CITY OF RICHMOND

INTER-MUNICIPAL BUSINESS LICENCE

BYLAW NO. 10763

DATE OF ADOPTION – SEPTEMBER 14, 2026

EFFECTIVE DATE – JANUARY 1, 2027

(REPEALS BYLAW NO. 10584 EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 31, 2026)

City of Richmond

Bylaw 10763

Inter-municipal Business Licence Agreement Bylaw No. 10763

A Bylaw to enter into an agreement among the City of Burnaby, the City of Delta, the City of New Westminster, the City of Richmond, the City of Surrey, the City of Vancouver and the Township of Langley (the "Participating Municipalities") regarding an Inter-municipal Business Licence Scheme

The Council of the City of Richmond enacts as follows:

1. That effective December 31, 2026, Inter-municipal Business Licence Agreement Bylaw No. 10584 be repealed.

2. Council hereby authorizes the City to enter into an Agreement with the City of Burnaby, the City of Delta, the City of New Westminster, the City of Richmond, the City of Surrey, the City of Vancouver, and the Township of Langley, in substantially the form and substance of the Agreement attached to this Bylaw as Schedule A, and also authorizes the Chief Administrative Officer and the General Manager, Finance and Corporate Services to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City, and to deliver it to the Participating Municipalities on such terms and conditions as the Chief Administrative Officer and the General Manager, Law and Community Safety deem fit.

3. This Bylaw is cited as **"Inter-municipal Business Licence Agreement Bylaw No. 10763".**

FIRST READING

SECOND READING

THIRD READING

ADOPTED

CITY OF RICHMOND
APPROVED for content by originating dept. *VD*
APPROVED for legality by Solicitor LB

MAYOR

CORPORATE OFFICER

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Schedule A

Inter-municipal Business Licence Agreement

WHEREAS the City of Burnaby, the City of Delta, the City of New Westminster, the City of Richmond, the City of Surrey, the City of Vancouver, and the Township of Langley (hereinafter the *"Participating Municipalities"*) wish to permit certain categories of Businesses to operate across their jurisdictional boundaries while minimizing the need to obtain a separate municipal business licence in each jurisdiction;

NOW THEREFORE the City of Burnaby, the City of Delta, the City of New Westminster, the City of Richmond, the City of Surrey, the City of Vancouver, and the Township of Langley agree as follows:

1. The *Participating Municipalities* agree to establish an inter-municipal business licence scheme among the *Participating Municipalities,* pursuant to section 14 of the *Community Charter* and section 192.1 of the *Vancouver Charter.*

2. The *Participating Municipalities* will request their respective municipal Councils to each ratify this Agreement and enact a bylaw to implement an inter-municipal business licence scheme effective January 1, 2027.

3. In this Agreement:

   "Business" has the meaning in the *Community Charter;*

   "Community Charter" means the Community Charter, S.B.C. 2003, c. 26;

   "Inter-municipal Business" means any of the following businesses that provide services outside of their Principal Municipality:

   (a) A trades contractor or other professional related to the construction industry;

   (b) A contractor who performs maintenance, repair and/or inspections of land and buildings; and

   (c) A health care professional or a health care service provider who provides services by visiting clients in their homes;

   "Inter-municipal Business Licence" means a business licence which authorizes an *Inter-municipal Business* to be carried on within the jurisdictional boundaries of any or all of the *Participating Municipalities*;

   "*Inter-municipal Business Licence Bylaw*" means the bylaw adopted by the Council of each *Participating Municipality* to implement the inter-municipal business licence scheme contemplated by this Agreement;

"Municipal Business Licence" means a licence or permit, other than an Inter-municipal Business Licence, issued by a *Participating Municipality* that authorizes a Business to be carried on within the jurisdictional boundaries of the *Participating Municipality*;

"*Participating Municipality*" means any one of the *Participating Municipalities*;

"Person" has the meaning in the Interpretation Act, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 238;

"Premises" means one or more fixed or permanent locations where the Person ordinarily carries on business;

"*Principal Municipality*" means the *Participating Municipality* where a *Business* is located or has *Premises*; and

"Vancouver Charter" means the Vancouver Charter, S.B.C. 1953, c.55.

4. Subject to the provisions of the *Inter-municipal Business Licence Bylaw*, the *Participating Municipalities* will permit a *Person* who has obtained an *Inter-municipal Business Licence* to carry on *Business* within any *Participating Municipality* for the term authorized by the *Inter-municipal Business Licence* without obtaining a *Municipal Business Licence* in the other *Participating Municipalities*.

5. A *Principal Municipality* may issue an *Inter-municipal Business Licence* to an applicant if the applicant is an *Inter-municipal Business* and meets the requirements of the *Inter-municipal Business Licence Bylaw*, in addition to the requirements of the *Principal Municipality's* bylaw that applies to a *Municipal Business Licence*.

6. Notwithstanding that a *Person* may hold an *Inter-municipal Business Licence* that would make it unnecessary to obtain a *Municipal Business Licence* in other *Participating Municipalities*, the *Person* must still comply with all other regulations of any municipal business licence bylaw or regulation in addition to any other bylaws that may apply within any jurisdiction in which the *Person* carries on *Business.*

7. An *Inter-municipal Business Licence* must be issued by the *Participating Municipality* in which the applicant maintains *Premises.*

8. The *Participating Municipalities* will require that the holder of an *Inter-municipal Business Licence* also obtain a *Municipal Business Licence* for *Premises* that are maintained by the licence holder within the jurisdiction of the *Participating Municipality.*

9. The *Inter-municipal Business Licence* fee is $300 and is payable to the *Principal Municipality.*

10. The *Inter-municipal Business Licence* fee is separate from and in addition to any *Municipal Business Licence* fee that may be required by a *Participating Municipality.*

11. Despite section 15, the *Inter-municipal Business Licence* fee will not be pro-rated.

12. The *Participating Municipalities* will distribute revenue generated from *Inter-Municipal Business Licence* Fees amongst all *Participating Municipalities* based on the *Principal Municipality* retaining 90% of the *Inter-municipal Business Licence* fee and the remaining 10% distributed equally to the remaining *Participating Municipalities.*

13. The *Participating Municipalities* will review the *Inter-municipal Business Licence* scheme and the revenue sharing formula established by this Agreement from time to time and may alter the formula in section 12 by written agreement of all *Participating Municipalities.*

14. The revenue generated from *Inter-municipal Business Licence* fees collected from January 1 to December 31 inclusive that is to be distributed to other *Participating Municipalities*, in accordance with section 12, will be distributed by February 28 of the year following the year in which fees were collected. The *Participating Municipalities* will designate one municipality, which may change from time to time, to calculate and distribute the revenue generated *from Inter-municipal Business Licence* fees.

15. The length of term of an *Inter-municipal Business Licence* is twelve (12) months, except that, at the option of a *Principal Municipality*, the length of term of the initial *Inter-municipal Business Licence* issued to an *Inter-municipal Business* in that municipality may be less than twelve (12) months in order to harmonize the expiry date of the *Inter-municipal Business Licence* with the expiry date of the *Municipal Business Licence.*

16. An *Inter-municipal Business Licence* will be valid within the jurisdiction boundaries of all the *Participating Municipalities* until its term expires, unless the *Inter-municipal Business Licence* is suspended or cancelled or a *Participating Municipality* withdraws from the inter-municipal business licence scheme among the *Participating Municipalities* in accordance with the *Inter-municipal Business Licence Bylaw*.

17. Each *Participating Municipality* will share a database of *Inter-municipal Business Licences*, which will be available for the use of all *Participating Municipalities*.

18. Each *Participating Municipality* which issues an *Inter-municipal Business Licence* will promptly update the shared database after the issuance of that licence.

19. A *Participating Municipality* may exercise the authority of the *Principal Municipality* and suspend an *Inter-municipal Business Licence* in relation to conduct by the holder within the *Participating Municipality* which would give rise to the power to suspend a business licence under the *Community Charter* or *Vancouver Charter* or under the business licence bylaw of the *Participating Municipality*. The suspension will be in effect throughout all of the *Participating Municipalities* and it will be unlawful for the holder to carry on the *Business* authorized by the *Inter-municipal Business Licence* in any *Participating Municipality* for the period of the suspension.

20. A *Participating Municipality* may exercise the authority of the *Principal Municipality* and cancel an *Inter-municipal Business Licence* in relation to conduct by the holder within the *Participating Municipality* which would give rise to the power to cancel a business licence under the Community Charter or Vancouver Charter or the business

licence bylaw of the *Participating Municipality*. The cancellation will be in effect throughout all of the *Participating Municipalities*.

21. The cancellation of an *Inter-municipal Business Licence* under section 20 will not affect the authority of a *Participating Municipality* to issue a business licence, other than an *Inter-municipal Business Licence*, to the holder of the cancelled *Inter-municipal Business Licence.*

22. Nothing in this agreement affects the authority of a *Participating Municipality* to suspend or cancel any business licence issued by that municipality or to enact regulations in respect of any category of *Business* under section 15 of the *Community Charter* or sections 272, 273, 279A, 279A.1, 279B, and 279C of the *Vancouver Charter*.

23. A Participating Municipality may, by notice in writing to each of the other Participating Municipalities, withdraw from the *Inter-municipal Business Licence* scheme among the Participating Municipalities, and the notice must:

(a) set out the date on which the withdrawing municipality will no longer recognize the validity within its boundaries of *Inter-municipal Business Licences,* which date must be at least six months from the date of the notice; and

(b) include a certified copy of the municipal Council resolution or bylaw authorizing the municipality's withdrawal from the *Inter-municipal Business Licence* scheme.

24. Prior to the effective date of a withdrawal under section 23 of this Agreement, the remaining *Participating Municipalities* will review and enter into an agreement to amend the revenue distribution formula set-out in section 12 of this Agreement.

25. Nothing contained or implied in this Agreement shall fetter in any way the discretion of the Council of the *Participating Municipalities*. Further, nothing contained or implied in this Agreement shall prejudice or affect the *Participating Municipalities'* rights, powers, duties or obligations in the exercise of its functions pursuant to the *Community Charter*, *Vancouver Charter*, or the *Local Government Act*, as amended or replaced from time to time, or act to fetter or otherwise affect the *Participating Municipalities*' discretion, and the rights, powers, duties and obligations under all public and private statutes, bylaws, orders and regulations, which may be, if each *Participating Municipality* so elects, as fully and effectively exercised as if this Agreement had not been executed and delivered by the *Participating Municipalities*.

26. Despite any other provision of this Agreement, an *Inter-municipal Business Licence* granted in accordance with the *Inter-municipal Business Licence Bylaw* does not grant the holder of a licence to operate in any jurisdiction other than within the jurisdictional boundaries of the *Participating Municipalities*. Furthermore, a business licence granted under any other inter-municipal business licence scheme is deemed not to exist for the purposes of this Agreement even if a *Participating Municipality* is a participating member of the other inter-municipal licence scheme.

27. This Agreement may be executed in several counter parts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original. Such counterparts together shall constitute one and the same instrument,

notwithstanding that all of the *Participating Municipalities* are not signatories to the original or the same counterpart.

28. This Agreement replaces and supersedes the Inter-municipal Business Licence Agreement entered into by the City of Burnaby, the City of Delta, the City of New Westminster, the City of Richmond, the City of Surrey, and the City of Vancouver in 2024.

29. In the event that the municipal Council of a *Participating Municipality* does not ratify this agreement, then that municipality will not be considered a *Participating Municipality* for the purposes of this Agreement, and the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall be effective as among the other *Participating Municipalities*

SIGNED AND DELIVERED on behalf of the *Participating Municipalities*, the Councils of each of which has, by bylaw, ratified this Agreement and authorized their signatures to sign on behalf of the respective Councils, on the dates indicated below.

CITY OF BURNABY

City Clerk _____

Date _____

CITY OF DELTA

Mayor _____

Clerk _____

Date _____

CITY OF NEW WESTMINSTER

Mayor _____

Clerk _____

Date _____

CITY OF RICHMOND

Chief Administrative Officer _____

General Manager, Law
and Community Safety _____

Date _____

CITY OF SURREY

Mayor _____

Clerk _____

Date _____

CITY OF VANCOUVER

Director of Legal Services _____

Date _____

TOWNSHIP OF LANGLEY

Mayor _____

Clerk _____

Date _____