



## Wharves Regulation Bylaw No. 10182

**No.: COMMBYLAWS-03**

**Date: 2023-11-09**

### Purpose

To inform users of Richmond's public waterfront amenities about the new Wharves Regulation Bylaw No. 10182 (the "Wharves Bylaw"), which regulates various waterfront activities, including fishing, moorage, and marine-related commercial activities.

More details about the Wharves Bylaw, including a Wharves Bylaw Information Handout, can be found at [richmond.ca/city-hall/bylaws](http://richmond.ca/city-hall/bylaws).

### Background

The Wharves Bylaw came into effect on July 25, 2023. It aims to ensure the safe use of public waterfront amenities, balance the diverse needs of residents and visitors alike, reduce conflict, and improve City services.

The Wharves Bylaw applies to all piers, ramps, docks, floating structures, and waterlot areas that are owned, maintained, or under the care and control of the City. It identifies permitted and prohibited activities, and the City staff who have regulatory and enforcement authority.

### Wharves Bylaw Details

The Wharves Bylaw outlines:

- Wharf procedures and regulations;
- Hours of wharf operations;
- Activities requiring written authorization such as events, commercial activity (e.g. the sale of goods or services), or installation of a structure, and the procedures for how to apply for written authorization;
- Moorage regulations, including where vessels may be moored, moorage time limits, and the establishment of a moorage fee;
- Prohibited activities such as obstruction of the lawful use of a wharf or waterlot, commercial fishing, or abandonment of a vessel;
- Provisions regarding the removal of a vessel; and
- Violation fines and penalties.

Amendments will also be made to the following in connection with the Wharves Bylaw:

1. Consolidated Fees Bylaw No. 8636;
2. Notice of Bylaw Violation Dispute Adjudication Bylaw No. 8122; and
3. Municipal Ticket Information Authorization Bylaw No. 7321.

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## **Moorage Regulations**

Schedule A of the Wharves Bylaw identifies the wharf at Imperial Landing as the only public location where transient, recreational moorage is allowed. Moorage is limited to three consecutive days within a 14 day period. The moorage fees are set at \$1.50 per foot per day within that 72 hour period.

Vessels mooring at Imperial Landing are required to obtain a moorage receipt from the vessel moorage meter located at the southwest side of the pier. Tickets must be clearly displayed so they are visible on the outside the vessel from the wharf.

## **Bylaw Enforcement**

The City will begin enforcement of the Wharves Bylaw as of July 25, 2023, including education and communication efforts to notify the public about the Wharves Bylaw.

Please report any bylaw violations to [bylawrequest@richmond.ca](mailto:bylawrequest@richmond.ca) or 604-276-4345.

Police can be contacted for non-emergencies at 604-278-1212, or in case of emergencies at 911.

## **Additional Information**

The Wharves Bylaw can be found on the City's website at [richmond.ca/city-hall/bylaws](https://richmond.ca/city-hall/bylaws) or a hardcopy can be obtained from Richmond City Hall at 6911 No. 3 Road. For additional information, please refer to the City webpage 'Fishing Piers & Boating' at [richmond.ca/parks-recreation/waterfront2/fishingpiers](https://richmond.ca/parks-recreation/waterfront2/fishingpiers) for an expanded explanation of the Wharves Bylaw.

Should you have any questions regarding the Wharves Bylaw, please contact 604-276-4000 to be referred to the appropriate staff member.