

THE CITY OF VAUGHAN

BY-LAW

BY-LAW NUMBER 052-2025

A By-law to amend Discharge of Firearms By-law 123-2016, as amended, to reflect changes to the legislative authority for municipalities to appoint municipal by-law enforcement officers, update definitions and clarify interpretation of the By-law.

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 the City of Vaughan enacted Discharge of Firearms By-law 123-2016, in which various types of officers have the authority to enforce the By-law;

AND WHEREAS section 55 of the *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019*, S.O. 2019, c. 1, Sched. 1 ("*Community Safety and Policing Act*") gives municipalities the authority to appoint *Municipal By-law Enforcement Officers* and repeals and replaces the *Police Services Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. P. 15 ("*Police Services Act*") which previously gave municipal councils that authority;

AND WHEREAS the Council of The Corporation of the City of Vaughan deems it necessary to amend Discharge of Firearms By-law 123-2016, as amended, to reflect this change to legislative authority, and make other updates regarding definitions and interpretation of the By-law;

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

1. To amend By-law 123-2016, as amended, as follows:
 - (a) renumber section 3.0(1) to 3.0(4);
 - (b) to delete the letter(s) beside each separate definition in section 3.0(4) and list all definitions in alphabetical order;
 - (c) to add sections 3.0(1) to 3.0(3) as follows:
 - (1) In this By-law, unless the context otherwise requires, words imparting the singular number shall include the plural, and words

imparting the masculine gender shall include the feminine and further, the converse of the foregoing also applies where the context requires.

- (2) Wherever a word is used in this By-law with its first letter capitalized and the whole word italicized, the term is being used as it is defined in 3.0(4) of this By-law. Where any word appears in ordinary case, the commonly applied English language meaning is intended.
 - (3) Any reference to a statute, regulation, by-law or other legislation shall include such statute, regulation, by-law or legislation as amended, re-enacted, replaced, or superseded.
- (d) delete reference to “as amended” and “as amended, or its equivalent in any successor by-law”;
 - (e) delete and replace the definition of *Municipal Law Enforcement Officer* with: “Municipal By-law Enforcement Officer” means a person appointed as a Municipal By-law Enforcement Officer, pursuant to section 15 of the *Police Services Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.15 or section 55 of the *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019*, S.O. 2019, c. 1, Sched. 1, to enforce the provisions of this By-law;
 - (f) delete and replace the text in section 5.0(1) with, “Notwithstanding section 4.0(1), a Police Officer, Conservation Officer, or *Animal Services Officer* may discharge a *Firearm* in the exercise of his or her duties.”
 - (g) delete and replace the text in section 7.0(1) with, “No person shall hinder or obstruct a *Municipal By-law Enforcement Officer*, or York Regional Police Officer from entering and inspecting all lands at any reasonable time for purposes of determining whether there is compliance with this By-law;
 - (h) add the following definitions in section 3.0(4) in alphabetical order:

“Animal Services Officer” includes:

 - (a) *Municipal By-Law Enforcement Officers*;
 - (b) Animal Services Manager(s) or Supervisor(s); and

- (c) any other person authorized by the *Director*, such as persons under contract to or appointed by the *City*;
“Zoning By-law” refers to *City Zoning By-law 001-2021*;
- (i) delete and replace reference to “Zoning By-law 1-88, as amended, or its equivalent in any successor by-law” with “*Zoning By-law*”.

Voted in favour by City of Vaughan Council this 25th day of February, 2025.

Steven Del Duca, Mayor

Todd Coles, City Clerk

Authorized by Item No. 13 of Report No. 1 of the Committee of the Whole.
Report adopted by Vaughan City Council on January 28, 2025.
City Council voted in favour of this by-law on February 25, 2025.
Approved by Mayoral Decision MDC 002-2025 dated February 25, 2025.
Effective Date of By-Law: February 25, 2025