



Proposed Business License Regulation Bylaw No. 1400

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Name of Business: R & R Bed and Breakfast
Street Address: 5221 Oleander Drive
Name of Owner: Ruby Elenko

I have had a Business License for my Bed and Breakfast since 1998 (approx, could have been even earlier) and I do not support the proposed amendment.

An exorbitant fee of \$750.00/year is outrageous, considering that this is a seasonal venture, three months at best and this amount would absolutely cripple a small home business. Osoyoos is a small town and a fee of \$100.00 would be more in tune of being reasonable.

While there needs to be some guidelines, we are a resort town, hotels are packed and there is a desperate need for accommodations, particularly in the summer months. If too many restrictions are made, people will simply close their doors, accommodations will be of a minimum, we will lose people holidaying and no one wins (Town of Osoyoos won't be getting income from licenses, restaurants and stores will lose customers - people spend a lot of money when they are here). I would think we would want vacationers to keep coming to our beautiful little town, not deter them, rather that they find other vacation alternatives, which they can, and will.

Sincerely,
R. Elenko

From: [Leona LaFrance](#)
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Subject: License Bylaw Review Project - Proposed Business License Regulation Bylaw No. 1400
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Dear Osoyoos Planning,

I received a letter from Marg Coulson, Director of Corporate Services, at the end of February. The letter is informing of proposed updates to the business license bylaw new application requirements and fees that appear to affect my bed and breakfast home business.

For the last ten years I have been operating a bed and breakfast with a reasonable business license fee of \$50, but according to the new proposed bylaw, it appears the new fee has increased to \$750 annually. Is this correct? The reason I ask is that this is a very substantial increase in a short period of time - a **1,400%** increase by my calculation!!! Does this apply to me or specifically for new bed and breakfasts/short term rentals? As you can imagine, I am more than a little concerned.

Also, will my business need to be re-inspected to meet the new bylaw standards?

I would like to request further information and/or clarification of this proposed bylaw as it relates to my bed and breakfast. Could I receive an email from you and possibly set up a time to speak with someone in-person at the town office in the near future?

Thank you,

Leona

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