

# **THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF MAPLE RIDGE**

## **BY-LAW NO. 5115-1994**

**A By-law to prohibit dumping and  
littering in open places**

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**WHEREAS** the Municipal Council may by by-law prohibit the depositing, throwing or dumping of bottles, broken glass or other rubbish in any open place;

**AND WHEREAS**, the District of Maple Ridge has many beautiful rural areas, greenbelts and open places which must be protected from the accumulation of litter;

**NOW THEREFORE** the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the District of Maple Ridge, in open meeting assembled, ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. This by-law shall be cited for all purposes as "Maple Ridge Littering Prohibition By-law No. 5115 -1994".

### **Interpretation**

2. For the purposes of this by-law, unless the context otherwise requires:

"By-law Enforcement Officer" means a By-law Enforcement Officer appointed by or for the District of Maple Ridge.

"Council" means the Council of the Corporation of the District of Maple Ridge.

"Person" means any individual, corporation, partnership or party, and the heirs, executors, administrator, or other like legal representatives of such person, to whom the context can apply, according to law.

All other words or terms shall have their normal meaning or the meaning assigned to them in the Municipal Act, the Health Act or the Litter Act of the Province of British Columbia.

### **Abatement of Littering**

3. No person shall deposit, throw or dump any bottles, broken glass, or other rubbish, whether liquid or solid, or permit the depositing, throwing or dumping of his bottles, broken glass or other rubbish, whether liquid or solid, in any open place.

4. A By-law Enforcement Officer may enter on to any property to investigate the depositing, throwing or dumping of any bottles, broken glass, or rubbish, in order to determine the person responsible for dumping the rubbish or the owner of the rubbish.

**Exemption**

5. Notwithstanding section 3 herein, this by-law shall not preclude any person from disposing of waste on his own premises in the manner prescribed by any municipal by-law or provincial statute or from depositing his rubbish in receptacles provided for such purpose.

**Penalties**

6. Any person who contravenes or violates any of the provisions of this by-law or who suffers or permits any act or things to be done in contravention or in violation of any of the provisions of this by-law or who neglects to do or refrains from doing anything required to be done by any of the provisions of this by-law commits an offence and, upon summary conviction therefore, shall be liable to a fine of not less than \$100.00 and not more than the maximum fine provided by the Offence Act, R.S.B.C.1979, Chp. 305 and, where the offence is a continuing one, each day that the offence is continued shall constitute a separate offence.

**Severability**

7. If any section, subsection, sentence, phrase or clause of this by-law is declared or held to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, then that invalid section, subsection, sentence, phrase or clause shall be severed and the remainder of the by-law shall be deemed to have been enacted and adopted without the invalid and severed section, subsection, sentence, phrase or clause

**Gender**

8. Wherever the singular or masculine is used, it shall be construed as meaning the plural or feminine or body corporate or politic where the context or the parties hereto so require.

**General Provision**

9. Maple Ridge Litter Prohibition By-law No.3060-1982 is hereby repealed.

**READ** a FIRST TIME on the 27th day of June , 1994 A.D.

**READ** a SECOND TIME on the 27th day of June, 1994 A.D.

**READ** a THIRD TIME on the 27th day of June , 1994 A.D.

**RECONSIDERED**, finally passed and adopted by the Municipal Council of Maple Ridge this 26th day of September, 1994 A.D.

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Mayor -

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Clerk