

THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF OAK BAY

BYLAW NO. 4979

A Bylaw to amend Business Licence Bylaw No. 3603, 1988, to regulate Home-Based Businesses

The Municipal Council of The Corporation of the District of Oak Bay, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

TEXT AMENDMENTS

1. The Business Licence Bylaw No. 3603, 1988, is amended as follows:

a. Section 1.(2) is amended by:

i. removing and substituting section 1.(2)(c) with the following:

“1.(2)(c) “COMMERCIAL” means any business other than a home-based business as defined in the Zoning Bylaw No. 3531, 1986.”

ii. removing and substituting section 1.2(i) with the following:

“1.(2)(i) “HOME-BASED BUSINESS” means an occupation or profession operated as defined in the Zoning Bylaw No. 3531, 1986.”

iii. removing and substituting section 1.(2)(p) with the following:

“1.(2)(p) “SEASONAL” means a business that includes activities (except home-based businesses) that are offered for a single period less than 6 months during a calendar year.”

b. Section 4 is amended by adding section 4.(10) immediately after section 4.(9) as follows:

“All Home-Based Businesses shall:

(a) comply with all conditions for home-based business as outlined in Zoning Bylaw No. 3531, 1986”

SCHEDULES

2. Schedule “A” is amended by:

- a. removing the heading “Home Based Business” and the corresponding table in its entirety.; and
- b. adding a line to the table listed “Special Events” as follows:

Seasonal	5B	5B
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3. Schedule “B” is amended by

- a. removing “Table 4” in its entirety; and
- b. adding “Table 7”, as follows:

Table 7

Home-Based Business License Type	Fee
Type 1	\$100
Type 2	\$150
Type 3	\$200
Childcare – in home	\$100
Urban Agriculture	\$150
Short-Term Rental	\$100

- c. removing and substituting “Table 5 DAILY” with the following:

Table 5 SPECIAL EVENTS

Occurrence	A	B
Single Day	\$25	
Seasonal (includes Seasonal Urban Agriculture)		\$50

SEVERABILITY

4. If any portion of this Bylaw is declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, then the invalid portion must be severed and the remainder of the Bylaw is deemed valid.

CITATION

5. This Bylaw shall be cited as “Business Licence Bylaw No. 3603, 1988, Amendment Bylaw No. 4979, 2026”.

READ A FIRST TIME the	8 th day of September	, 2026
READ A SECOND TIME the	8 th day of September	, 2026
AMENDED the	8 th day of September	, 2026
READ A THIRD TIME the	8 th day of September	, 2026
ADOPTED the	day of	2026

Mayor

Corporate Officer