor licence for the venue, except that despite the person capacity, the minimum fee will be \$265 and the maximum fee will be \$801
Warehouse Operation – Food	\$510
Warehouse Operation – Non-Food	\$265
Waste Collection and Hauling Services	\$360
Wholesale Dealer - Food	\$510
Wholesale Dealer – Non-Food	\$265
Any Business, Trade, Profession or other occupation not specified herein	\$265
Transfer of a Licence	\$192 per transfer
Non-Refundable Portion of Fee	\$116 per licence where the applicable fee is greater than \$116
Late Payment Fee	\$45

Licence Fee

	or 10% of the original licence fee, whichever is greater
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Schedule B

MISCELLANEOUS SERVICE FEES

PART 1

Application fees for comments on a new liquor licence or a permanent amendment to a liquor licence:

Base fee		\$1,231.00
Incremental Fees:		
<input type="checkbox"/> Neighbourhood notification		\$1,479.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Staff-held neighbourhood public meeting		\$2,544.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Telephone survey		\$1,392.00

PART 2

Application fees for comments on a temporary amendment to a liquor licence:

Application fee for comments on a temporary amendment to liquor licence requesting later closing hours of operation	Per night per seat except that, despite the number of seats or the number of nights, the	\$0.60
	Minimum fee will be:	\$123.00
	and the	
	Maximum fee will be:	\$822.00
Fee for assessing and providing comments on an application for a temporary amendment to a liquor license, other than a food primary license, requesting earlier opening hours of operation		\$123.00
Fee for assessing and providing comments on an application for a temporary amendment to a liquor		\$123.00

license requesting any other change to a liquor license

Fee for assessing and providing comments on an application for a permanent or temporary amendment to a food primary license requesting liquor service hours past midnight, or a temporary amendment to a food primary license requesting patron participation entertainment	\$123.00
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Fee for assessing and providing comments on an application for the issue or amendment of a cannabis licence

\$2,955.00

PART 3

Miscellaneous Fees and Charges

Application fee (s. 6.3)	\$74.00
Request for copy of licence (s. 8(a))	\$7.00
Request for change of business name or business trade name (s. 8(b))	\$13.00
Request for change of business address under licence (s. 8(c))	\$32.00
Request for change in business licence category (s. 8(d))	\$13.00
Temporary licence fee for standard hours liquor establishment (s. 21.3(10))	\$123.00

SCHEDULE A

Year 2025 Vehicles for Hire Licence Fees

A classification of carriers and respective licence fees payable by such person.

The following licence fees are payable by every person owning or operating any of the following vehicles for hire in the City of Vancouver:

Airport Shuttle Bus	Per annum for each vehicle	\$114.00
Airport Transporter	Per annum for each vehicle	\$239.00
Charter Bus	Per annum for each vehicle	\$239.00
Charter Van	Per annum for each vehicle	\$239.00
Courier Cycle	Per annum for each vehicle	\$25.00
Driver Instruction Vehicle	Per annum for each vehicle	\$239.00
Horse-Drawn Carriage	Per annum for each vehicle	\$784.00
Motor Stage	Per annum for each vehicle	\$239.00
Pedicab	Per annum for each vehicle	\$239.00
For each person operating a leased vehicle on a daily fee basis	Per annum	\$16.00
Quadricycle	Per annum for each vehicle	\$239.00
School Cab	Per annum for each vehicle	\$239.00

School Shuttle Van	Per annum for each vehicle	\$239.00
Tow Truck	Per annum for each vehicle	\$239.00
U-Drive	Per annum for each vehicle with 4 or more wheels	\$67.00
	Per annum for each vehicle with less than 4 wheels	\$17.00

Unless otherwise provided herein, the licence fee to operate a vehicle licenced for one purpose shall be \$108 for each additional purpose authorized by this By-law. \$108.00

Administrative costs

Transfer of Licence - s. 9(4)	\$192.00
Replacement Plate - s. 10(4)	\$48.00
Cycle Courier Testing - s. 11(1)	\$53.00

Pro-rated licence fees

If a person commences owning or operating a vehicle for hire after January 1 in any calendar year, the licence fee is to be pro-rated by dividing the applicable annual licence fee by 12 and multiplying the resulting number by the number of whole or partial months remaining in that calendar year except that:

- (a) annual licence fees that are less than \$93 will not be pro-rated; and
- (b) the minimum licence fee for any vehicle for hire shall be the lesser of \$93 or the full amount of the annual licence for that vehicle for hire.

SCHEDULE A

Year 2025 Animal Control Fees and Charges**Part 1 - Licence Fees**

Dog (per annum)	\$65.00
Aggressive dog (per annum)	\$212.00
Replacement dog tag	\$6.00

Part 2 – Impound Fees

Licensed dog	\$118.00
Unlicensed dog	\$230.00
Licensed aggressive dog	\$427.00
Unlicensed aggressive dog	\$544.00
Fowl, other bird, rabbit, or rodent	\$20.00
Reptile or other animal	\$117.00

Part 3 – Maintenance Charges (per day)

Dog	\$31.00 per day
Aggressive dog	\$40.00 per day
Fowl, other bird, rabbit or rodent	\$6.00 per day
Reptile or other animal	\$41.00 per day
Exotic Bird (e.g. Amazon Parrots, African Grey, Cockatoos, Conures, Lorikeets and Macaws)	\$20.00 per day

Part 4 – Adoption Fees

Dog Up to 7 years of age	\$374.00
Dog >7 years old / with ongoing Medical Conditions	\$114.00
Ferret	\$75.00
Rabbit, chinchilla and hedgehog	\$41.00
Guinea pig	\$20.00
Parakeet and Lovebird	\$20.00
Budgie and Finch	\$13.00
Chicken, rooster, duck, pigeon and dove	\$6.00
Mouse, rat, hamster, gerbil and degu	\$6.00
Exotic Bird (e.g. Amazon Parrots, African Grey, Cockatoos, Conures, Lorikeets and Macaws)	\$318.00
Other animal not listed above	\$159.00

Part 5 – Miscellaneous

Microchipping	\$20.00
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APPENDIX D

BUSINESS LICENCE FEES FOR LIQUOR SERVING AND LIQUOR RETAIL BUSINESSES

Table 1 Annual licence fees, number of licences issued and revenue from liquor related businesses

Licence Type	Base fee	Per Seat Fee	Min Fee	Max Fee	# Licences Issued 2023*	Anticipated Revenue 2024
Restaurant w/ Liquor	944	12.20	n/a	5,352	1,191	2,456,849
Extended Hours Liquor Establishment Class 1 - 7	n/a	20.40	250	27,545	108	463,962
Standard Hours Liquor Establishment Class 1 – 6	n/a	7.50	250	3,769	56	61,560
Class 7 & 8	n/a	7.50	250	641	34	21,532
Venue	n/a	7.50	250	582	29	16,514
Food Manufacturing (breweries, wineries, distilleries)	481	n/a	n/a	n/a	30	14,430
Total					1,448	3,034,847

*2023 is the most recent full-year data. Notes: Liquor Establishment business licences classes are based on person capacity; exceptions are Class 7 Club (members and guests only) and Class 8, for non-traditional liquor serving businesses such as hair salons and book stores.

Table 2 Comparison of current and proposed fees Restaurant with Liquor and Standard Hours Liquor Establishment

Business Licence (BL) Type	Base BL Fee (\$)	Fee per Seat (\$)	Fee for 150 Seat (\$)	Proposed Base BL Fee	Proposed Fee per Seat (\$)	Proposed Fee for 150 Seat (\$)
Restaurant with Liquor	944	12.20	2,774	944	10	2444
Standard Hours Liquor Establishment Class 1 – 6*	n/a	7.50	1,125	n/a	9	1350

Table 3 Business licence fees for Restaurants with liquor service in select BC cities (2024)

City	Fee (\$) (150-person restaurant)
Vancouver	2,774
New West (with patron participation)	1,548
Victoria Downtown/Non-DT	1,250/1,100
Surrey (all types of liquor)	883
Richmond	680
Burnaby	537
Delta	535
Surrey (beer and wine only)	444
New West	387
Whistler	350
Coquitlam	200
North Van City	192
Kelowna	160
Average fee other municipalities	636

Table 4 Business licence fees for Liquor Establishments in select BC cities (2024)

City	Fee (\$) 150 person	Fee (\$) 300 person	Fee (\$) 500 person
Vancouver Ext Hr Liquor Establishment	3,060	6,120	10,200
Vancouver Std Hr Liquor Establishment	1,125	2,250	3,750
Surrey (Cabaret/Pub)	5,277/2,653	5,277/2,653	5,277/2,653
Richmond	2,929	4,284	4,284
Burnaby	3,822	3,822	3,822
New West	3,096	3,096	3,096
Victoria (Downtown/Non-DT)	1350/1200	2,400/2,100	3,800/3,300
Whistler	800	1,550	2,550
Port Coquitlam	1,550	1,550	1,550
North Van City	1,550	1,550	1,550
Kelowna (Cabaret/Pub)	1,000/250	1,000/250	1,000/250
Average Fee other municipalities	2,123	2,461	2,761

Vancouver is the only city with fees based on hours of liquor service (Standard and Extended hours Liquor Licences). Hours for these businesses are regulated in the [Business Premises Regulation of Hours By-law](#).

Table 5 Business licence fees for Liquor Retail Store in select BC cities

City	Liquor Retail Licence Fee (\$)
Vancouver	502
Whistler	190
Coquitlam	240
Victoria	280
Burnaby	372
City N.Van	384
Delta	410
Richmond	442
Kelowna	650
Surrey	883
Port Coquitlam	1500
New West	3096
Average	745