



By-law 59-2025
of The Corporation of the City of Oshawa

Being a By-law to further amend By-law 73-2012, as amended (the “Open Air Burning By-law”) of the Corporation of the City of Oshawa.

Whereas pursuant to SF-25-16, on March 12, 2025, the Safety and Facilities Services Committee recommended to The Council of the Corporation of the City of Oshawa that it is desirable to further amend the Open Air Burning By-law 73-2012, as amended, to allow for Sacred Fires to recognize their cultural and spiritual significance while ensuring proper safety measures;

Therefore it is enacted as a by-law of The Corporation of the City of Oshawa as follows:

1. The Open Air By-law 73-2012, as amended, is amended by deleting and replacing Section 2.9, which shall now read as follows:

“2.9 **“Open Air Fire”** means any fire situated outside, whether burned in a container or on the ground, not including a Barbecue, Personal Warming Device or Sacred Fire.”

2. The Open Air By-law 73-2012, as amended, is further amended by adding a new definition after 2.13 for Sacred Fire, which shall read as follows:

“2.14 **“Sacred Fire”** means a ceremonial fire of deep spiritual and cultural significance to many Indigenous Peoples. It serves as a connection to the Creator, ancestors, and the natural world. Sacred Fires are central to ceremonies, gatherings, and healing practices, providing a space for prayer, reflection, and community.”

All Interpretation numbering shall be renumbered to incorporate said definition.

2. Section 3.2(b) of the Open Air By-law 73-2012 is further amended by deleting the word “and” immediately after “Personal Warming Device;”
3. The Open Air By-law 73-2012, is further amended by adding a new subsection after 3.2(b), which shall read as follows:

“(c) a Person having a Sacred Fire; and,”

All Interpretation numbering shall be renumbered to incorporate said subsection.

By-law passed this twenty-sixth day of May , 2025

Mayor

City Clerk