

Bylaw No. 1062-Amended

BEING a Bylaw of the Town of Carstairs in the Province of Alberta, the purpose of this Bylaw is to regulate traffic, parking and the use of any highway within the boundaries of the municipality.

WHEREAS Section 7. (a) of the Municipal Government Act, R.S.A. 2000, Ch. M-26 amended; A Council may pass bylaws for municipal purposes respecting the following matter of the safety, health and welfare of people and the protection of people and property;

WHEREAS Section 7. (d) of the Municipal Government Act, R.S.A. 2000, Ch. M-26 amended; A Council may pass bylaws for municipal purposes respecting the following matter of transport and transportation systems;

WHEREAS Section 18. (2) of the Municipal Government Act, R.S.A. 2000, Ch. M-26 amended; Subject to this or any other Act, a municipal district also has the direction, control, and management of roads and road diversions surveyed for the purpose of opening a road allowance as a diversion from the road allowance on the south or west boundary of the district although the roads or road diversions are outside the boundaries of the municipal district;

WHEREAS Section 108(1)(c) of the Traffic Safety Act, in accordance with the following, a road authority may prescribe speed limits that are different from the speed limits established under sections 106 or 107: in the case of a highway or any portion of a highway under the direction, control and management of a council of an urban area, the council may prescribe a maximum speed limit that is higher or lower than 50 kilometers per hour;

NOW THEREFORE, the Municipal Council of the Town of Carstairs in the province of Alberta, duly assembled in Council, enacts as follows:

1. This Bylaw may be referred to as the **“Traffic Bylaw.”**
2. For the purposes of interpretation, this bylaw accepts and encompasses all definitions as set forth in the ‘Traffic Safety Act’ and amendments thereto in its entirety and shall be enforceable as empowered by such Act and this Bylaw’.
3. By Authority of the Traffic Safety Act of Alberta, the Council of the Town of Carstairs may authorize the placing, erecting or marking of a Traffic Control device at such locations as they may deem fit and may, from time to time, alter the locations of such traffic devices.
4. In this Bylaw:
 - a. **“Alley”** means a narrow highway intended chiefly to give access to the rear of buildings and parcels of land;
 - b. **“CAO”** means the appointed Chief Administrative Officer for the Town of Carstairs, or a person designated to act on behalf of the Chief Administrative Officer for the Town of Carstairs;
 - c. **“Commercial Vehicle”** means a vehicle operated on a highway by or on behalf of a person for the purpose of providing transportation but does not include a private passenger vehicle;
 - d. **“Dangerous Goods”** means any product, substance or organism included by its nature or by the regulations to the Dangerous Goods Transportation and Handling Act in any of the classes listed in Schedule to the Dangerous Goods Transportation and Handling Act;
 - e. **“Emergency Service”** means:
 - i. An organization which is recognized by the Province of Alberta as a firefighting service, emergency medical service, or a police or peace officer agency;
 - ii. The Town of Carstairs Emergency Services;
 - iii. The Town of Carstairs Emergency Management Agency.
 - f. **“Highway”** means, as defined in the Traffic Safety Act, any thoroughfare, street, road, trail, avenue, parkway, driveway, viaduct, lane, alley, square, bridge, causeway, trestleway or other place or any part of any of them, whether publicly or privately owned, that the public is ordinarily entitled or permitted to use for the passage or parking of vehicles and includes
 - i. a sidewalk, including a boulevard adjacent to the sidewalk,
 - ii. if a ditch lies adjacent to and parallel with the roadway, the ditch, and

- iii. if a highway right of way is contained between fences or between a fence and one side of the roadway, all the land between the fences, or all the land between the fence and the edge of the roadway, as the case may be,
 - iv. but does not include a place declared by regulation not to be a highway;
- g. **“Motor Vehicle” Means:**
 - i. a vehicle propelled by any power other than muscular power, or
 - ii. a moped
- h. **“Mobility Aid”** means a device used to facilitate the transport, in a normal seated orientation, of a person with physical disability.
- i. **“Off-Highway Vehicle”** means any motorized mode of transportation built for cross-country travel on land, water, snow, ice or marsh or swamp land or on other natural terrain and, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, includes, when specifically designed for such travel as defined in the Traffic Safety Act;
 - i. 4-wheel drive vehicles
 - ii. low pressure tire vehicles
 - iii. motorcycles and related 2-wheel vehicles
 - iv. amphibious vehicles
 - v. all-terrain vehicles
 - vi. miniature motor vehicles
 - vii. snow vehicles
 - viii. mini bikes
 - ix. any other means of transportation that is propelled by any Power other than muscular power or wind,

But does not include

 - x. motor boats
 - xi. any other vehicle exempted from being an off-highway By regulation
 - xii. a Mobility Aid
- j. **“Park” Or “Parking”** means allowing a vehicle to remain stationary in one place except:
 - i. while actually engaged in loading or unloading passengers or;
 - ii. when complying with a direction given by a peace officer or traffic control device.
- k. **“Peace Officer”** means a Bylaw Officer who is appointed by the Town of Carstairs, a Peace Officer appointed by the Province of Alberta, a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police or any other local policing authority.
- l. **“Recreational Vehicle”** means a vehicle designed to provide temporary living accommodation for travel, vacation, or recreational use, and to be driven towed or transported;
- m. **“Stop” Or “Stopping”** means:
 - i. when required, a complete cessation from vehicular movement, and
 - ii. when prohibited, any halting even momentarily of a vehicle, whether occupied or not, except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with a direction given by a peace officer or traffic control device;
- n. **“Traffic Control Device”** means any sign, signal, marking or device placed, marked or erected under this authority for the purpose of regulating, warning or guiding traffic;
- o. **“Traffic Control Signal”** means a traffic control device, whether manually, electrically or mechanically operated, by which traffic is directed to stop and to proceed;
- p. **“Trailer”** means a vehicle so designed that it may be attached to or drawn by a motor vehicle; and intended to transport property or persons, but does not include machinery or equipment used in the construction or maintenance of highways;
- q. **“Vehicle”**, means a device in, on or by which a person or thing may be transported or drawn on a highway and includes a combination of vehicles but does not include a mobility aid or an off-highway vehicle.

Parking and Moving Offences

5. The Provisions of the Traffic Safety Act shall apply to any highway:
 - a. No person shall violate any provision of the Traffic Safety Act or regulations there under within the Town of Carstairs.
6. A vehicle parked on a highway shall be parked:
 - a. with:
 - i. the sides of the vehicle parallel to the curb or edge of the roadway, and
 - ii. the right wheels of the vehicle not more than 500 millimeters from the right curb or edge of the roadway, or
 - b. in the case of a one-way highway where parking on either side is permitted, with:
 - i. the sides of the vehicle parallel to the curb or edge of the roadway,
 - ii. the wheels that are the closest to a curb or edge of the roadway not more than 500 millimeters from that curb or edge, and
 - iii. the vehicle facing in the direction of travel authorized for the highway;
7. Notwithstanding Section 6, a motorcycle may be parked:
 - a. at an angle, other than perpendicular, to the curb or edge of the roadway, and
 - b. with:
 - i. a wheel of the motor cycle not more than 500 millimeters from the curb or edge of the roadway, and
 - ii. the motor cycle angled in the direction of travel authorized for the traffic lane that is adjacent to the lane on which the motor cycle is parked.
8. Section 6 does not apply where angle parking is permitted or required.
9. Angle parking is permitted when:
 - a. a sign indicates that angle parking is permitted or required, and
 - b. parking guide lines are visible on the roadway, a vehicle shall be parked with the vehicle's sides between and parallel to any two of the guide lines, and
 - c. in the case of a vehicle other than a motor cycle, with one front wheel not more than 500 millimeters from the curb or edge of the roadway, or
 - d. in the case of a motor cycle, with:
 - i. a wheel of the motor cycle not more than 500 millimeters from the curb or edge of the roadway, and
 - ii. the motor cycle angled in the direction of travel authorized for the traffic lane that is adjacent to the lane on which the motor cycle is parked;
10. When a sign indicates that angle parking is permitted or required, and no parking guide lines are visible on the roadway, a vehicle shall be parked:
 - a. with the vehicle's sides at an angle of between 30 and 60 degrees to the curb or edge of the roadway and
 - b. in the case of a vehicle other than a motor cycle, with one front wheel not more than 500 millimeters from the curb or edge of the roadway, or
 - c. in the case of a motor cycle with:
 - i. a wheel of the motor cycle not more than 500 millimeters from the curb or edge of the roadway, and
 - ii. the motor cycle angled in the direction of travel authorized for the traffic lane that is adjacent to the lane on which the motor cycle is parked;

11. A vehicle with a total length exceeding 5.8 meters shall not be parked at an angle on a highway unless:
 - a. a sign specifically permits such parking; or
 - b. the vehicle displays a permit authorizing such parking issued by the Town of Carstairs.
12. Unless a traffic control device permits or requires, a vehicle shall not be parked on the roadway side of a vehicle that is parked at the curb or edge of the roadway.
13. A vehicle shall not be parked within 1.5 meters of an access to a garage, private road or driveway or a vehicle crossway over a sidewalk.
14. Unless a traffic control device permits or requires, a vehicle shall not be parked:
 - a. on a crosswalk or any part of a crosswalk; or
 - b. within 5 meters of the near side of a marked crosswalk.
15. Unless a traffic control device permits or requires, a vehicle shall not be parked at an intersection within 5 meters of the projection of the curb or edge of the roadway
16. A vehicle shall not be parked or stopped on a highway within 5 meters of a fire hydrant or, when the hydrant is not located at the curb, within 5 meters from the point on the curb nearest the fire hydrant.
17. A vehicle shall not be parked on a highway in any location where parking is prohibited by a sign.
18. A vehicle shall not be stopped on a highway in any location where stopping is prohibited by a sign.
19. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Bylaw, a vehicle shall not be parked on a highway in contravention of any specific restrictions on parking identified for the location.
20. A vehicle that is left standing in one location on a highway for more than 72 consecutive hours is deemed to have been abandoned at that location.
21. A vehicle shall not be operated so as to cross a sidewalk or boulevard except at a crossing authorized by the Town of Carstairs.
22. No vehicle shall be displayed for sale, lease, or rent on land owned or leased by the Town of Carstairs unless permission has been granted by the CAO.
23. A trailer shall not be parked on a highway unless the trailer is attached to a vehicle by which it may be drawn unless the trailer has been issued with a permit by the CAO, allowing the trailer to remain on the roadway detached from a vehicle.
24. A person shall not operate a motor vehicle on any part of a highway other than a roadway.
 - a. Nothing in this section prohibits a motor vehicle from crossing a part of a highway other than a roadway to enter or exit from adjacent driveways or intersecting roadways.
 - b. This section does not apply to a mobility aid used by a person requiring such an aid.
 - c. An exemption to this section may be given in writing from the CAO.
25. A vehicle shall not be parked in an alley unless:
 - a. a traffic control device permits such parking; or
 - b. the vehicle is a commercial vehicle with hazard warning lights alight and in the process of loading or unloading goods.
26. Notwithstanding Section 25(b), a commercial vehicle shall not be parked in an alley for more than 30 minutes.
27. Nothing in Section 25 permits a person to park a vehicle in an alley in a manner that blocks or obstructs the movement of traffic.
28. No vehicle shall be allowed to be parked in contravention of any Traffic Control Device or Traffic Control Signal.

29. No vehicle shall be allowed to park on any land owned by the Town of Carstairs except where designated for parking.
30. A vehicle, or a vehicle with a trailer attached, that is registered for a weight exceeding 11,794 kilograms, or that weighs more than 11,794 kilograms, shall not be parked on a highway in a location adjoining residential property at any time.
31. A vehicle, or a vehicle with a trailer attached, that is registered for a weight exceeding 11,794 kilograms, or that weighs more than 11,794 kilograms, shall not have its engine running at any time after 11:00 p.m. (2300 Hours) and before 7:00 a.m. (0700 Hours).
32. Section 30 does not apply if the vehicle:
- is a recreational vehicle; or
 - is a commercial vehicle with the hazard warning lamps alight and in the process of loading or unloading goods.
33. A vehicle shall not be parked on a highway in a manner that blocks or obstructs:
- the movement of traffic on the highway;
 - a doorway to a building;
 - the approach to any fire station, police station, hospital or other place where emergency vehicles require regular access; or
 - any building in course of erection, demolition, alteration or repair, when such parking will impede or obstruct access to such buildings by persons working or vehicles being used in connection with such erection, demolition, alteration or repair.
34. Yellow paint applied to the curb is hereby declared as an official sign indicating parking is prohibited where the curb is so marked.
35. A vehicle shall not be parked and left unattended on a highway if:
- the vehicle is on a jack or a similar device, and
 - one or more wheels have been removed from the vehicle or part of the vehicle is raised.
36. A vehicle shall be parked on a roadway which cannot be propelled under its own power.
37. No person shall park or permit to be parked, a vehicle, trailer or boat which cannot be completely parked within the confines of the person's driveway space.
38. No person shall drain lubricating oils or any fluids or allow fluids to drain associated with the operation of a motor vehicle upon a roadway.
39. A vehicle shall not be parked on a highway in any location identified by sign, curb painting, or pavement painting which indicates the parking spot as being for the use of persons with disabilities unless the vehicle:
- displays a valid disabled placard or license plate issued or recognized by the Registrar; and
 - is being used for the transportation of a person with a disability.
40. A person shall not place, cause to be placed, or permit to be placed, an obstruction of any kind on a highway unless a permit authorizing placement of the obstruction has been issued by the Town of Carstairs.
41. No person shall drive, propel, or move on any roadway, any vehicle having metal spikes, lugs, cleats, or bands projecting from the surface of the wheel (or tire of such vehicle), unless the vehicle had been issued with a special permit by the CAO.
42. No person shall operate engine retarder brakes within the Town of Carstairs limits, except in case of emergency.

Speed Limits

43. A Unless otherwise posted, by a traffic control device a vehicle shall not be:
- Driven at a speed in excess of forty (40) kilometers per hour on any highway within the Town of Carstairs;

- b. Driven through a school zone, when the school zone is in effect, or playground zone in excess of thirty (30) kilometers per hour within the Town of Carstairs;
- c. Driven on a highway that meets the definition of an alley/alleyway at a speed in excess of twenty (20) kilometers per hour within the Town of Carstairs; or
- d. Driven in a parking lot at a speed in excess of fifteen (15) kilometers per hour within the Town of Carstairs.

Bicycles, Motorcycles, and Off-Highway Vehicles

- 44. No person shall ride a bicycle on any sidewalk or boulevard.
- 45. No person shall park a bicycle in such a manner as to obstruct the use of a sidewalk by pedestrians.
- 46. No person shall ride a motorcycle on any sidewalk or boulevard.
- 47. No person shall park a motorcycle or off-highway vehicle in such a manner as to obstruct the use of a sidewalk by pedestrians.
- 48. Bicycles being operated by a person under the age of eighteen years old may be operated on the sidewalk provided due consideration is given for other users of the sidewalk.
- 49. No person shall operate an off-highway vehicle within the Town of Carstairs except by written permission of the CAO.
- 50. No person shall operate an unregistered vehicle within the Town of Carstairs.

Temporary Closing of Roads

- 51. When by reason of accident, emergency, or other special circumstance, in the interest of public safety, the CAO, Peace Officers, Emergency Services, or the Carstairs Fire Department may:
 - a. Temporarily close off an area of roadway, in whole or in part to traffic;
 - b. Temporarily close off an area of sidewalk or pathway, in whole or in part to users of the sidewalk or pathway.
 - c. Temporarily suspend parking access along a roadway.
 - d. Temporarily place vehicles, barricade, or any other object to block access to the roadway, sidewalk, or pathway.

Emergency Vehicles Fires

- 52. No vehicle may follow within thirty (30) meters of an emergency vehicle on which emergency lights, siren, or both are in operation.
 - a. This section does not apply to other emergency vehicles.
- 53. No person shall park or stop a vehicle within thirty (30) meters of an emergency vehicle with its emergency lights activated, unless directed to by a member of an emergency service.
- 54. No person shall use a motor vehicle, off-highway vehicle, motorcycle, bicycle, or other form of vehicular transportation in a manner which will interfere with a member of an emergency service's ability to respond to an emergency.
- 55. No person shall drive or park a motor vehicle, off-highway vehicle, motorcycle, bicycle, or other form of vehicular transportation in a manner which may interfere with emergency vehicles or emergency personnel at an emergency scene.
- 56. No person shall interfere or tamper with any equipment operated by emergency services.

Parades and Processions

- 57. A permit from the Town of Carstairs must be obtained to hold a parade or procession on a roadway or highway within the Town of Carstairs.
- 58. Any person/organization desiring to hold A parade or procession within the Town of Carstairs shall, at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the start time of the desired to hold the event, make

application in writing to the CAO for the event. In such application, the following information shall be given:

- a. Name and address of the applicant, and if such application is from an organization, the names, addresses, and occupations of the executive;
- b. The nature and object of the parade or procession;
- c. The date and hours the parade or procession would be held;
- d. The intended route;
- e. The approximate number of participants in the parade or procession;
- f. The approximate size, number and nature of flags, banners, or similar items to be carried. Particulars on signs, inscriptions, and wording to be exhibited;
- g. Applications shall bear the signature and address of the person or persons who will be in control of the parade or procession.

Pedestrians, Sidewalks, and Boulevards

59. No person shall interfere with the normal flow of traffic. No parent of a minor shall permit such interference.
60. No group of more than three (3) people shall congregate so near to each other on any highway, crosswalk, or sidewalk so as to obstruct the entrance to any building or to obstruct or prevent other persons from using said roadway or sidewalk.
61. No person shall climb on any railing, fence, tree, post pole, or structure erected on a highway, unless they have authority to do so.
62. No person shall sell anything by auction on a highway without prior authority.
63. No person shall place articles, goods, or merchandise upon a highway or sidewalk, or place any articles, goods, or merchandise on the outside of any building so as to interfere with the use of any highway or sidewalk without prior written permission for the CAO.
64. No person shall leave, store or deposit any article or item that may be dangerous or interfere with free flow of vehicle or pedestrian traffic on a highway, sidewalk, or pathway.
65. No person shall use a winter recreational device on any highway, pathway, or sidewalk without due consideration for other users of the highway, pathway, or sidewalk.
66. No person shall stand, sit, or lie on any roadway highway in such a manner as to obstruct vehicular vehicle or pedestrian traffic, or as to disrupt any other person lawfully upon the highway.
67. No person shall stand upon or walk along a highway for the purpose of soliciting a ride from the driver of any vehicle within the municipality.
68. No person shall place or leave on or across any part of a highway, sidewalk, or alley, a cord or cable that is capable of transmitting electrical energy from a property to any part of a highway where a vehicle may park.
69. No person shall enter into an emergency scene, which is being attended to by an emergency service;
 - a. Where the person have been otherwise directed to leave or not enter; or
 - b. If otherwise directed to leave an area by an emergency service.
70. No person shall interfere with emergency services personnel at any emergency scene, traffic stop, or any other circumstance where the personnel on scene lawfully require bystanders to relocate from the area.

Penalties and Fines

71. A Person who is guilty of an offence is liable upon summary conviction to a fine in an amount:
 - a. not less than the specified penalty established in the Rates and Fees Bylaw;
 - b. and not exceeding \$10,000.00.

- c. any Person who commits a second or subsequent offence under this Bylaw, within one (1) year of conviction of a first offence under this Bylaw, is liable on summary conviction to a fine not less than the increased amount set out in the Rates and Fees Bylaw.

Municipal Tag

72. A Peace Officer may issue and serve a municipal tag on any person the officer has reasonable and probable grounds to believe has contravened a provision of this bylaw by:
- a. Personally, serving the municipal tag on the person; or
 - b. Mailing a copy of the municipal tag by pre-paid post to the address provided by a person on a permit application, or a person's last known postal address
73. A municipal tag shall be in a form approved by the Chief Administration Officer and shall state:
- a. The name of the person to whom the municipal tag is issued
 - b. The particulars of the contravention of the bylaw;
 - c. The specified penalty for the offence as set out in the Rates and Fees Bylaw;
 - d. That the specified penalty shall be paid in (30) days of the issuance of the municipal tag order to avoid prosecution; and
 - e. Any other information as may be required by the CAO.

Violation Ticket

74. If a municipal tag has been issued and the specified penalty on the municipal tag has not been paid within the prescribed time, a Peace Officer may issue a violation ticket to the person to whom the municipal tag was issued.
75. A Peace Officer may, in the sole discretion, elect to issue and serve a violation ticket without first issuing a municipal tag.
76. A Peace Officer is authorized to issue a violation ticket, to any person the peace officer believes, on reasonable and probable grounds, has committed an offence under this bylaw, under Part 2 or Part 3 of the Provincial Offences and Procedure Act.
77. If a violation ticket is issued it must be in the prescribed form and must:
- a. state the specified penalty for the offence as set out in the Rates and Fees Bylaw; or
 - b. require the person to appear in Provincial Court with or without the alternative of making a voluntary payment.

General Provisions

78. The Town is not required to enforce every breach or contravention of this Bylaw. In deciding whether or not to enforce the Bylaw, the Town may take into account any practical concerns or considerations, including but not limited to the nature and extent of the breach or contravention, any financial or budgetary considerations and the availability of personnel or human resources.
79. Nothing in this Bylaw relieves a Person from complying with any provision of any federal or provincial law or regulation, other bylaw or any requirement of any lawful.

SEVERABILITY

80. It is the intention of the Council of the Town of Carstairs that each provision of this Bylaw should be considered as being separate and severable from all other provisions. Should any section or provision of this Bylaw be found to have been improperly enacted, then such section or provision shall be regarded as being severable from the rest of this Bylaw and that the Bylaw remaining after such severance shall remain effective and enforceable.
81. Bylaw No. 1061 is repealed on the date of the third and final reading of this Bylaw.
82. This Bylaw comes into full force and effect on the date of third and final reading of this Bylaw.

READ A FIRST TIME THIS XXTH DAY OF XXX A.D., 202X

READ A SECOND TIME THIS XXTH DAY OF XXX A.D., 202X

READ A THIRD AND FINAL TIME THIS XXTH DAY OF XXX A.D., 202X


Lance Colby, Mayor


Rick Blair, CAO