

Corporation of the City of Nanaimo

A By-Law relating to Public Morals.

Whereas by an Act passed in the session of the Legislature of the Province of British Columbia, held in the 52nd year of the reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, Chapter 18, sub-section 71 of section 96, power is given to every municipality to pass by-laws relating to public morals.

Therefore the Municipal Council of the City of Nanaimo enacts as follows:—

1. No person shall make use of any profane, obscene, blasphemous, or grossly insulting language, or be guilty of any other immorality or indecency in the City of Nanaimo; nor shall any person or persons exhibit, sell, or offer to sell any indecent or lewd book, paper, picture, plate, drawing, or other thing, nor exhibit or perform any indecent, immoral, or lewd play within the city.
2. Any person or persons found drunk or disorderly who shall cause a disturbance by screaming or singing, or by impeding or incommoding peaceable passengers in any street, highway, or public place within the City of Nanaimo, and all vagrants and mendicants within the said city shall be subject to the penalties of this by-law.
3. No person or persons shall give or hold, or allow to be given or held, any theatrical

performance or other public exhibition or entertainment, or any portion of any such performance, exhibition, or entertainment within the said city between the hours of twelve o'clock on Saturday night and twelve o'clock on Sunday night.

4. No person or persons shall keep or allow to be kept within the said city any brothel, bawdy house, or house of prostitution, or common dance house, or faro bank, or gambling house. Any person or persons violating any of the sections of this by-law shall be subject to the penalties of this by-law.
5. Any person or persons guilty of an infraction of any of the provisions of this by-law shall, upon conviction before the Mayor or any Justice or Justices of the Peace for the City of Nanaimo, on the oath or affirmation of any credible witness, forfeit and pay, at the discretion of said Mayor or Justice or Justices of the Peace convicting, a penalty not exceeding the sum of Fifty Dollars, and not less, except for the first offence, than the sum of Five Dollars for each and every offence, exclusive of costs, and in default of payment thereof forthwith,

Mayor, Justice or Justices, or any two or more of them, are acting together therein, then under the hand and seal of one of them, to levy the said penalty and costs, or costs only, by distress and sale of the offender or offenders' goods and chattels, and in case of no sufficient distress to satisfy the said penalty and costs, it shall and may be lawful for the Mayor, Justice or Justices convicting as aforesaid to commit the offender or offenders to one of Her Majesty's gaols, with or without hard labour, for any period, not exceeding six calendar months, unless the penalty and costs be sooner paid.

6 This by-law may be cited for all purposes as the "Public Morals By-law, 1890."

Passed the Municipal Council 1st day of December, 1890.

Affirmed by the Municipal Council this 8th day of December, 1890.

W. Gough
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John Hilbert
Mayor

