



Access To Public Facilities Policy

Background

The City of Victoria wishes to promote the eradication of discrimination, contempt and hatred for any person on the basis of race, national or ethnic origin, colour, religion, age, sex, marital status, family status, sexual preference, or disability.

In the interest of eradicating discrimination, the City of Victoria has established this policy respecting the use of public space, facilities and properties within the jurisdiction of the City of Victoria.

Use of Public Space and Facilities

Any individuals or groups applying to use public space, facilities or properties within the jurisdiction of the City of Victoria must agree, that they will not conduct any business or activities in the public space, facilities or properties that would violate any legislative provision including the *Criminal Code* of Canada and the British Columbia *Human Rights Code*.

Violation of Rental Agreement or Permit

If an individual or group violates legislative provisions, including provisions of the *Criminal Code* of Canada and the British Columbia *Human Rights Code*, the City of Victoria may do one or more of the following:

- require the individual or group to justify the request for the future use of public space, facilities or properties,
- require the individual or group to post a bond or some other form of security to the City of Victoria, or
- refuse to allow the individual or group to use public space, facilities or properties within the jurisdiction of the City of Victoria.

Any of these steps will be in addition to any other enforcement measures under applicable legislation.

If the City of Victoria takes any of these steps, the individual or group may appeal this action to City Council.

Term in Rental Agreements and Permits

All rental agreements and permits for the use of public space, facilities and properties within the jurisdiction of the City of Victoria will contain the following term:

"I/We acknowledge that I/we have received a copy of, read and understood the City of Victoria's Access to Public Facilities Policy. I/we agree to be bound by and comply with the terms and conditions of the Access to Public Facilities Policy."

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