

**BYLAW B-09/2024  
CITY OF AIRDRIE  
PROVINCE OF ALBERTA**

A bylaw to control and regulate the use of the streets in the City of Airdrie and restrict and regulate activities on, adjacent, or near the streets.

**WHEREAS** the *Municipal Government Act*, RSA 2000, c M-26 (the “Act”) authorizes a municipality to pass bylaws respecting the safety, health, and welfare of people and the protection of people and property; activities and things in, on or near public spaces;

**AND WHEREAS** the Act provides that a municipality has the direction, control and management of all highways, sidewalks, and public places within the municipality;

**AND WHEREAS** the *Traffic Safety Act*, RSA 2000, c T-6 provides that a municipality may pass bylaws respecting use of highways, the removal and impoundment of vehicles that are parked in contravention of a bylaw, and the issuing of tags, tickets, and other documents;<sup>1</sup>

The Council of the City of Airdrie enacts as follows:

**Title**

- 1 This bylaw may be cited as the “Streets Bylaw”.

**Definitions**

- 2 Unless otherwise specified, the words used in this bylaw have the same meaning as defined in the *Municipal Government Act* and the *Traffic Safety Act* including their amendments and regulations, unless defined otherwise in this bylaw.
- 3 In this bylaw:
  - (1) “awning” means a folding or collapsible cover capable of being extended from or retracted to the building or structure to which it is attached;
  - (2) “canopy” means a non-retractable, solid projection which extends from the face of a building and including a structure commonly known as the theatre marquee but does not include architectural features such as lintels, sills, moldings, architraves, and pediments;
  - (3) “City” means the municipal corporation of the City of Airdrie and the geographical area contained within the boundaries of the City;

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- (4) "City Manager" means the City of Airdrie's Chief Administrative Officer or their delegate;
- (5) "Council" means the municipal Council of the City of Airdrie;
- (6) "litter" means any solid or liquid material, product, or combination of the two. This includes, but not limited to:
  - (a) any rubbish, refuse, garbage, paper, package, container, bottle, can, manure, human or animal excrement, or the whole or part of an animal carcass or offal, coal, wood, gravel, earth, sawdust, glass or like material, plastic, nails, staples, tacks, scraps of metal, expended tobacco, cannabis, or vape products; or<sup>2</sup>
  - (b) the whole or part of any article, raw or processed material, vehicle or machinery of any type that is disposed of;
- (7) "mobile vendor" means a portable cart, truck, or similar arrangement located on public lands, including highways, for the sale of food, beverages, goods, or services which may be removed each day, and is considered a temporary obstruction;
- (8) "moving container" means any portable receptacle, regardless of form or whether it is attached to a vehicle or not, which is used to hold and transports items;
- (9) "natural forces" means rain, snow melt, or water from hoses or other mechanical or human action;
- (10) "obstruction" means an encroachment, obstacle, excavation, structure, or other hindrance or thing, including but not limited to mobile vendors, vehicles, items, structures, and materials, which interferes with, impedes, or prevents line of sight, passage, or use of highways, streets, or public places by vehicles or pedestrians, and is temporary in nature;
- (11) "Officer" means a person appointed by the City to enforce the provisions of this bylaw including a Bylaw Enforcement Officer, Peace Officer, or a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police;
- (12) "owner" means the registered owner on Certificate of Title for real property or, in all other cases, the person who has the legal or rightful title to something;

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- (13) “pathway” means any multiple-use path, thoroughfare, or trail, whether made of asphalt, concrete, shale, or gravel surface, which is primarily intended for the use of pedestrians, cyclist, and e-scooter’s and does not include a sidewalk;
- (14) “park space” means a public place controlled by the City and set aside to be used for rest, recreation, exercise, pleasure, amusement, and enjoyment and includes:
  - (a) playgrounds, natural areas, sports fields, and cemeteries; and
  - (b) pathways, trails, and park roadways;
  - (c) but does not include golf courses;
- (15) “receptacle” means a container that is placed to provide for the collection of litter;
- (16) “sidewalk” means the portion of a street set aside for use of pedestrians, whether the surface of such portion is covered with gravel, contract, asphalt, or other type of paving or not;
- (17) “street” means any thoroughfare, highway, road, trail, avenue, parkway, driveway, viaduct, lane, alley, square, bridge, causeway, trestle way, or other place, whether publicly or privately owned, any part of which the public is ordinarily entitled or permitted to use for the passage or parking of vehicles,<sup>3</sup>
  - (a) and includes:
    - (i) a sidewalk (including a boulevard);
    - (ii) a ditch where the ditch lies adjacent to and parallel with the roadway;
    - (iii) where a street 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; and

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- (iv) where the front entrance of a home abuts a publicly owned open space, the pathway, or sidewalk and associated boulevard spaces between the pathway and privately owned land;<sup>4</sup>
- (b) but does not include:
  - (i) a place declared by the Lieutenant Governor, in council, not to be a street, or
  - (ii) a pathway governed by the *Parks Bylaw*;
- (18) “track” means to allow, cause, or permit any dirt soil, mud gravel, sand, clay, lime, fertilizer, manure, substance, or material of any nature or kind whatsoever to become loose, detach, blow, drop, spill, or fall from any vehicle apparatus or tires onto any highway;
- (19) “violation ticket” is a form issued by an Officer to a person who violates a provision of this bylaw; and
- (20) “voluntary payment tag” means a notice or tag issued by an Officer allowing a voluntary payment option of a fine established under this bylaw.

## Part 1 – Fees

- 4 All fees referred to or required by this bylaw are set by Council in the *User Fees and Charges Bylaw*.
- 4.1 A permit, inspection, or any other thing required by this bylaw may be subject to a fee in an amount determined by Council in the *User Fees and Charges Bylaw*, B-41/2023, as amended or replaced.<sup>5</sup>

## Part 2 – Material on Streets

- 5 A person must not put or permit to be put any electrical cords, hoses, chains, or any similar obstructions under, over or across any part of a street.<sup>6</sup>

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- 6 A person must not put, direct, or allow someone to put, any material under their control on a portion of a street unless authorized to do so by the City pursuant to this or any other bylaw or City policy.<sup>7</sup>
- 6.1 Despite section 6, a person may place sand, gravel, or de-icing products upon icy portions of a sidewalk to reduce the danger of slippery conditions.
- (1) Despite section 6.1, a person must not place chloride-based de-icing products on sidewalks within one year of construction.
  - (2) The City recommends avoiding all use of chloride-based de-icing products.<sup>8</sup>
- 6.2 Further to section 6, temporary roadside memorials are not permitted and will be addressed as per this bylaw and the City's policy on memorials, if any.
- (1) Despite section 6.2, the City may remove a roadside memorial, at the direction of the City Manager, for any reason and with no notice.<sup>9</sup>
- 7 A person must not damage, deface, paint, chalk, stencil, or make any advertisement, legend, or sign of any kind on a pathway, sidewalk, street, or fence enclosing an obstruction on a street or public place without the City Manager's written authorization.<sup>10</sup>

### **Real property development and storage**

- 8 An owner of property must ensure that material on their property or on property in their control is stored, placed, or disposed of in such a way that the material does not enter onto the street by any means, including natural forces.
- 9 An excavation or portion of an excavation, or a structure or portion of a structure must not encroach into the street without the written authorization of the City Manager, unless authorized under Part 4 – Obstructions, within this bylaw.<sup>11</sup>
- 10 A person must not allow mud, dirt, or construction debris to be tracked by motor vehicles onto the streets.
- 11 A person found in violation of section 9 is liable for the costs to clean-up the street, in addition to a penalty or penalties under this bylaw.

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<sup>7</sup> Bylaw B-21/2025

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### **Gutters, curbs, sidewalks**

- 12 A person must not damage, cut away, break, or remove portions from a gutter, curb, or sidewalk without the written authorization of the City Manager.<sup>12</sup>
- 13 Except expressly permitted in this bylaw, a person must not:
- (1) build or attempt to build a sidewalk crossing by placing any object or material on any part of the street, including, but not limited to, the sidewalk, boulevard, or the gutter, whether it is constructed as a part of the sidewalk, curb, or separately from it; or<sup>13</sup>
  - (2) put any object or material in a gutter for any purpose.

### **Animal or vehicle guidance prohibited**

- 14 If a person, without prior written permission, places any object or material in a gutter, against a curb, or elsewhere on a street with the intention of guiding an animal or driving a vehicle from the travelled portion of the street to their own property or for any other purpose, the City may, in addition to any penalties:<sup>14</sup>
- (1) require it be removed immediately; or
  - (2) have the object or material removed at the cost of the person that placed it on the street.

### **Litter**

- 15 Except to the extent specified in and subject to the conditions of a permit signed by or on behalf of the City, a person must not:
- (1) dispose of litter on any portion of a street, except in a receptacle;
  - (2) dispose of litter on any portion of a street from a vehicle, except in a receptacle;
  - (3) dispose of burning litter on any portion of a street; or<sup>15</sup>
  - (4) dispose of litter in a receptacle in such a way that it is not contained within the receptacle.<sup>16</sup>

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<sup>12</sup> Bylaw B-21/2025

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- 16 (1) If a vehicle is involved in an offence referred to in section 15(2), the owner of that vehicle is guilty of an offence.
- (2) Section 16(1) does not apply if the owner of the vehicle satisfies the Court they were not in control of the vehicle, and that the person having control of the vehicle at the time of the offence had control of the vehicle without the owner's express or implied consent.

### **Dangerous and Unlawful Practices**

- 17 Unless otherwise lawfully authorized, a person must not carry or convey a firearm, pellet gun, BB gun, or gas-operated gun in which a round of ammunition for such a gun or firearm is in the chamber within the City.
- 18 A person must not discharge a firearm, pellet gun, BB gun, air gun, or gas-operated gun within the City:
- (1) unless otherwise lawfully authorized; or
- (2) unless written permission was obtained from the City Manager and such discharge is part of a City-sanctioned event.
- 18.1 Except when using a structure for its intended use, a person must not use infrastructure in such a way that could present a hazard to the person, to others, or to the environment or could cause damage to the structure.<sup>17</sup>
- 18.2 A person must not jump, dive, or otherwise propel themselves, or permit a minor under their supervision to jump, dive, or otherwise propel themselves, from any street, or street-related infrastructure, including pedestrian bridges, that is located above or directly beside a body of water, into the body of water.<sup>18</sup>
- 18.3 A person must not loiter or perform any action that may result in impeding movement across a street.<sup>19</sup>

### **Part 3 – Mobile vendors**

- 19 At all times, mobile vendors must hold and abide by the terms and conditions of:
- (1) a valid City business licence; and
- (2) a valid City mobile vendor permit.

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- 20 Mobile vendors may operate between the following hours:
- (1) Monday to Saturday between 7:00 AM and 7:00 PM, and Sundays and statutory holidays between 10:00 AM and 6:00 PM, where the use is adjacent to a residential district unless part of a larger approved event;<sup>20</sup>
  - (2) Between 7:00 AM and 11:00 PM in all other locations and situations; or<sup>21</sup>
  - (3) as authorized within the issued mobile vendor's permit.<sup>22</sup>
- 21 A mobile vendor use must not cause any hazards or annoyance to other users of the street or surrounding properties as outlined in the community standards bylaw.
- 22 Any garbage or waste created through mobile vendor use shall be the responsibility of the vendor and shall not be disposed of in any City facilities or receptacles, including public garbage bins, tree pits, storm drains, sanitary sewer systems, or public streets.
- 23 Mobile vendors may be located on a municipal roadway if, in addition to the other requirements of this bylaw and the terms and conditions of any required licence or permit:
- (1) The roadway has a maximum speed of 30 kilometres per hour or less, and is not a playground zone, school zone, or an area where the maximum speed has been temporarily lowered to 30 kilometres per hour or less, unless otherwise directed within the issued mobile vendor's permit;
  - (2) The mobile vendor is located at least 5.0 metres from adjacent roadways, lanes, crosswalks, or driveways unless otherwise authorized within the issued mobile vendor's permit;<sup>23</sup>
  - (3) The mobile vendor is located at least 50.0 metres from school property boundaries unless otherwise authorized within the issued mobile vendor's permit;
  - (4) The mobile vendor is located at least 10.0 metres from residential developments, unless otherwise authorized within the body of this permit;

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- (5) The mobile vendor is located at least 10.0 metres away from existing similar use establishments, unless otherwise authorized within the issued mobile vendor's permit;
  - (6) The mobile vendor is not parked in one location for a period greater than four hours, unless the mobile vendor is part of a City-approved event, or unless otherwise authorized within the issued mobile vendor's permit;
  - (7) The mobile vendor does not interfere with or reduce line of sight for vehicular or pedestrian traffic;
  - (8) The mobile vendor is legally parked, and the window servicing the customer faces the sidewalk, unless otherwise authorized within the issued mobile vendor's permit;
  - (9) Mobile vendors may not use audio amplification unless otherwise authorized within the issued mobile vendor's permit;
  - (10) The mobile vendor does not occupy any space in a time restricted parking or stopping area unless the mobile vendor is part of a larger, City-approved event, and was placed in that location by the organizer of the event;
  - (11) All equipment associated with operation of the mobile vendor is located within 2.0 metres of the vehicle;
  - (12) The mobile vendor operator disposes of all trash associated with its operation in approved locations and ensures that all areas within 3.0 metres of the vehicle are always kept clean;
  - (13) The mobile vendor unit(s) is clean, well-lit, safe, and in good condition; and
  - (14) Insurance liability has been provided to the satisfaction of the City.
- 24 A mobile vendor operating on a street while violating any section of this bylaw or without holding a valid City of Airdrie business licence is deemed an obstruction.

## Part 4 – Obstructions

- 25 A person must not create or install any obstruction, of any nature, on, below, or above the streets or park spaces within the City unless the City Manager has explicitly authorized otherwise through a permit that outlines specific terms and conditions.<sup>24</sup>
- 25.1 Despite section 25, signs are allowed in the street as permitted by the *Land Use Bylaw* B-01/2016, as amended or replaced.<sup>25</sup>
- 25.2 The City retains the authority to move or remove any obstruction, regardless of any permit issued under this bylaw, or any other bylaw or agreement, that it deems a safety concern.
- (1) The cost to move or remove any obstruction is the responsibility of the person that created the obstruction.<sup>26</sup>

### **Moving containers, commercial use bins, construction receptacles**

- 26 For the purposes of this bylaw, moving containers, commercial use bins, and construction receptacles are obstructions.
- 27 A person who wants to place a moving container, commercial use bin, or construction receptacle on the street for exclusive use of that part of the street must:
- (1) obtain a permit to place the obstruction on the street;
- (2) place the obstruction on the street directly in front of their property, unless directed otherwise by the City;
- (3) not exceed 30 days, unless the time on the permit states otherwise;
- (4) ensure that the bin or construction receptacle is covered all times when not in use;
- (5) keep the area around the bin clear of objects and debris;
- (6) not obstruct the visibility of any regulatory signage;<sup>27</sup>

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- (7) adheres to all provisions of the *Traffic Bylaw B-30/2023*; and<sup>28</sup>
  - (8) display proof of permit on the street side of the moving container, bin, or construction receptacle.
- 28 Fees for a moving container, commercial use bin, or construction receptacles are set by Council within the *User Fees and Charges Bylaw B-41/2023*.<sup>29</sup>

### **Projections over street**

- 29 Constructing projections from buildings or other structures that extend into or above a street is prohibited.
- 30 Despite sections 25 and 29, the following obstructions are permitted:<sup>30</sup>
- (1) any requirements respecting the installations and maintenance of fire escapes as may be set out under Alberta building codes and fire codes;
  - (2) any canopy, awning, sign, or other projection which complies with the provisions of the *Land Use Bylaw B-01/2016*; and
  - (3) any structure approved by the City in accordance with the City's bylaws and policies.
- 31 Despite section 29, the City may provide written authorization permitting the construction of a structure beneath, on, or above a street in accordance with any City policies regarding encroachments, including the payment of costs, rentals, taxes, or fees related to such encroachments.
- 32 If the City deems any excavation or structure in, on, above, or adjacent to a street or park to be unsafe obstruction, the City takes necessary measures to protect life and property.<sup>31</sup>

## **Part 5 - Enforcement**

### **Voluntary payment tag**

- 33 An Officer may issue a voluntary payment tag to any person who the Officer has reasonable and probable grounds to believe has contravened any provision of this bylaw.

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<sup>28</sup> Bylaw B-21/2025

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- 34 An Officer may issue a municipal voluntary payment tag to a person either personally or by mail.
- 35 (1) If a violation of this bylaw persists, an Officer may issue additional voluntary payment tags or summonses.
- (2) No more than one voluntary payment tag or summons can be issued for each calendar day that a violation continues.
- 36 If a voluntary payment tag is issued under this bylaw, the person receiving it can choose to pay the specified penalty to the City instead of facing prosecution for the offense.
- 37 Nothing in this bylaw shall prevent an Officer from issuing a violation ticket compelling the mandatory Court appearance of any person who contravenes any provision of this bylaw.

### **Violation Ticket**

- 38 If the penalty specified on a voluntary payment tag is not paid within the prescribed time, the Officer may issue a violation ticket pursuant to the *Provincial Offences Procedure Act*.
- 39 Despite other provisions of this bylaw, an Officer may issue a violation ticket under the *Provincial Offences Procedure Act* to any person whom the Officer reasonably believes has violated any provision of this bylaw.

### **Violation ticket and penalties**

- 40 Where an Officer believes that a person has contravened any provision of this bylaw, the Officer may commence proceedings by issuing a summons by means of a violation ticket against that person in accordance with the *Provincial Offences Procedure Act*, RSA 2000, c P-34, as amended or replaced.
- 41 The specified penalty payable in respect of a contravention of a provision of this bylaw is the amount shown in Schedule "A" of this bylaw.
- 42 Despite the section 41:
- (1) If a person is convicted of violating the same provision of this bylaw twice within a 12-month period, the penalty for the second conviction is twice the amount indicated in Schedule "A" of this bylaw for that specific provision.

- (2) If a person is convicted of contravening the same provision of this bylaw three or more times within a 12-month period, the penalty for the third or subsequent conviction is three times the amount specified in Schedule "A" of this bylaw for that provision.

43 The minimum fine for any offences not listed in Schedule "A" is \$300 dollars.

44 If the penalty for a first offense within a 12-month period is paid within five business days from the ticket's issuance to the City, the penalty specified in Schedule "A" is reduced to \$100. The City accepts this reduced payment as an alternative to prosecution.

### **Notice to comply**

45 If a person has placed an obstruction on a street in violation of this bylaw, and an Officer has instructed the removal of the object, not complying with this directive empowers the Officer to:

- (1) issue a 24-hour notice to remove the obstruction as set out on a municipal enforcement notice and;
- (2) issue a voluntary payment tag and violation ticket.

46 Despite section 4545, where a person neglects or refuses to remove an obstruction, within 24-hours of receiving a municipal enforcement notice, an Officer may cause its removal at the person's expense.<sup>32</sup>

### **Recovery of enforcement costs**

47 The City reserves the right to remove any vehicle, object, or structure that causes an obstruction or danger from a street.

48 The cost of removing or storing anything removed pursuant to this bylaw is a debt owing to the City by:<sup>33</sup>

- (1) the owner of the materials; and
- (2) any other person in contravention of this bylaw.

49 If materials stored by the City are not claimed within 30 days, the stored materials may be sold at public auction and the City applies any monies received for the sale of stored materials to the debt due to the City pursuant to this section.

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<sup>32</sup> Bylaw B-21/2025

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- 49.1 The expenses and costs of any action or measures taken by the City under this bylaw, including any repairs caused by contravention of this bylaw, are an amount owing to the City by the person in contravention of this bylaw.<sup>34</sup>
- 50 The City may collect the expenses and costs associated with enforcing this bylaw either as a civil debt or by adding them to the tax roll of the relevant premises.

### **Interference with duties**

- 51 It is an offence to interfere, obstruct, or hinder any person authorized by the City Manager, including officers and other authorized persons, in the exercise or performance of the person's powers pursuant to this bylaw.

### **Obstruction removal**

- 52 The City's removal of an obstruction does not relieve the person who violated the provisions of this bylaw of being guilty of an offence or relieve the person is responsible for the penalty associated with violating the provisions this bylaw.

## **Part 6 - Miscellaneous**

- 53 Nothing in this bylaw relieves a person from complying with any federal, provincial, or municipal law or regulation, other bylaw or any requirements of any lawful permit, order, consent, or other direction.
- 54 Any headings, sub-headings, or tables of contents in this bylaw are included for guidance purposes and convenience only and do not form part of this bylaw.
- 55 Any schedules or appendices to this bylaw form part of the bylaw.
- 56 Where this bylaw refers to another act, regulation, or agency, it includes reference to any act, regulation, or agency that may be substituted.
- 57 If any provision of this bylaw is declared invalid for any reason by a court of competent jurisdiction, all other provisions of this bylaw remain valid and enforceable.
- 58 A permit required by this bylaw may be subject to a permit application fee in an amount determined by Council.

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- 58.1 A person who obtains a permit from the City Manager pursuant to this bylaw must comply with all provisions and conditions of the permit.<sup>35</sup>
- 58.2 Prior to the issuance of any permit from the City Manager pursuant to this bylaw, a person requesting a permit shall produce, to the satisfaction of the City, any report, engineered design, geotechnical report, or other document as requested by the City.
  - (1) Any cost incurred by a person pertaining to this section shall be the sole responsibility of the person.<sup>36</sup>

**Transitional**

- 59 Bylaw B-910 is repealed when this bylaw comes into effect.
- 60 This bylaw comes into force and effect when signed in accordance with the Act.

Read a first time this 4th day of June 2024.  
 Read a second time this 4th day of June 2024.  
 Read a third time this 4th day of June 2024.

This bylaw was executed as of the latest date evidenced by digital signature below.

“Peter Brown”

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Mayor

“Charlotte Satink”

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City Clerk

06/17/2025

Consolidated on \_\_\_\_\_

City Clerk *Charlotte Satink*  
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<sup>35</sup> Bylaw B-21/2025  
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**SCHEDULE “A”<sup>37</sup>**

<b>Section</b>	<b>Offence</b>	<b>Penalty in Lieu of Prosecution</b>	<b>Specified Penalty</b>
10	Tracking mud, dirt, or construction debris	\$100.00	\$250.00
13(2)	Placing object or material in a gutter	\$100.00	\$250.00
15	Littering	\$250.00	\$500.00
18.1	Improper use of infrastructure	\$250.00	\$500.00
18.2	Jumping into a body of water	\$250.00	\$500.00
19(2)	No mobile vendor permit	\$50.00	\$100.00
26	Obstruction on highway without a permit	\$50.00	\$100.00
30	Extension over highway	\$50.00	\$100.00

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<sup>37</sup>Bylaw B-21/2025 replaced the entire Schedule A with a new Schedule A.