

# Background and Previous Council Direction

## Background

Calgary, like other Alberta municipalities, has a population that embraces conservation and engagement with natural beauty. Accordingly, many households own Recreational Vehicles (RVs). The rate of RV ownership in Calgary has driven the need for regulations that govern how and when an RV can be parked on private property.

## Previous Council Direction

DATE	REPORT NUMBER	DIRECTION/DESCRIPTION
2023 July 04	CD2023-0392	Referred to Administration That Council refer Report CD2023-0392 back to Administration to consider other options to the proposed amendments to Community Standards Bylaw 32M2023 taking into consideration the debate and comments that occurred during the 2023 June 28 Regular Meeting of the Community Development Committee and report back to Council through the Community Development Committee no later than Q1 of 2024.
2022 June 07	CD2022-0469	Motion Arising That Council direct Administration to 1. Review Calgary's existing regulations, including the definition(s) of 'recreational vehicle'; 2. Conduct a jurisdictional scan of municipalities in Canada to review best practices for parking and use of recreational vehicles on private residential property; 3. Engage citizens and other key stakeholders to solicit feedback regarding parking of recreational vehicles on private residential property; 4. Report back to Council through the Community Development Committee no later than 2023 Q2.

## Bylaws, Regulations, Council Policies

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In June of 2023 the *Community Standards Bylaw 5M2004* was repealed and replaced with *Bylaw 32M2023* as part of changes recommended by report *CD2023-0391 Collaborating to Support Residents and Address Problem Properties*. The RV parking duration rules referenced below are in Section 9(1) and 9(2) of *Bylaw 32M2023*.

### **Community Standards Bylaw 5M2004**

In June 2022, Council approved amendments to move existing regulations related to recreational vehicles, trailers, and parking on front lawns from the Land Use Bylaw to the Community Standards Bylaw. This change was brought forward to improve how The City addresses vehicles by transferring enforcement of the regulations to Community Peace Officers, allowing them to respond to community concerns in a more comprehensive and timely manner.

Under section 8.2 (1) and (2) of the Community Standards Bylaw, within a residential development a person must not park an RV in front of a house for more than 36 consecutive hours. An exception can be made by the Director who may issue a permit allowing to park an RV in front of a house for such time as the Director considers appropriate.