

THE CITY OF VAUGHAN

BY-LAW

BY-LAW NUMBER 148-2025

A By-law of the Corporation of the City of Vaughan to amend Fireworks and Pyrotechnics By-law 089-2022, as amended, to prohibit the release of flying lanterns in the City.

AND WHEREAS section 8(1) of the *Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25*, as amended, ("*Municipal Act*") provides that the powers of a municipality shall be interpreted broadly as to confer broad authority on the municipality to enable it to govern its affairs as it considers appropriate, and to enhance its ability to respond to municipal issues;

AND WHEREAS section 11(2)6. of the *Municipal Act* authorizes a municipality to pass by-laws with respect to the health, safety and well-being of persons;

AND WHEREAS the City of Vaughan enacted Fireworks and Pyrotechnics By-law 089-2022, as amended, in which municipal by-law enforcement officers have the authority to enforce the By-law;

AND WHEREAS Council has determined that it is desirable to make amendments to Fireworks and Pyrotechnics By-law 089-2022, as amended, to prohibit the release of flying lanterns in the City;

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

1. That Fireworks and Pyrotechnics By-law 089-2022, as amended, be further amended by adding the following definition in alphabetical order to section 3.0(6):
"Flying Lantern" means a small hot air balloon or similar device made of treated paper or any other material, with an opening at the bottom, which is propelled by an open flame generated by a small candle or fuel cell, allowing the balloon or similar device to rise and float in the air, uncontrollably, while ignited.

2. That Fireworks By-law 089-2022, as amended, be further amended by adding Part **4.1 Flying Lanterns** to read as follows:

4.1 Flying Lanterns

(1) No *Person* shall ignite, release, set off, cause or permit to be set off into the air

an ignited *Flying Lantern* within the *City*.

Voted in favour by City of Vaughan Council this 24th day of June, 2025.

Steven Del Duca, Mayor

Todd Coles, City Clerk

Authorized by Item No. 13 of Report No. 23 of the Committee of the Whole.
Report adopted by Vaughan City Council on June 24, 2025.
City Council voted in favour of this by-law on June 24, 2025.
Approved by Mayoral Decision MDC 010-2025 dated June 24, 2025.
Effective Date of By-Law: June 24, 2025