

DISTRICT OF SPARWOOD
Traffic Regulations Bylaw 1346, 2026

*A Bylaw to regulate Traffic, Parking, Vehicles, and the use of Highways
within the boundaries of the District of Sparwood*

The Council of the District of Sparwood, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

1. TITLE

1.1. This bylaw may be cited as “Traffic Regulations Bylaw 1346, 2026.”

2. DEFINITIONS

2.1. In this bylaw:

“ARTERIAL HIGHWAY” means a Highway classified as such pursuant to the *Transportation Act*, SBC 2004, c 44.

“AS-BUILT” means a set of drawings or a 3D data set that shows how construction or works was built as opposed to how it was designed.

“AUTHORIZED PERSON” means the Director of Operations, a Bylaw Enforcement Officer, a Traffic Control Person, a RCMP Officer, or a Peace Officer.

“AXLE” has the same meaning as in the *Motor Vehicle Act Regulations*, BC Reg 26/58.

“BOULEVARD” has the same meaning as in the *Motor Vehicle Act* RSBC 1996, c 318.

“BYLAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER” means the person or duly appointed as such from time to time by Council.

“COMMERCIAL VEHICLE” has the same meaning as in the *Commercial Transport Act*, RSBC 1996, c 58.

“CORPORATE OFFICER” means the person or lawful deputy duly appointed as such from time to time by Council.

“CROSSWALK” has the same meaning as in the *Motor Vehicle Act*.

“COUNCIL” means the Municipal Council of the District of Sparwood.

“CYCLE” has the same meaning as in the *Motor Vehicle Act*.

“DESIGNATED MOTORIZED DEVICE” has the same meaning as in the *Motor Vehicle Act*.

“DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS” means the person duly appointed as such from time to time, their lawful deputy, or any other person Council has designated to act in their place.

“DIRECTOR OF FIRE SERVICES” means the person duly appointed as such from time to time by Council, their deputy, or any person Council has designated to act in their place.

“DISTRICT” OR “MUNICIPALITY” means the District of Sparwood.

“EMERGENCY VEHICLE” has the same meaning as in the *Motor Vehicle Act*.

“EXTRAORDINARY TRAFFIC” means the carriage of any goods or persons over a District Highway that, when taken in conjunction with the nature of the existing condition of the Highway, is so extraordinary or improper in the quality or quantity of goods or persons or in the mode or time of use of the Highway, or in the speed at which the Vehicles are driven or operated.

“GOVERNMENT VEHICLE” means a Vehicle operated by the District, the Regional District of East Kootenay, the Province of British Columbia, or the Government of Canada.

“GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT” or “GVW” means the loaded weight of a single Vehicle.

“HIGHWAY” means every:

- a) street, road, lane, bridge, viaduct and any other way open to public use, other than a private right of way on private property, including a Pathway and Sidewalk; and
- b) Highway within the meaning of the *Transportation Act*.

“LANE” means any Highway not exceeding eight (8) meters in width and includes a back alley.

“LICENCED GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT” or “LICENCED GVW” means the Gross Vehicle Weight for which a Commercial Vehicle is licensed under the *Commercial Transport Act*.

“MOTOR ASSISTED CYCLE” has the same meaning as in the *Motor Vehicle Act*.

“MOTOR VEHICLE” has the same meaning as in the *Motor Vehicle Act*.

“MOTORIZED MOBILITY AID” is a personal mobility device powered by an electric motor intended for use by person with physical mobility challenges.

“MOVABLE PROPERTY” means any property or owned item that can be moved from one place to another and does not include housing, apartments or land.

“NO TRUCK ROUTE” means a route where Trucks are never permitted, as set out in Schedule D of this Bylaw.

“OCCUPIER” means a person who is in physical possession of a premises, or has responsibility for, and control over, the condition of premises, the activities conducted on those premises and the persons allowed to enter those premises.

“OFF-STREET PARKING LOT” means any real property owned, leased, possessed or otherwise held by the District for the purpose of providing off-street public Parking.

“OPERATOR” as applied to a Vehicle means either the registered Owner, registered lessee or renter, beneficial Owner or any other person operating the Vehicle of an Owner.

“OWNER” as applied to a Vehicle means the person who holds the legal title, a person who is a conditional purchaser, a lessee or a mortgagor entitled to be in possession, the person in whose name the Vehicle is registered, or the person who controls or owns the Vehicle even if registered in someone else’s name.

“PARK” means the standing of a Vehicle, whether occupied or not.

“PEACE OFFICER” means a person authorized to carry out policing or law enforcement duties under the *Police Act* in the District.

“PEDESTRIAN” has the same meaning as in the *Motor Vehicle Act*.

“PERMIT” means authorization provided with a written document pursuant to this Bylaw.

“RECREATIONAL VEHICLE” is a Motor Vehicle, or a Motor Vehicle and Trailer, that is designed primarily for accommodation including but not limited to a travel Trailer, or Vehicle with camper or tent, camper van or motor home.

“SIDEWALK” means the accessible concrete area between the curb lines and the adjacent property lines dedicated to Pedestrian Traffic, including the curb but does not include dedicated paved or gravel Walkways.

“SPARC” means the Social Planning and Research Council of British Columbia. A non-partisan, non-profit charity in British Columbia that works with communities to build a just and healthy society, focusing on social justice issues like accessibility. Manages the provincial permit program for people with disabilities and advocates for accessibility.

“TRAFFIC” includes Pedestrians, ridden or herded animals, and Vehicles, Cycles or other devices, either singly or together, while using a Highway, Sidewalk or Walkway to travel.

“TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICE” has the same meaning as in the *Motor Vehicle Act*.

“TRAFFIC CONTROL PERSON” has the same meaning as in the *Motor Vehicle Act*.

“TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL” has the same meaning as in the *Motor Vehicle Act*.

“TRAILER” has the same meaning as in the *Motor Vehicle Act*.

“TRUCK” means any Vehicle or combination of Vehicles having a GVW for which it is licensed under the *Commercial Transport Act* of 15,000 kilograms or greater or any Commercial Vehicle with three (3) or more Axles and designed or used primarily for the transportation of property.

“TRUCK ROUTE” means a route designated for Trucks, as set out in Schedule C of this Bylaw.

“VEHICLE” means a device in, on or by which a person or thing is or may be transported or drawn on a Highway but does not include a device designed to be moved by human power, a device used exclusively on stationary rails or tracks, a Motorized Mobility Aid, a Motor Assisted Cycle or a Designated Motorized Device.

“WALKWAY” means an accessible paved and gravel pathway, trail or paved area between the lateral lines of a roadway and the adjacent land or neighbouring property, excluding concrete Sidewalks.

3. TRAFFIC REGULATIONS

3.1. Traffic Obstruction - Except to comply with an Authorized Person or a Traffic Control Device, a person must not:

- a) use roller blades, skateboards, roller skates, sleighs, ice skates, skis, snowshoes or other similar means on Highways designated for Vehicles;
- b) stand or loiter in such manner as to obstruct, impede, or interfere with Traffic on a Highway;
- c) operate a Vehicle between the persons or Vehicles comprising a funeral procession or parade unless the Vehicle is part of the procession or parade;
- d) operate a Vehicle and overtake and pass another Vehicle on an unmarked Highway, single lane Highway, or a Highway marked with a solid line;
- e) distribute flyers or leaflets by placing them on the windshield of a Vehicle parked upon a Highway;
- f) drop any debris, litter or other material onto a Highway;
- g) leave behind material or debris on a Highway, Walkway, or adjacent land including wrecked or damaged Vehicles or parts from an accident;
- h) place or exhibit any advertisement, posting or sign of any kind by affixing such items by any means to utility poles, Traffic Control Devices or trees;
- i) other than an Authorized Person pursuant to this Bylaw or the Motor Vehicle Act, place or erect on real property a sign which purports to regulate an adjacent Highway;
- j) place or allow to be placed any garbage containers or other facilities related to garbage collection upon any portion of a Highway; or
- k) operate a Truck upon a Highway that is not a Truck Route, except Government Vehicles, Emergency Vehicles or utility Vehicles while engaged in work upon the Highway, delivering goods to properties directly serviced by the Highway, or attending to an emergency.

3.2. Property Obstruction - A person who is an Owner or Occupier:

- a) of a corner lot abutting a Highway at an intersection with another Highway, must not allow the view of Traffic to be obstructed, construct a fence or grow a hedge or tree to remain so that an obstructing view is within seven (7) meters from the curb along the abutting property lines of the lot, or more than one meter higher than the finished grade of the abutting Highways;
- b) of a corner lot abutting a Highway, if one of the abutting Highways is a Lane, must not allow to obstruct the view of Traffic, construct a fence, grow a hedge or tree to remain so that obstructing view is within 4.5 meters of the curb along both abutting property lines, or more than one (1) meter higher than the finished grade of the abutting Lanes; or

- c) of a property abutting a Highway, must not allow any gravel, earth, mud, rocks, stones, logs, stumps or other material that may accumulate or be tracked or carried by a Vehicle from the property, onto a Highway or allow it to remain thereon.
- 3.3. Except to comply with an Authorized Person or Traffic Control Device, or Permit and except while operating a Government Vehicle, a public utility Vehicle or an Emergency Vehicle engaged in duties, a person must not:
 - a) overtake and pass another vehicle in a designated school or playground zone, as indicated by a Traffic Control Device;
 - b) overtake or pass another Vehicle at a Crosswalk; or
 - c) drive through a Crosswalk when a Traffic Control Person or Traffic Control Device indicates that Vehicles are required to stop to allow Pedestrians to safely cross a Highway.

4. EXTRAORDINARY TRAFFIC

- 4.1. If, in the opinion of the Director of Operations, any Highway except an Arterial Highway is liable to be damaged because of Extraordinary Traffic, the Director of Operations may limit or prohibit the use of the Highway of Extraordinary Traffic by any person operating or in charge of the Extraordinary Traffic, or Owner of the Vehicle in respect of the Extraordinary Traffic.
- 4.2. Any person to whom this Part might otherwise apply may, with the approval of the Director of Operations, apply to the Corporate Officer to enter into an agreement with the District for the payment of compensation in respect of the damage or expense which, in the opinion of the Director of Operations, the Extraordinary Traffic may cause, and thereupon the District must not subject that person to any prohibition, limitation or penalty prescribed in this section, in respect of the Extraordinary Traffic.

5. TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICE ORDERS

- 5.1. Authorization - The Director of Operations may direct or order the placing or erection of any applicable Traffic Control Device for the purpose of giving effect to the provisions of this Bylaw and the Motor Vehicle Act.
- 5.2. Orders – For an order to place or erect Traffic Control Devices to be in effect, the Director of Operations must make the order in writing by letter or email, date it, and sign it.
- 5.3. The Director of Operations:
 - a) in a single order, may include any number of orders related to constructing, placing or erecting Traffic Control Devices;
 - b) may rescind, revoke, amend or vary any order made, provided such order does not require the doing of any act contrary to or inconsistent with this Bylaw or the *Motor Vehicle Act*;
 - c) if varying or amending an order, must issue a new order reflecting the variation or amendment and revoking the original order; and

- d) may order the alteration, repainting, tearing down or removal of any sign, advertisement or guidepost erected or maintained on or over any Highway, and the District must not pay any compensation to any person for any resulting loss or damage.

5.4. Traffic Control Devices that have been erected by the Province of British Columbia under the provisions of the *Motor Vehicle Act* must be deemed to have been properly placed or erected.

5.5. The Director of Operations must ensure that any Traffic Control Devices erected pursuant to Section 5 comply with any applicable sign regulations as set out in the *Motor Vehicle Act Regulations, BC Reg 26/58*.

6. TEMPORARY TRAFFIC CONTROL

6.1. If, for any reason, an Authorized Person or the Director of Fire Services determines that any Highway, or portion thereof, is unsafe or unsuitable for Traffic, or deems it advisable that Traffic should be restricted thereon or diverted therefrom, an Authorized Person or the Director of Fire Services may temporarily close the highway or portion thereof, or restrict or divert the Traffic thereon or therefrom and for that purpose, may erect temporary Traffic Control Devices pursuant to this bylaw or the *Motor Vehicle Act*.

6.2. An Authorized Person or the Director of Fire Services may place or delegate the placement of temporary Traffic Control Devices on a highway:

- a) Along the route of any parade;
- b) In the vicinity of a large gathering;
- c) To facilitate the fighting of fires;
- d) To facilitate the clearing of snow, sweeping, repairing, excavating, decorating or other Council approved services on or from the Highway that are carried out by district employees or any other utility; or
- e) In the interest of safety.

6.3. If a highway or portion thereof is temporarily closed or the Traffic thereon is restricted or diverted under sections 6.1 or 6.2, an unauthorized person must not enter upon, or travel upon the highway or portion thereof, in contravention of the applicable Traffic Control Devices.

7. VEHICLE REGULATIONS

7.1. Equipment - A person must not:

- a) Operate a Vehicle with wheels that are not equipped with pneumatic tires in good working order, except for a horse drawn cart in a parade;
- b) Operate a Vehicle equipped with solid rubber tires that have a thickness between the rim of the wheel and the surface of a Highway of less than thirty-two (32) millimetres;

- c) operate a Vehicle having wheels or tracks constructed or equipped with projecting spikes, cleats, ribs, clamps, flanges, lugs or other attachments or projections which extend beyond the tread or traction surface of the wheel, thread or track, except a Vehicle equipped with fitted tire chains when required for safety or winter studded tires which conform to the *Motor Vehicle Act Regulations* when used between October 1st and April 30th of each calendar year; or
 - d) operate a Vehicle, contrary to the provisions of this Bylaw, the *Motor Vehicle Act*, or any relevant passenger or transportation act or the regulations pursuant thereto.
- 7.2. Vehicle or Trailer Loads - A person must not operate a Vehicle or Trailer carrying any materials or goods in such a manner that:
- a) the materials or goods can fall from the Vehicle or Trailer while the Vehicle is on a Highway;
 - b) any part of the load extends beyond the sides or back of the Vehicle or Trailer more than one hundred and eighty-five (185) centimetres;
 - c) the materials or goods could shift or sway to affect the operation of the Vehicle or Trailer;
 - d) load could drop, sift, leak, or otherwise disperse, except a Municipal Vehicle sanding; or
 - e) the load or the covering of a load may be insecure or become loose and detached from the Vehicle or Trailer.
- 7.3. Special Equipment - The Director of Operations may, by public notice or by placing Traffic Control Devices, prohibit Vehicles from being operated on any Highway, if such Vehicles are not equipped with chains or winter tires, or any combination of these which the Director of Operations may consider adequate and necessary in view of prevailing road conditions.
- 7.4. Excessive Noise - Except in areas which are zoned M-2 (Heavy Industrial) or M-3 (Extraction Industrial) in the District's Zoning Bylaw 264, 1981, as amended from time to time, a person must not:
- a) make or cause any excessive noise in or on a Highway which disturbs the peace of any person in the neighbourhood or vicinity;
 - b) being the Owner or Operator of a Vehicle, allow or permit the Vehicle to be used in a manner which causes excessive noise that disturbs the peace of any person in the neighbourhood or vicinity;
 - c) play or operate an electrical device, Vehicle stereo or other instrument to amplify sound in such a manner which causes excessive noise that disturbs the peace of any person in the neighbourhood or vicinity;
 - d) except for a Peace Officer, Bylaw Enforcement Officer, or a person operating an Emergency Vehicle, operate any outdoor public address system from a Vehicle in the District without first obtaining a Permit;

- e) start a motorized Vehicle which is not equipped with a muffler in good working order; or
- f) operate a Vehicle on a Highway to make any unnecessary or unreasonable noise through mechanical use or mechanical alterations to the Vehicle, including but not limited to, the screeching of tires, revving and backfiring.

8. PERMITS GENERAL

- 8.1. A person must obtain a Permit from the District before undertaking any activity that requires a Permit under this Bylaw.
- 8.2. A person must, at all times, comply with the terms of Permits or orders issued in accordance with this Bylaw. If a person does not comply with the terms of a Permit, the District may revoke or terminate such Permit.
- 8.3. A person applying for a Permit in accordance with this Bylaw must submit an application in the application form provided by the District.
- 8.4. Permits and orders issued in accordance with this Bylaw, including any amendments or notices:
 - a) must be issued in written or electronic form;
 - b) may require the Permit holder to obtain and provide proof of insurance;
 - c) must be dated and signed by the Director of Operations;
 - d) may include any number of orders in accordance with this Bylaw;
 - e) if for construction or works, may require a security deposit up to 125% of the total estimated cost of the construction or works in form of a bank draft, certificated cheque or an irrevocable letter of credit effective for the term of the Permit;
 - f) if for construction or works, may require the applicant to provide a satisfactory plan or specifications of the construction or works; and
 - g) if for construction or works, may require As-Built plans to scale as a condition of the Permit, showing the location, size and description of the construction or works and the date of installation.
- 8.5. If a person holds a Permit for the use of a Highway, they must have the Permit available at the site for any representative of the District to inspect.
- 8.6. If a person holds a Permit issued in accordance with this Bylaw, they must carry the Permit in their Vehicle when operating it on a Highway within the District's boundaries or have the Permit available upon request by the District.
- 8.7. If a permit holder has a Permit for construction or works that was issued in accordance with plans or specifications, the Permit Holder must ensure the construction or works conform in every way to the plans and specifications that were submitted.

- 8.8. If a Permit requires As-Built plans as a condition, the Permit holder must submit the As-Built plans to the Director of Operations prior to the District returning any deposit or security posted as a condition of the Permit.
- 8.9. If a Permit holder has paid security in accordance with this Part, upon satisfactory completion of the construction or works in accordance with any plans or specifications that were submitted, as determined by the Director of Operations, the Director of Operations must refund the security within 45 days.
- 8.10. If a Permit holder fails to repair damage or fulfill the obligations set out in their Permit within the specified time, the District may carry out such repairs or fulfill such obligations that have not been met under the terms and conditions of the Permit and deduct the cost thereof from the security or call on the irrevocable letter of credit to pay the costs therefrom.
- 8.11. If the security or letter of credit is insufficient, the Permit Holder must pay the balance forthwith, upon receiving an invoice from the District for the amount required for the District to carry out the works or fulfill the obligation, and the Permit holder must pay such balance in addition to any fees and charges outlined in the *Fees and Charges Bylaw 1322, 2023*, as amended from time to time.
- 8.12. If a person applies for a Permit for construction or works under this Part, the applicant must provide the Corporate Officer with a certificate of insurance that:
- a) has a combined limit of not less than five million dollars (\$5,000,000);
 - b) names the District as an additional named insured such that it protects the District against any action, suit or claim for bodily or personal injury or property damage arising out of the construction or works;
 - c) is underwritten with an insurer licensed in Canada;
 - d) includes a provision that such policy may not be lapsed or cancelled without thirty (30) days' written notice being given to the District; and
 - e) waives all rights of the applicant for subrogation to the District.
- 8.13. Public Utility Permit - The Director of Operations may issue a Permit to a public utility company permitting such company, over the calendar year for which the Permit is applicable, to carry out such work as may be necessary in the case of an emergency to repair any break or damage to the utilities under its control and subject to the terms of any franchise or other agreement entered into between such utility and the District.
- 8.14. Advertisement Permit – If a person holds a Permit to place advertising, the Permit Holder must not place advertisement boards or signs on or adjacent to any Highway in a manner which obstructs the free passage of Traffic on any Highway, obstructs visibility of any Operator of a Motor Vehicle, or obstructs any Traffic Control Device.

- 8.15. Excavation Permit – If a person holds a Permit for excavation, the Permit Holder must not leave any excavation or other obstruction upon a Highway without sufficient barricades, marking and use of flashing warning lights.
- 8.16. Number of Permits - The Director of Operations may restrict the number of Permits to be issued.

9. PARKING REGULATIONS

9.1. General Parking Regulations - Except to comply with an Authorized Person, a Traffic Control Device, or a Permit and except while operating a Government Vehicle, a public utility Vehicle, or an Emergency Vehicle engaged in duties, a person must not Park a Vehicle, Recreational Vehicle or Trailer on any Highway or Off-Street Parking Lot:

- a) that is not for Highway use, registered, insured and displaying a number plate;
- b) to display it for sale or to use it to display a sign;
- c) to mechanically maintain or refurbish it except as necessitated by an emergency;
- d) where there is a Traffic Control Device that gives notice that stopping, standing, or Parking is prohibited or restricted in that place and at that time;
- e) at an angle unless Parking in marked angle parking stalls;
- f) in a manner that impedes or obstructs the regular and reasonable flow of Traffic;
- g) in a loading zone designated by a Traffic Control Device unless it is being loaded or unloaded and Parked for no longer than fifteen (15) minutes at any one time;
- h) to conduct roadside business and sell commodities without a Permit;
- i) in a manner that encroaches or overhangs on a Sidewalk;
- j) to sleep in overnight; or
- k) if it is a Trailer that is not attached to a Vehicle which is capable of towing it.

9.2. On-Street Parking Regulations - Except to comply with an Authorized Person, a Traffic Control Device, or a Permit and except while operating a Government Vehicle, a public utility Vehicle or an Emergency Vehicle engaged in duties, a person must not Park a Vehicle, Recreational Vehicle, or Trailer:

- a) on a Sidewalk, Walkway, greenbelt, or adjacent land;
- b) in front of a public or private driveway;
- c) at distance greater than thirty (30) centimetres from the curb or edge of pavement;
- d) within an intersection or within the centre of a cul-de-sac;
- e) upon a bridge;

- f) within six (6) meters of a fire hydrant measured from the point on the curb or edge of the roadway which is closest to the fire hydrant;
- g) on a Crosswalk or within six (6) meters of the Crosswalk;
- h) within six (6) meters of a Traffic Control Device, Temporary Traffic Control Device, or Traffic Control Signal;
- i) in a manner that obstructs the visibility of a Traffic Control Device, Temporary Traffic Control Device, or a Traffic Control Signal;
- j) within six (6) meters of an entrance or exit to a Lane or a commercial or institutional property unless in a designated Parking stall;
- k) within fifteen (15) meters of a railway or a railway crossing;
- l) on the roadway side of a Vehicle stopped or Parked parallel to the edge or curb of the roadway (double Park);
- m) at the curbside or road edge facing in the opposite direction to the flow of Traffic;
- n) in a space on any Highway adjacent to a Federal, Provincial, Municipal public building or District approved reserve Parking zone unless the Operator is approved to Park in the reserved zone;
- o) for a continuous period exceeding twenty-four (24) hours, or in contravention of the length of time allowed for Parking on that portion of Highway as indicated by a Traffic Control Device;
- p) on a portion of the Highway that is designated for specific uses and marked by a Traffic Control Device or painted curb, including but not limited to fire zones, yellow curbs, fire hydrants, and Cycle Parking;
- q) on a Highway abutting a provincial school ground or park from dawn until dusk except if the school ground or park is separated from the Highway by a fence;
- r) on any Highway between the hours of 6:00 AM and 4:00 PM from October 1st to March 31st of any year, excluding the areas identified in Schedule B;
- s) being a Commercial Vehicle on any Highway, unless it is an attended Commercial Vehicle that is actively being loaded or unloaded; placed to leave at least three (3) meters of the adjacent roadway clear, as measured on a line perpendicular to the Vehicle; and not Parked for longer than is necessary for the expeditious loading or unloading of the Vehicle; or
- t) being a Truck, on any Highway in a residential area, between the hours of 8:00 PM and 8:00 AM of the following day.

9.3. Off-Street Parking Regulations - Except to comply with an Authorized Person, Traffic Control Device, or a Permit and except while operating a Government Vehicle, a public utility Vehicle, or an

Emergency Vehicle engaged in duties, a person must not Park a Vehicle, Recreational Vehicle or Trailer:

- a) outside of the designated Parking lines, straddling a line or crossing over a line, except if the line markings are covered with snow or ice and not visible; or
- b) overnight on any portion of a Parking area or in contravention of the length of time allowed for that Parking area as indicated by a Traffic Control Device.

9.4. Off-Street Parking Lots are established in the District and specified in Schedule A.

9.5. To further regulate Parking in an Off-Street Parking Lot identified in Schedule A, the Director of Operations may place Traffic Control Devices at any time as deemed necessary for operations services or special events.

9.6. If checking for overtime Parking, Authorized Persons may use chalk marks on the tires of Parked Vehicles or any other identifying mark that does not deface the Vehicle, and a person must not erase or obliterate such mark.

9.7. Parking Permit Authorization - The Director of Operations may issue a Permit to allow a person to, for the period of time indicated on the Permit, Park in otherwise regulated spaces on a Highway during construction or other activities that make compliance with such Parking restrictions in a particular area impractical.

9.8. The Director of Operations may issue a temporary Permit to allow a person to, for the period of time indicated on the Permit, Park in regulated spaces on a Highway or Off-Street Parking Lot, conduct roadside business, or conduct other relevant activities during a special event.

9.9. Permit Fees – The District must not levy any fees for a Permit for Parking.

9.10. Number of Permits - The Director of Operations may restrict the number of Permits to be issued.

9.11. Accessible Parking - A person must not Park a Vehicle in a disabled zone unless the Vehicle displays a SPARC's BC Parking Permit issued in accordance with the *Motor Vehicle Act*, or by another jurisdiction, in a prominent position visible through the front windshield.

10. HIGHWAY REGULATIONS

10.1. Speed Limits - A person must not operate a Vehicle on a Highway in the District:

- a) at a speed exceeding forty (40) kilometers per hour except as otherwise provided in this bylaw;
- b) at a speed exceeding thirty (30) kilometers per hour in a school zone or playground zone;
- c) at a speed exceeding twenty (20) kilometers per hour in a Lane, construction zone or Off-Street Parking Lot;
- d) at a speed exceeding twenty (20) kilometers per hour if using solid rubber tires;

- e) at a speed exceeding fifty (50) kilometers per hour on Michel Creek Road;
- f) at a speed exceeding sixty (60) kilometers per hour on Sparwood Heights Drive, between Highway 43 and Ponderosa Drive; or
- g) at a speed exceeding the posted speed limit.

10.2. Highway Damage – Except as authorized by a Permit, a person must not:

- a) cause damage to a Sidewalk, Walkway or adjacent land;
- b) excavate, break, or remove any part of the Highway;
- c) cut through, or tunnel under a Highway or Lane;
- d) cut and remove trees, grass, shrubs, plants, hedges, fences or other materials maintained on a Highway or right-of-way;
- e) drag, push or skid any object, attachment or equipment along or over a Highway in such a manner that the object damages the Highway;
- f) construct a Boulevard crossing, including but not limited to a driveway, curb, ditch or Sidewalk;
- g) change the level of the Highway in any manner or stop the flow of water of any drain, sewer or culvert on, through or under a Highway;
- h) construct or maintain a ditch, sewer or storm drain, on any portion of the Highway;
- i) construct or maintain a ditch on a property, from which the water causes damage to any Highway;
- j) construct or maintain a structure, including but not limited to loading platforms, skids, rails, mechanical devices or outbuildings, on any portion of the Highway;
- k) mark, imprint or deface in any manner any portion of the Highway or a structure or Traffic Control Device on or over the Highway;
- l) install, maintain, alter, repaint or remove any sign, advertisement or guidepost on or over any Highway; or
- m) place any Movable Property, including advertisement boards or signs, on a Highway.

10.3. Highway Prohibitions – Except as authorized by a Permit and except for a person operating a Government Vehicle or an Emergency Vehicle, a person must not:

- a) operate a Vehicle on or across a Sidewalk, Walkway and adjacent land unless on an approved access, approach or driveway;
- b) operate a Vehicle on a trail or within a park as defined in the *Parks and Trail Bylaw 1217, 2020*, as amended from time to time;

- c) operate tracked Vehicles, including but not limited to snow mobiles, excavators, dozers and skid steers on any Sidewalk, adjacent land or Highway;
- d) operate a Vehicle contrary to a Traffic Control Device, the directions of an Authorized Person, a Traffic Control Signal, or a Permit;
- e) ride, lead, walk, hitch, tie, tether or otherwise travel with any animal in excess of two hundred (200) kilograms on a Walkway, Sidewalk, Highway or adjacent land, unless otherwise permitted to do so under an applicable Traffic Control Device; or
- f) herd animals along any Highway, Sidewalk, Walkway or adjacent land, unless otherwise permitted to do so under an applicable Traffic Control Device.

10.4. Truck Route – A person operating a Truck may only travel on designated Truck Routes, as set out in Schedule C of this Bylaw, and on any street providing the shortest distance route between a designated Truck Route and points of origin or destination, except for:

- a) an Emergency Vehicle;
- b) a Government Vehicle;
- c) a vehicle Owned or Operated on behalf of a public utility company; or
- d) in accordance with a Permit.

10.5. Despite Section 10.4, the Director of Operations may issue a Permit for a person to drive or Park a Truck on a Highway other than a Truck Route, provided that the person takes the shortest direct accessible connection between the nearest Truck Route and the destination and then returns to the Truck Route using the same connection as outlined on the approved route map attached to the Permit:

- a) to obtain fuel, repairs, accommodation, or food at commercial premises;
- b) to collect or deliver cargo; or
- c) to supply a service.

10.6. A person operating a Truck must not travel on a Highway that is a designated No Truck Route, as set out in Schedule D of this Bylaw.

11. SNOW CLEARING

11.1. An Owner or Occupier of property abutting a Highway, must not allow snow, ice or slush to accumulate, be tracked or be carried by a Vehicle from the property, onto a Highway.

11.2. The District must clear Highways, Walkways and Sidewalks of snow and ice according to the *District Snow and Ice Control Policy - 5013-02*, as amended from time to time.

12. IMPOUNDMENT

- 12.1. Removal of Vehicle or Movable Property - If any Vehicle or Movable Property is unlawfully occupying any portion of a Highway or public place or in violation of this Bylaw, an Authorized Person may:
- a) require the Owner or Operator in charge of the Vehicle or Owner of Movable Property to move it from the Highway; or
 - b) move or cause to be moved or take or cause to be taken the Vehicle or Movable Property into the custody of the District and take or cause it to be taken to and impounded in a safe and otherwise suitable place.
- 12.2. The Owner or Operator of any Vehicle or Movable Property that has been towed or moved and impounded may recover the Vehicle or Movable Property upon:
- a) presenting proof of Ownership or permission from the Owner;
 - b) payment of the fees set out in the *Fees and Charges Bylaw 1322, 2023*, as amended from time to time; and
 - c) payment of any charges imposed by third parties for its removal, care and storage.
- 12.3. The District and any of its employees or contractors must not be responsible for any damage suffered to a Vehicle or Movable Property or vandalism, theft or fire while the Vehicle or Movable Property is being moved, detained or impounded.
- 12.4. If a Vehicle is removed, detained or impounded, the District must give written notice to the registered Vehicle Owner at the most recent address shown on the records of the register of Motor Vehicles, advising the Vehicle Owner of the seizures, the costs and that the Owner is required to claim and reposess the Vehicle within thirty (30) days of the Vehicle's impoundment.
- 12.5. If a Vehicle or Movable Property has not been claimed after being detained or impounded for thirty (30) consecutive days, the District may advertise and sell the Vehicle or Movable Property by public auction.
- 12.6. Before selling by public auction under this section, the District must advertise the time and place of the proposed public auction in two (2) consecutive issues of a newspaper circulating in the District, giving at least 10 (ten) days' notice of such proposed sale.
- 12.7. If a Vehicle or Movable Property is sold by public auction, the District must apply the proceeds of any such sale firstly to the cost of the sale, secondly to the costs and expenses of the District or its contractors for impoundment and detention, and thirdly, the District must hold the balance, if any, for one (1) year from the date of the sale for the Owner. If the balance is unclaimed at the end of the one (1) year period, the District must pay such sum into the general revenue of the District.
- 12.8. If any Vehicle or Movable Property is not purchased by public auction, then the District may dispose of the Vehicle or Movable Property, and the District may recover the expenses incurred in

the removal or disposal, less the proceeds (if any) of disposal, from the Owner as a debt due to the District.

- 12.9. If a Vehicle or Movable Property has not been claimed after being detained or impounded for thirty (30) consecutive days, and, in the opinion of the Director of Operations, the Vehicle or Movable Property has an apparent market value of less than two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00), the District may dispose of such Vehicle or Movable Property, and the District may charge the full costs of removal or disposal to the Owner of the Vehicle or Movable Property.

13. PENALTIES

- 13.1. If a person violates any provision of this Bylaw:

- a) the registered Owner of the Vehicle or Trailer in violation is guilty of the contravention and liable to the penalty provided in this Bylaw, unless the Owner establishes that the Owner was not Operating or using the Vehicle or Trailer at the time of the violation and did not consent to its Operation or Use; or
- b) the last registered Owner of an unregistered Vehicle or Trailer in violation is guilty of the contravention and liable to the penalty provided in this Bylaw, unless the last registered Owner establishes that they were not Operating or using the Vehicle or Trailer at the time of the violation and did not consent to its Operation or Use.

- 13.2. If the Owner or the last registered Owner of a Vehicle or Trailer in violation of this Bylaw was not Operating the Vehicle or Trailer at the time of the violation, the person who was Operating the Vehicle or Trailer is guilty of the contravention and liable to the penalty provided in this Bylaw.

- 13.3. If a Vehicle or Trailer is in violation of this Bylaw and the Owner or last registered Owner was not operating it at the time of the violation, the Owner or last registered Owner is responsible for establishing that the Vehicle or Trailer was in possession of some other person without the Owner or last registered Owner's consent.

- 13.4. Every person who violates any provision of this Bylaw, or who suffers or permits any act or thing to be done in contravention of or in violation of any of the provision of this Bylaw, or who neglects to do, or refrains from doing anything required to be done by any of the provisions of this Bylaw, commits an offence, and each day that a violation continues constitutes a separate offence.

- 13.5. In addition to all other penalties herein provided, any person causing damage to any Highway, Sidewalk, Walkway or adjacent land or any person being the Owner or Operator of any Vehicle or Trailer which causes damage to any Highway, Sidewalk, Walkway or adjacent land must be responsible for the cost of repairing such damage to the satisfaction of the District, and the District may recover any expenses it incurs to remedy damage from the person who caused or authorized the damage.

- 13.6. Upon conviction of an offence under this Bylaw, a person is liable to pay

- a) a fine of not more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000);

- b) the fine as set out in the District's *Municipal Ticket Information Bylaw 1290, 2021*, as amended from time to time; or
 - c) the fine as set out in the District's *Bylaw Enforcement Notice Bylaw 1333, 2024*, as amended from time to time.
- 13.7. It is an offence for a person to remove any notice or ticket affixed or placed on a Vehicle, Recreational Vehicle or Trailer by an Authorized Person or a District employee unless they are the Owner or Operator of that Vehicle.

14. DEFAULT

- 14.1. If this Bylaw requires a person to do any matter or thing, and the person does not do the matter or thing required, the District may do such matter or thing at the expense of the person in default and may recover the expense thereof from the person with interest at the rate set out in Section 193.1 of the *Community Charter*.

15. INSPECTION

- 15.1. After taking reasonable steps to advise the Owner or Occupier before entering the property, an Authorized Person may, acting reasonably, enter at all reasonable times upon any property that is subject to the regulations of this Bylaw to ascertain whether such regulations, prohibitions and requirements are being met.

16. SCHEDULES

- 16.1. The following schedules are included and form part of this Bylaw:

- a) Schedule A – Off-Street Public Parking Lots
- b) Schedule B – Exemptions to Winter Parking Restrictions
- c) Schedule C – Truck Routes
- d) Schedule D – No Truck Route

17. FORMS/APPLICATIONS

- 17.1. The Corporate Officer may prescribe, establish, and amend any forms necessary for the administration or enforcement of this Bylaw, including but not limited to application forms, declarations, notices, and Permits.

18. SEVERABILITY

- 18.1. The provisions of this Bylaw are severable and the invalidity of any part of this Bylaw must not affect the validity of the remainder of this Bylaw.

19. REPEAL

19.1. The District *Traffic, Parking and Highway Bylaw No. 472, 1987* and all amendments thereto are hereby repealed.

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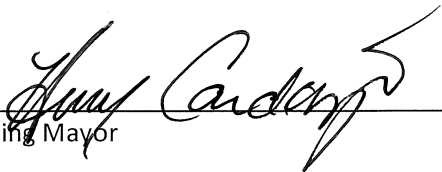
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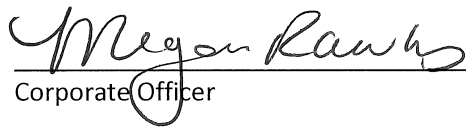
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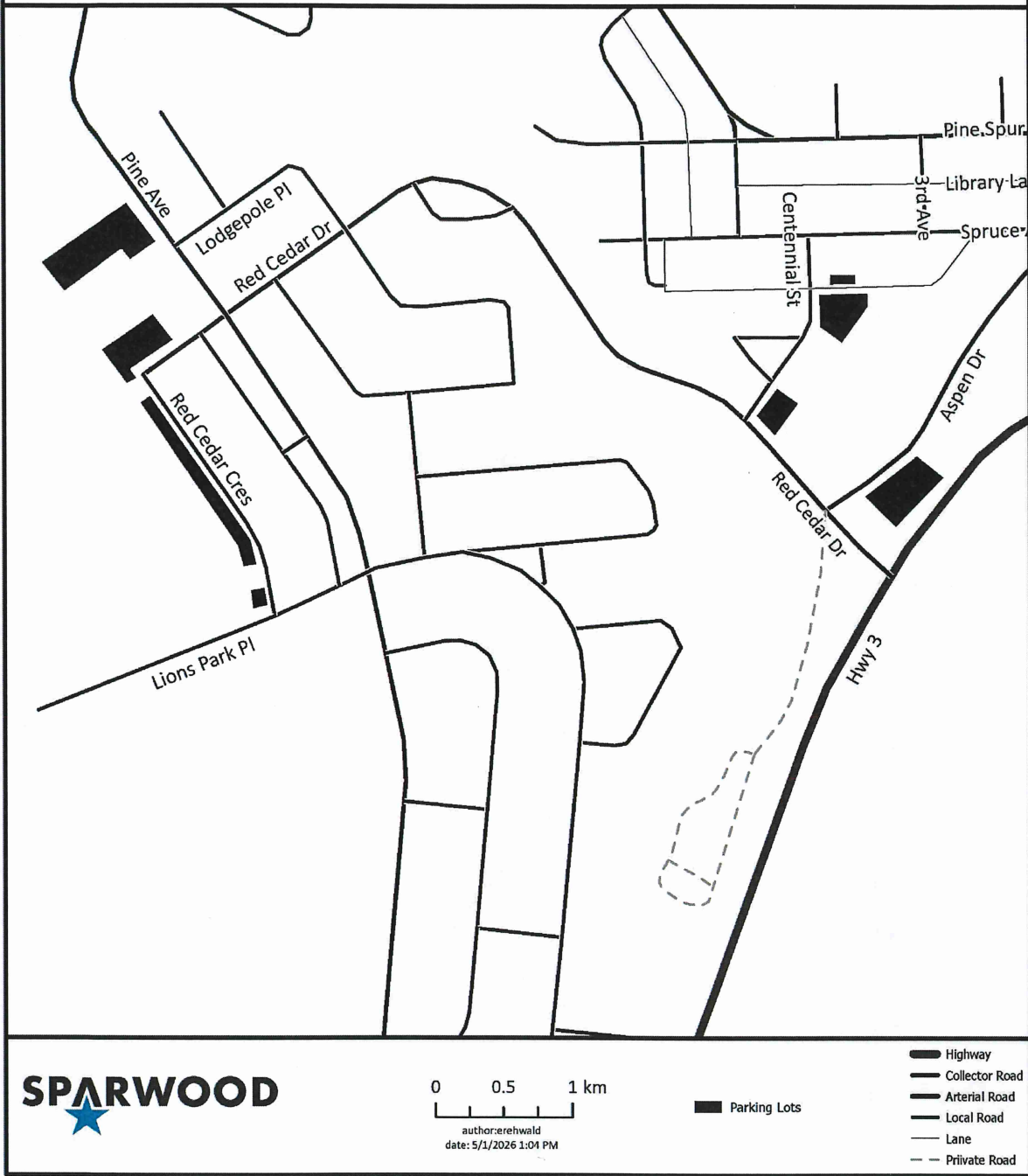


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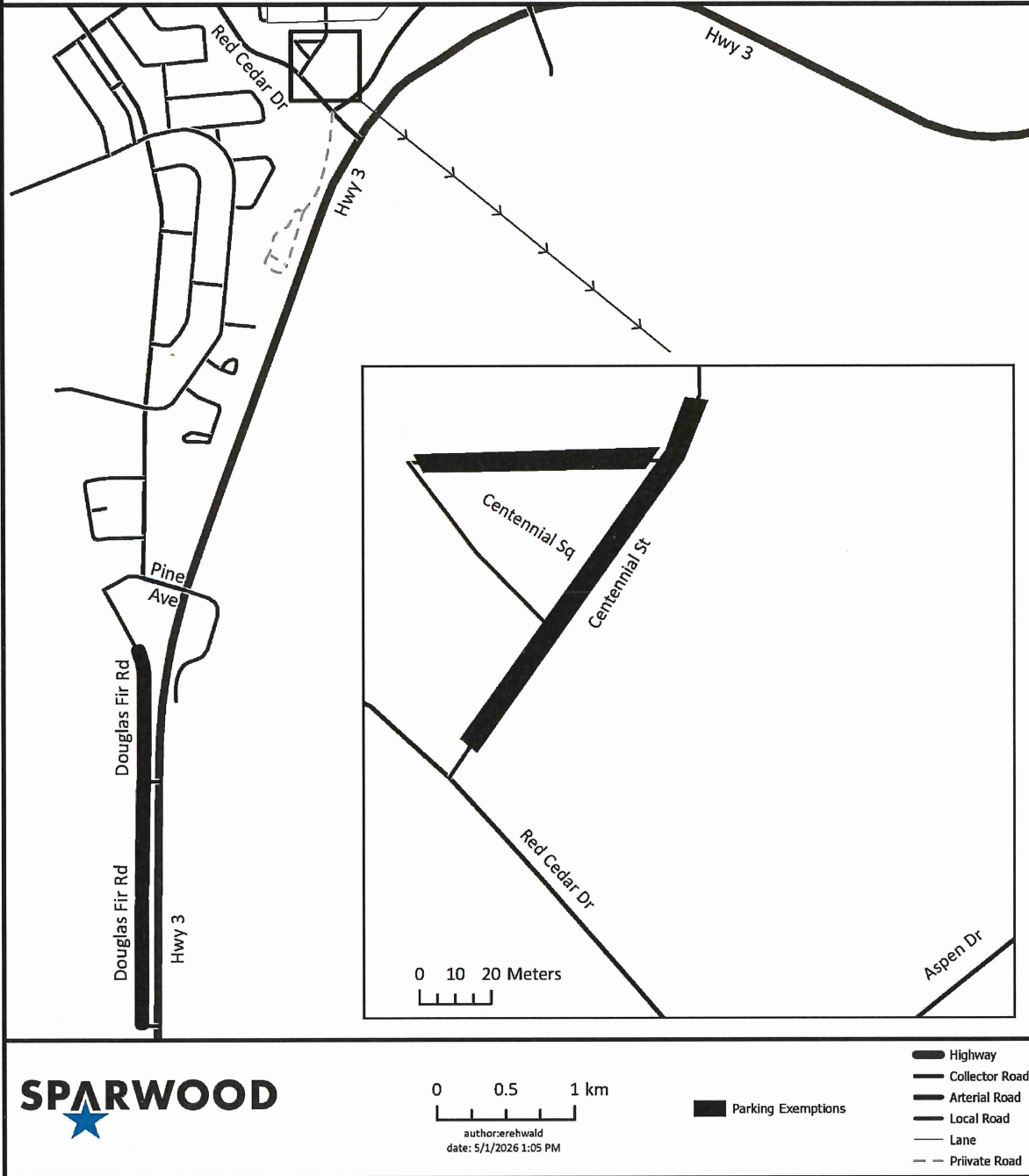


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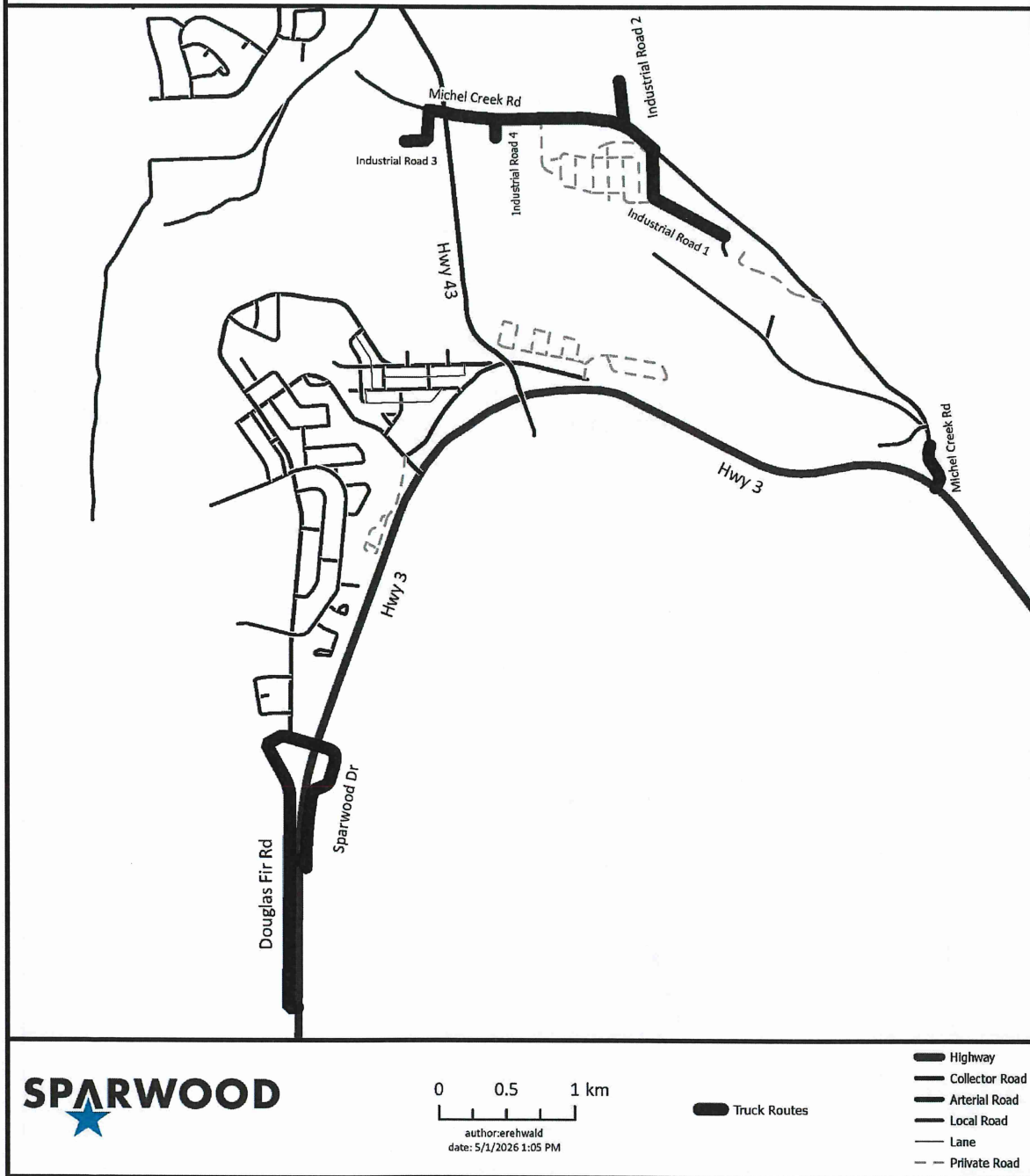
Schedule A - Off-Street Parking Lots



Schedule B – Exemptions to Parking Restrictions



Schedule C – Truck Routes



Schedule D – No Truck Route

