

Bowen Island Municipality

“Bowen Island Municipality Building Numbering Regulatory Bylaw No. 25, 2000”

CONSOLIDATED FOR CONVENIENCE – AUGUST 2007

Amendment Bylaw	Date of Adoption
Bylaw No. 173, 2006	February 27, 2006

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BOWEN ISLAND MUNICIPALITY

BYLAW NO. 25, 2000

A bylaw to ensure that buildings are numbered conspicuously pursuant to the *Local Government Act*.

WHEREAS Bowen Island Municipality proposes to pass a bylaw establishing building numbering on Bowen Island;

AND WHEREAS, pursuant to section 530 of the *Local Government Act*, Council is empowered to regulate the assignment of building or structure numbers;

AND WHEREAS the Council of Bowen Island Municipality deems it desirable to regulate the assigning, sizing, and placing of numbers on buildings and structures to ensure that emergency vehicles can quickly and easily locate a building and/or a dwelling unit.

The Council for Bowen Island Municipality ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. This bylaw may be cited as “Bowen Island Municipality Building Numbering Regulatory Bylaw No. 25, 2000”.
2. In this Bylaw, unless the context otherwise requires, “number” includes “numbers” and “series of numbers”.
3. All buildings and dwelling units on Bowen Island shall be assigned a number by the Bowen Island Municipality. The assigned number shall be logical from the perspective of emergency personnel, enabling them to quickly locate a building or a dwelling unit.
4. If a building or a dwelling unit has been assigned a number in the past that is determined by the Bowen Island Municipality to be confusing or illogical in nature from the perspective of emergency personnel, Bowen Island Municipality in consultation with the owner shall re-assign the number for that building or dwelling.
 - a) The property owner is obligated to change the number of the building or dwelling unit to correspond with the re-assigned number.
 - b) Bowen Island Municipality is not liable or responsible for any costs or hardships that may be incurred by the property owner due to the re-assignment of the building or dwelling unit number.
5. Every owner or occupier of a building or dwelling unit, which has been assigned or re-assigned a number, shall:

- a) Affix or cause to be affixed the assigned or re-assigned number in a conspicuous place on the outside of the building or dwelling unit or at the entrance to the property;
 - b) If the building is set so far back from the road that the affixed number on the building is not easily visible from the road, affix the number (along with a directional arrow pointing in the direction of the building) to a sign located at the junction of the road and the driveway or path which leads to the building so that the affixed number is visible from a moving vehicle on the road;
 - c) Ensure that the affixed number is not less than ten (10) centimetres in height, and shall be of a dark colour where placed on a light background, and of a light colour where placed on a dark background;
 - d) In the instance that a building is accessible only by water, the number shall be affixed so that the number is easily visible from an approaching vessel, such as by the dock or other mooring facility.
6. At the discretion of Bowen Island Municipality, a site plan may be required to be posted at the entrance of a complex that may contain more than one building or dwelling unit.
- a) The site plan shall show the location of all buildings, dwelling units, access roads and fire hydrants, as well as showing the number assigned to every building and dwelling unit pursuant to this Bylaw; and
 - b) The Municipality shall take into account the complexity of the development when considering the requirement to have a site plan posted.
7. No property owner which has a building or a dwelling unit on the property shall display or cause to be displayed a number other than the number assigned or re-assigned by Bowen Island Municipality.
8. The property owner may apply to change all or part of the assigned or re-assigned number for a building or dwelling unit on his property by making application to Bowen Island Municipality for each digit of a number to be changed. The cost for the application shall apply as follows:

Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) for the initial digit

Forty Dollars (\$40.00) for each subsequent digit

If it is determined by Bowen Island Municipality that such application for change of digits of a number cannot be granted, the applicant shall receive a refund of the monies paid.

10. Every person who offends against any of the provisions of this Bylaw or who suffers or permits any act or thing to be done in contravention or in violation of any of the provisions of this Bylaw, or who neglects to do or refrains from doing anything required to be done by any of the provisions of this Bylaw, or who does any act or thing which violates any of the provisions of this Bylaw, shall be deemed to be guilty of an infraction of this Bylaw, and shall be liable to the penalties hereby imposed
11. a) Any person who violates any provision his bylaw commits an offence.
- b) Each separate circumstance where a provision of this Bylaw is violated constitutes a separate offence.
- c) Each day's continuance of an offence constitutes a new and distinct offence.
- d) The following persons are hereby designated as authorized to enforce the provisions of this Bylaw:
- i) a Bylaw Enforcement Officer;
 - ii) a Building Official;
 - iii) the Fire Chief;
 - iv) the Deputy Fire Chief.
- e) Where a person is in violation of any provision of this Bylaw, those persons authorized under this Section, Subsection d., may issue a violation notice upon the person in violation; and such person shall be liable to pay the Bowen Island Municipality the respective sum or sums, indicated in the violation notice set out as follows:
- First Offence:**
\$50.00 for each violation of this Bylaw.
\$25.00 for each violation if paid within fourteen (14) days of the issuance of the violation notice.
- Second Offence:**
\$100.00 for each violation of this Bylaw.
\$75.00 for each violation if paid within fourteen (14) days of the issuance of the violation notice.
- Subsequent Offences:**
\$150.00 for each violation of this Bylaw
\$125.00 for each violation if paid within fourteen (14) days of the issuance of the violation notice.
- If the penalty indicated on the Violation Notice is not paid within thirty (30) days of the issuance, a Summons may be issued in respect to the violation.
- d) Any person named in Section (d) may enter upon property at all reasonable times to ascertain whether the provisions of this Bylaw are being observed.”;

12. Except as otherwise provided in this Bylaw, every person who violates any of the provisions of this Bylaw, or who suffers or permits any act, or thing, to be done in contravention of this Bylaw, or who refuses, omits, or neglects to fulfill, observe, carry out, or perform any duty or obligation imposed by this Bylaw is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or in the alternative to imprisonment for a period not exceeding six (6) months.”; and
13. Where an owner or occupier fails to affix a number as required by this Bylaw Bowen Island Municipality may affix the number at the entrance to the property and recover the cost of so doing from the owner.
14. If a court of competent jurisdiction should declare any section or part of a section of this bylaw to be invalid, such section or part of a section shall not be construed as having persuaded or influenced Council to pass the remainder of the bylaw and it is hereby declared that the remainder of the bylaw shall be valid and shall remain in force.
15. “Greater Vancouver Regional District Building Numbering Regulatory Bylaw No. 936, 1999” and “GVRD Electoral Area “C” Numbering of Buildings Establishment Bylaw No. 663, 1990” are hereby repealed.

READ A FIRST TIME this 11th day of December, 2000.

READ A SECOND TIME this 8th day of January, 2001.

READ A THIRD TIME this 22nd day of January, 2001.

RECONSIDERED, PASSED AND FINALLY ADOPTED this 12th day of February, 2001.

(Original signed) _____
 Mayor Lisa Barrett

(Original signed) _____
 Isabell Hadford, Clerk

Certified to be a true and correct copy of
 Bylaw No. 25, 2000 cited as “Bowen
 Island Municipality Building Numbering
 Regulatory Bylaw No. 25, 2000” as adopted
 by the Council of Bowen Island Municipality
 this 12th day of February, 2001.

(Original signed) _____
 Isabell Hadford, Clerk