

Community Standards Bylaw

Current and Proposed Standards

Topic	Current Standard	Proposed Standard
Noise	<p>Nobody is allowed to make noises that are loud enough to disturb other people, whether that noise is made by sound equipment or vehicles, or in some other way.</p> <p>Exceptions include on industrial properties, for construction, and on farms.</p>	<p>No changes.</p> <p>Slight modifications to wording for clarity and consistency.</p>
Nuisance and Unsightly Properties	<p>Property owners need to make sure their properties don't disturb the use of other properties (by having anything from the property go onto another property), to look excessively unsightly, or to be unsafe.</p> <p>In addition, property owners can't allow too much garbage to accumulate on their properties.</p>	<p>No changes.</p> <p>Slight modifications to wording for clarity and consistency.</p>
Graffiti	<p>No current bylaw. Currently addressed through <i>Nuisance and Unsightly Property Bylaw</i> or the <i>Criminal Code</i>.</p> <p>The County currently has a program that provides supplies to assist property owners with graffiti cleanup.</p>	<p>Nobody is allowed to place graffiti on buildings and fences.</p> <p>If a property owner has graffiti on their buildings or fences, they need to remove it if directed to do so by the County.</p>
Wood Burning Appliances and Nuisance Smoke	<p>No current bylaw.</p> <p>Nuisance smoke can be addressed through civil remedies, between individuals.</p>	<p>Nobody is allowed to place graffiti on buildings and fences.</p> <p>If a property owner has graffiti on their buildings or fences, they need to remove it if directed to do so by the County.</p>

Storing Construction Materials and Debris	No current bylaw. Currently addressed through <i>Nuisance and Unsightly Property</i> Bylaw.	<p>Property owners must ensure construction materials are stored neatly, and only during construction.</p> <p>If construction is occurring, debris and garbage needs to be placed in a waste bin, not allowed to blow and be scattered around the property.</p>
Building, Yard, and Fence Maintenance	No current bylaw. Currently addressed through <i>Nuisance and Unsightly Property</i> Bylaw where the maintenance results in a significantly unsightly yard or if there are safety hazards.	<p>Property owners need to make sure that building, yards, and fences are maintained so that they are safe for other people on or near the property.</p> <p>In addition, property owners need to make sure all buildings and fences are maintained so they do not deteriorate or rot, or provide home for pests and bugs.</p>
Parking on Private Property	No current bylaw. The <i>Land Use Bylaw</i> has some related provisions, but is more focused on orders for compliance instead of fines.	<p>Vehicles can only be parked on driveways, and not on landscaping or grass.</p> <p>Motorhomes, trailers, and large commercial trucks need to be parked so they do not overhang or block sidewalks or roads, and are chocked to prevent them from rolling.</p>
Sidewalk Clearing	Property owners need to clear sidewalks, or add non-slip materials, in front of and beside their homes within 48 hours of a snowfall.	<p>No changes.</p> <p>Slight modifications to wording for clarity and consistency.</p>
Littering	No current bylaw.	Littering is not allowed. This includes throwing litter on public property and dumping in rural ditches.

Idling	No current bylaw.	<p>Vehicles are not allowed to idle for more than 5 minutes in a 30-minute period. Also, idling is not permitted in areas with a sign that says idling is not allowed.</p> <p>Exceptions include when idling is required for proper operation of the vehicle, when required for occupant safety, or when attached equipment is powered by the vehicle.</p>
Charity Bins and Collection Sites	No current bylaw.	<p>Charity donation bins can only be operated by permit. The owner of the bin is responsible to make sure the bin and the surrounding area is kept tidy</p> <p>Each bin must be safe to prevent people from being trapped inside and must indicate whether they are owned by a for-profit or a non-profit group.</p>
Clearing Disabled-parking Stalls	No current bylaw.	If a parking lot has disabled-parking stalls, the stalls and a path to the sidewalk need to be cleared within 48 hours of a snowfall.
Symbols of Hate	<p>No current bylaw.</p> <p>This would currently be dealt with under the <i>Criminal Code</i>.</p>	Displaying symbols of hate, that promote violence, hate, or hostility against a person or group, is not allowed.