

## Summary of Proposed Changes to the Community Standards Bylaw

Administration is proposing to repeal Community Standards Bylaw 5M2004 and replace with Attachment 2. This allows common topics to be grouped together to make the bylaw easier to read and interpret. Redundant headers are also able to be removed when a bylaw is repealed and replaced further enhancing readability.

Area of Bylaw	Key Changes and Rationale
Part 1 - Interpretation and Definitions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Definitions of words that are no longer used in the bylaw are removed.</li> <li>- A definition of “Derelict Vehicle” is added to provide more clarity to the term.</li> </ul>
Part 2 - Remedial Orders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Information needed to issue a remedial order is removed as these requirements are already specified in the Municipal Government Act (MGA).</li> <li>- Wording is changed to allow for remedial orders to be delivered by regular mail rather than only registered mail. This meets provincial regulations for sufficient service of mail and will result in cost savings.</li> </ul>
Part 3 - Enforcement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Revising ability to include imprisonment in addition to fines levied by this bylaw. This is consistent with the MGA and is contained in many other City bylaws. Imprisonment is only determined by the courts and would only be considered in extreme cases.</li> <li>- A vehicle owner would be considered liable for their vehicle if involved in a matter related to this bylaw unless they could prove they did not have control of the vehicle at the time of the incident.</li> </ul>
Part 4 – Untidy Properties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Accumulation of materials section is removed and is replaced by a nuisance properties section.</li> <li>- These changes allow officers to examine contextual factors in determining if an offence is occurring.</li> <li>- This allows for more flexibility in enforcing the bylaw when encountering unusual situations. Enforcement will still be empathetic and in alignment with corporate values and objectives such as compassion, effectiveness, and keeping community safety concerns in mind.</li> <li>- An outdoor refrigerator or freezer will only be allowed on a Premises if actively being used and locked at all times.</li> </ul>
Part 6 – Charity Collection Sites	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The vehicle owner liable section was moved to the Enforcement section so that it could apply to the whole bylaw rather than just charity collection sites.</li> </ul>

Part 8 - Regulation of Noise	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sound monitoring will only need to occur for 15 minutes rather than a full hour. This provides sufficient time to monitor sound while improving officer efficiency.</li> <li>- Permits for major events has been removed as other bylaws are being used to grant permits for major events.</li> </ul>
Part 9 - Nuisances Escaping Property	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Smoke and dust section has been moved to Nuisance Properties section of the bylaw.</li> </ul>
Part 10 – Weeds and Pests	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The appeals section has been removed as the Licence and Community Standards Appeal Board Bylaw already establishes that board to hear appeals from this bylaw.</li> <li>- Agricultural pest inspector section has been moved up with the weed inspector section to improve readability.</li> <li>- Grass section has been moved to Untidy Properties section.</li> </ul>
Part 11 - Maintenance of Buildings, Structures and Fences	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The section indicating that an owner or occupier of a premises cannot allow a structure to remain in an unsightly condition is redundant and is therefore removed.</li> </ul>
Excavations and Ponding Water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- This section has been moved to the Nuisance Properties section of the bylaw.</li> </ul>
Part 13 - Consequential Amendments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- These are consequential amendments that are required to ensure references to the Community Standards Bylaw are reflected in applicable bylaws.</li> <li>- Consequential amendments from previous amendments have been removed as they are no longer needed, and consequential amendments have been updated to reflect new numbering in the proposed version of the Community Standards Bylaw.</li> </ul>
Schedule “A” Specified and Minimum Penalties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Offences that no longer lie in the bylaw have been removed.</li> <li>- The minimum and specified penalties of an improperly stored refrigerator has been increased to reflect safety issues associated with the offence.</li> <li>- The minimum and specified penalties for improper composting has been increased to reflect similar nuisances penalties in the bylaw.</li> </ul>
General	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Headers and items that were deleted from previous bylaw amendments will be removed.</li> <li>- Subsection numbers have been updated to align with new version of bylaw.</li> </ul>