



Squamish Nation Fireworks Regulation

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1. Overview

- (a) The Nexwsxwníwntm ta Úxwumixw (Council) of Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) prohibited the sale, purchase, possession, and/or discharge of fireworks on Squamish Nation reserve lands of any kind effective November 1, 2022;
- (b) Council directed that exceptions to the prohibition on fireworks could be made by resolution by Council; and,
- (c) Council passed a resolution continuing to support the ban on fireworks sales, use and discharge on August 4, 2023.

2. Signage

Any signs related to the sale of fireworks are strictly prohibited on Squamish Nation reserve lands or infrastructure. Signage will be removed by Squamish Nation staff, and fines will be issued to offending individuals or entities.

3. Fines for Violations

- (a) Violations of this Regulation will incur fines in accordance to the following fine schedule:
 - i. \$250 fine to each Squamish Nation Member and \$1000 to each non-Squamish Nation Member found to have violated the prohibition on **displaying a sign** related to the sale of fireworks on Squamish Nation reserve lands and infrastructure from the date of this Regulation onwards;
 - ii. \$250 fine to each Member and \$1000 to each non-Member found to have violated the prohibition on **selling fireworks** anywhere on Squamish Nation reserve lands without the prior express authorization of Council by way of resolution;
 - iii. \$250 fine to each Member and \$1000 to each non-Member found to have violated the prohibition on **purchasing fireworks** anywhere on Squamish Nation reserve lands without the prior express authorization of Council by way of resolution;
 - iv. \$250 fine to each Member and \$1000 to each non-Member found to have violated the prohibition on **possessing fireworks** anywhere on Squamish Nation reserve lands without the prior express authorization of Council by way of resolution;
 - v. \$250 fine to each Member and \$1000 to each non-Member found to have violated the prohibition on **discharging fireworks** anywhere on Squamish Nation reserve lands without the prior express authorization of Council by way of resolution; and,

- vi. \$250 fine to each Member and \$1000 to each non-Member found to have violated the prohibition on **storing fireworks** anywhere on Squamish Nation reserve lands without the prior express authorization of Council by way of resolution.

(b) Fines are cumulative and will continue to accumulate each day that the violations persist, to a maximum amount of \$1,500 per Squamish Nation Member in a single calendar year. There is no annual maximum for non-Squamish Nation Members.

Those in violation of the Regulation will be required to pay this amount to Squamish Nation. If Members refuse to pay, Squamish Nation will deduct the total amount from future distributions from Squamish Nation to which Squamish Nation Members would normally be entitled. If non- Squamish Nation Members refuse to pay, Squamish Nation may take legal action to enforce the fine.

4. Housing Policy Infractions & Liability for Insurance Costs

The storage of fireworks at your home, in violation of this Regulation, may void Squamish Nation's fire insurance policy. By acting in a manner that risks voiding Squamish Nation's fire insurance policy, Squamish Nation Members may have their custom home allocation revoked under the Squamish Nation Housing Policy. Even if violations of the Regulation do not void Squamish Nation's insurance policy, violators will be held responsible for any damage to or destruction of Squamish Nation housing caused by, resulting from, or related to any current or continued violations of the Regulation. This will include Members being required to pay all costs for repair or reconstruction of any damaged or destroyed Squamish Nation housing and/or the \$50,000 deductible set out under the insurance policy.

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