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To: The Mayor and Council
From: Ryan Jestin, P. Eng., Director, Calgary Community Standards
Re: Community Standards Bylaw Review Summary of Proposed Amendments

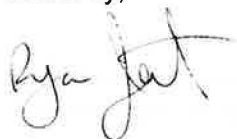
On 2016 November 2, Community Standards Bylaw Review Report CPS2016-0852 was presented to the Standing Policy Committee on Community and Protective Services. In response to questions from Committee regarding clarification of the bylaw amendments, this memo provides a summary of the key changes proposed. The report and amending bylaw are on Council's agenda for Monday, November 28.

Thank you.

Section	Proposed (New)	Rationale
Part 5 – Fire Pits	Fires in Firepits Section 16(1)(h) New provision that requires wood-burning fire pits to be covered with a non-combustible mesh screen with openings no greater than 1.24 cm. Schedule A Increase fines for unsafe fire pits and burning prohibited materials (from current \$500 to \$750)	A mesh screen will reduce sparks and embers and nuisance impacts of fire pits on neighbouring properties. This will address citizen concerns about fire safety and provide a stronger deterrent for burning of prohibited materials that increase smoke.
Part 9 – Noise	Outdoor Concerts Section 33.1(1) New section that adds a limit of 85 decibels (dBC) to reduce noise-induced vibrations from bass sound. Schedule A Increase fines for noise over the allowable limit (specified penalties on tickets): <ul style="list-style-type: none">• from \$100 to \$250 for sound in excess of prescribed level• from \$100 to \$500 outdoor speakers when prohibited• \$500 for outdoor concert noise (new)	The sound study found that a 85 dBC limit at residences near concert venues would reduce the impact of concert bass sound while still allowing for an enjoyable concert experience at the venue. This will maintain the deterrent for repeat noise offences.
Part 11 – Weeds and Grass	Schedule A Increase fines for long grass and weeds (from current \$300 to \$400)	This will maintain the deterrent for repeat offences for long grass and weeds.

Part 4 – Untidy Properties	Outdoor Storage of Building Materials Section 10 This section was deleted and the provisions were incorporated in Section 8. Schedule A Increase fines for the accumulation of materials <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • from \$100 to \$200 visible material • from \$300 to \$500 offensive material • from \$200 to \$500 harmful fluids • from \$200 to \$500 improper storage of building materials 	Provisions were revised for greater clarity and enforceability. This will maintain the deterrent effect for offences that cause an unsightly condition, create a public safety concern, or attract pests.
Part 10 – Nuisances	Flyers and Debris Section 44(4) Expand the commercial flyers provision to include non-commercial flyers when a ‘no-flyer’ sign is displayed at a dwelling.	This will address nuisances related to recycling unwanted flyers, limiting the volume of unwanted flyers causing public litter; the privacy rights of homeowners to limit the purpose for which members of the public are entitled to enter into their private property; and the rights of parents to control their children’s access to materials received in their homes. The provision would not apply to election advertising material, paid newspaper delivery, community association newsletters, and information produced by government, government agencies and elected officials.
Part 12 – Maintenance of Buildings/ Structures	Obligation to Maintain Section 50(1) Reference to “safety hazard” was replaced with “unsightly condition”.	Provisions and definitions revised to clarify that the focus is on nuisance impacts. Safety hazards are addressed through the Safety Codes Act and Building Maintenance Bylaw.

Sincerely,



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