

CITY OF SURREY

BYLAW NO. 19858

A By-law to request the imposition of a tax on accommodation  
under the provisions of the Provincial Sales Tax Act.

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**WHEREAS** the City Council of the City of Surrey wishes to raise revenue for the purposes of financing tourist promotion and the furtherance of programs geared to enhance the Tourism Sector within our community;

**AND WHEREAS** under section 240 of the Provincial Sales Tax Act, a municipality may request, by bylaw, that the Lieutenant Governor in Council make a regulation imposing, on behalf of the municipality, an additional tax levy, not exceeding three (3) percent on sales of accommodation within the municipality;

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Council of the City of Surrey, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

1. The Lieutenant Governor in Council is hereby requested to make a regulation under Section 240 of the Provincial Sales Tax Act, declaring that effective May 1, 2020, Section 123(1) of the Act applies in respect of accommodation purchased within the City of Surrey.
2. The tax to be imposed under the provisions of the regulation is requested to be three (3) percent of the purchase price of the accommodation.
3. The funds paid to the City of Surrey under the provisions of the regulation shall be applied to the tourist promotion and programs of Surrey Tourism & Convention Association, which operates as Discover Surrey ("Discover Surrey").
4. Discover Surrey shall submit annually to the City Council for approval, on or before October 1 in each year, a budget and a One-Year Tactical Plan which contains information sufficient in detail to describe all anticipated expenses and revenues for the next year. Both the budget and One-Year Tactical Plan must demonstrate alignment with priorities within its approved Five-Year Strategic Business Plan and have been approved by a majority of the members present at the annual general meeting of Discover Surrey.
5. Discover Surrey shall submit annually to the City Council for approval, on or before April 1 in each year, an Annual Performance Report and Financial Report for the preceding year which have been approved by a majority of the members present at the annual general meeting of Discover Surrey.
6. The directors of Discover Surrey shall permit the General Manager, Finance of the City, or a nominee of the General Manager, Finance, to inspect during normal business hours on reasonable notice, all books of account, receipts, invoices, and other financial position records which the General Manager, Finance deems advisable for the purpose of verifying and obtaining further particulars of the budget and any financial statements of Discover Surrey as they relate to money paid to Discover Surrey by the City pursuant to this Bylaw.

7. Discover Surrey shall give notice of every general meeting not less than fourteen (14) days prior to the date scheduled for the meeting if delivered by hand or transmitted via facsimile or e-mail, twenty-one (21) days by other means to the General Manager, Investment and Intergovernmental Relations.
  
8. This bylaw may be cited for all purposes as the "Municipal and Regional District Tax Bylaw, 2019, No. 19858".

PASSED FIRST READING on the 24th day of June, 2019.

PASSED SECOND READING on the 24th day of June, 2019.

PASSED THIRD READING on the 24th day of June, 2019.

FINAL ADOPTION, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, and sealed with the Corporate Seal on the 8th day of July, 2019.

\_\_\_\_\_MAYOR

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