

THE CITY OF VAUGHAN

BY-LAW

BY-LAW NUMBER 161-2019

A By-law of the Corporation of the City of Vaughan to amend the Discharge of Firearms By-law 123-2016, as amended.

WHEREAS section 119 of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25, as amended, provides that a municipality may, for the purpose of public safety, prohibit or regulate the discharge of guns or other firearms, air-guns, spring-guns, cross-bows, long-bows or any other weapon;

AND WHEREAS section 425 of the Municipal Act provides for a municipality to pass by-laws providing that a person who contravenes a by-law of the municipality passed under the Act is guilty of an offence;

AND WHEREAS the Council of The Corporation of the City of Vaughan wishes to further amend its by-law that for the purpose of public safety and nuisance control, regulates the discharge of guns or other firearms, air-guns, spring-guns, compound bows, cross-bows, long-bows or any other designated weapon;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of The Corporation of the City of Vaughan **ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:**

1. That Discharge of Firearms By-law 123-2016 be further amended as follows:
 - (a) the “Short Title” section be replaced with a “Authority and Short Title” section, as follows:
 - 1.0 Authority and Short Title
 - (1) This By-law was approved by Item No. 7 of Report No. 27 of the Committee of the Whole and passed by City Council on June 28, 2016.
 - (2) The By-law shall be known and referenced as the “Discharge of Firearms By-law.”
 - (b) an “Applicability and Scope” section be added, as follows:
 - 2.0 Applicability and Scope

- (1) This By-law applies to all properties and *Public Lands* within the boundaries of the City of Vaughan.
 - (2) Despite any prohibitions or restrictions in this By-law, its provisions do not apply to any Persons with authority under either provincial or federal statute to carry and discharge a Designated Weapon.
- (c) Adding the following definition:
- “Public Lands” means lands owned by the City, and shall include but not be limited to the Boulevard, any Highway, lane, alley, square, place, viaduct or trestle, water, way or bridge, park, woodland, greenbelt, storm water management facility, open space, municipal golf course or cemetery, and all parts thereof, including any surface, grassed area, boulevard, ditch, curb, gutter and sidewalk, but does not include property owned by the Regional, Provincial, Federal Government, a Crown Corporation, Hydro, Utility or Railway Company;
- (d) the following provision be added to the Part on Penalties:
- (1) Every person who is convicted of an offence under this By-law is liable to a fine as provided for in the Provincial Offences Act, R.S.O. 1990, C. P.33.
- (e) a “Severability” section be added, as follows:
- 10.0 Severability

Enacted by City of Vaughan Council this 19th day of November, 2019.

Hon. Maurizio Bevilacqua, Mayor

Todd Coles, City Clerk