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TOWN OF HIGH RIVER  
IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA  
BYLAW 4639/2025 – GOOD NEIGHBOUR BYLAW

A BYLAW OF THE TOWN OF HIGH RIVER TO PROMOTE BEHAVIOUR THAT ENCOURAGES PERSONS TO BE RESPONSIBLE AND RESPECTFUL OF THEIR NEIGHBOURS WITHIN HIGH RIVER.

WHEREAS pursuant to Section 7(a) of the *Municipal Government Act*, a Council may pass bylaws for municipal purposes respecting the safety, health, and welfare of people and the protection of people and property;

AND WHEREAS pursuant to Section 7(c) of the *Municipal Government Act*, a Council may pass bylaws for municipal purposes respecting nuisances and unsightly properties;

AND WHEREAS pursuant to Section 7(i) of the *Municipal Government Act*, a Council may pass bylaws for municipal purposes respecting the enforcement of bylaws made under the *Municipal Government Act* or any other enactment including any or all of the matters listed therein;

AND WHEREAS the *Provincial Offences Procedure Act* sets forth procedures for dealing with offences committed in contravention of a bylaw, act, or regulation;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Town of High River considers it expedient to promote responsible and respectful behaviour among residents and their neighbours within the Town of High River;

NOW THEREFORE, the Town of High River Council, duly assembled, enacts as follows:

**PART 1 – PURPOSE, DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION**

**Purpose**

1. The purpose of this Bylaw is to promote responsible and respectful behaviour among Persons within High River.

**Short Title**

2. This Bylaw may be cited as the “Good Neighbour Bylaw”.

**Definitions**

3. Words used in this Bylaw have the same meaning as defined in the *Municipal Government Act*, with the following changes or additions.
  - (a) **“Boulevard”** may include flowers, lawn, plants, shrubs, or trees and means:
    - (i) The portion of land between the curb and the Sidewalk and between the Sidewalk and the Premises’ property line, or
    - (ii) Where there is no Sidewalk, the portion of land between the curb and the Premises’ property line, or
    - (iii) Where there is no curb, the portion of land between the near edge of the road and the Premises’ property line,but does not include the Median, which is located between two lanes of a Road.
  - (b) **“Bylaw”** means Bylaw 4639/2025 also known as the “Good Neighbour Bylaw”.
  - (c) **“CAO”** means the Chief Administrative Officer for the Town or their delegate.
  - (d) **“Compost”** means a mixture of decaying organic matter intended for use as fertilizer.
  - (e) **“Construction Material”** means all construction or demolition material accumulated on a Premises while constructing, altering, repairing, or demolishing any Structure and also includes, but is not limited to, earth, vegetation, or rock displaced during such construction, alteration, repair, or demolition.
  - (f) **“Council”** means the governing body of the Town of High River.
  - (g) **“Court”** means a Court of competent jurisdiction in the Province of Alberta.
  - (h) **“Critical Infrastructure”** means the essential systems, facilities, and services that are necessary for the functioning and well-being of a community.

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- (i) **“Distributor”** means any person, owner of a business, company, or organization that distributes, permits to be distributed, or causes to be distributed, any Flyer which promotes the distributor’s activities.
  - (j) **“Donation Bin”** means a container in which items are placed to be donated to charity organizations or for other recycling or reuse.
  - (k) **“Fighting”** means any physical confrontation and or threatening physical or verbal contact between two (2) or more people.
  - (l) **“Flyer”** means any printed or written material and includes a circular, leaflet, pamphlet, paper, booklet, postcard, or any other matter of literature.
  - (m) **“Garbage”** means discarded or unusable material, items that are no longer wanted or needed, trash, refuse, waste, or rubbish.
  - (n) **“Good Repair”** means a condition where something is free from broken, missing, or fallen parts; it is free from rot or other significant deterioration; or any and all openings are secured against trespassers or the weather.
  - (o) **“Graffiti”** means uninvited markings that have been made on any Premises or Property without permission of the Owner.
  - (p) **“Graphic Image”** means a visual showing, or purporting to show any subject matter that is not in compliance with the Canadian Code of Advertising Standards and offends the standards of public decency prevailing among a significant segment of the population.
  - (q) **“Green Space”** means any park space, whether manicured or natural, which is municipally owned and is not a Play Surface or Sport Field, including the paved and unpaved pathway network, formal and informal parks, and community gardens.
  - (r) **“Highway”** means any thoroughfare, street, road, pathway, 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, and includes:
    - (i) a Sidewalk (including the Boulevard portion of the Sidewalk),
    - (ii) a ditch which lies adjacent to and parallel with the Roadway, and
    - (iii) a Highway right-of-way that is contained between a fence and one side of the Roadway, all the land between the fence and the edge of the Roadway as the case may be.
  - (s) **“Holiday”** means any statutory Holiday as defined in the *Interpretation Act*.
  - (t) **“Life Safety”** means provisions within the bylaw that are designed to ensure the protection of individuals’ health, safety, and well-being in the community.
  - (u) **“Litter”** means uncontained Garbage scattered about in an open space.
  - (v) **“Loiter”** means to linger aimlessly in or about a Public Place or to stand, sitting or lying idly around, hang around, or delay creating an obstruction by rendering impassable any street, road, sidewalk, or any other area of public passage, causing interference with or intrusion upon the passage upon any street, road, sidewalk, or any other area of public passage of any Person.
  - (w) **“Median”** means a narrow portion of land that separates the lanes of traffic from those travelling in the opposite direction.
  - (x) **“Motorized Garden Tool”** means any tool used for gardening or horticulture that is powered by an engine or motor, regardless of whether that mechanism is powered by compressed air, electricity, or a fossil fuel
  - (y) **“Noise”** means any excessive sound that is reasonably likely to disturb the peace of others.
  - (z) **“Nuisance”** means something that is annoying, unpleasant, or obnoxious that endangers public health, safety, or welfare and which includes an unreasonable combination of duration, frequency, and intensity of any given irritant, including but not limited to:
    - (i) Noise,
    - (ii) generally offensive odors,

- (iii) airborne irritants,
  - (iv) any other use or condition of a Premises that constitutes unreasonable interference (or material annoyance) with the use and enjoyment of any other Premises, and including but not limited to:
    - (1) any accumulation of:
      - 1. Garbage, animal or human excrement, sewage, whole or part of an animal carcass,
      - 2. Yard Waste, landscaping or other waste or materials, including dirt, soil, gravel, rocks, or ashes,
      - 3. Broken household items, goods, boxes, or cartons,
      - 4. Untidy work or storage areas,
      - 5. Construction Material,
      - 6. Stagnant water that could become a breeding ground for mosquitoes or other pests,
      - 7. Any other form of scrap, Litter, trash, or waste of any kind,
    - (2) growth of:
      - 1. Noxious weeds as defined in the *Weed Control Act*,
      - 2. Lawn or groundcover, which exceeds 15 centimetres in height,
      - 3. Trees or shrubs that interfere with safe use of adjacent Roads or Sidewalks by Vehicles and pedestrians,
      - 4. Trees or shrubs that contain blight or disease,
    - (3) any:
      - 1. Pests, as defined in the *Agricultural Pest Act*,
      - 2. Hazardous materials including petroleum products,
      - 3. Whole, partial, or parts for equipment, machinery, or Vehicles, which may or may not be operable due to their disassembly, age, or condition, including unlocked and unsecured appliances and other devices, or
    - (4) Graffiti.
- (aa) **“Occupant”** means a person:
- (i) Who is occupying the Premises or Property under a lease, license, or permit,
  - (ii) Who has the right to exercise control over the Premises or Property, as granted by the Owner,
  - (iii) Controlling a Premises or Property under construction or renovation,
  - (iv) Including the Owner, who is residing in or on, is in apparent or actual possession of that Premises or Property, or
  - (v) Who resides, leases, or carries on any kind of business in a Premises or Property with or without a License of Occupation granted by the Owner.
- (bb) **“Order to Remedy”** means an order written pursuant to Section 546 of the *Municipal Government Act*.
- (cc) **“Owner”** means:
- (i) In respect of unpatented land, the Crown,
  - (ii) In the case of other land, the Person who is registered under the *Land Titles Act* as the Person who Owns the fee simple estate in the land,
  - (iii) In the case of Premises or Property, the Person in lawful possession of or having the right to exercise control over or be the registered Owner of it, and

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- (iv) In respect of responsibilities, the Owner is also responsible for the responsibilities of an Occupant.
  - (dd) **"Panhandling"** means the personal, verbal or direct solicitation by a Person of gratuitous donations of money, food or goods of any kind, from any member of the public, but does not include the solicitation allowed or authorized pursuant to the Charitable Fundraising Act, or any other legislation permitting the solicitation of charitable donations.
  - (ee) **"Peace Officer"** means a Person engaged by the Municipality as a Community Peace Officer, a Designated Officer, or a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police to carry out the provisions of this Bylaw.
  - (ff) **"Person"** means any individual, firm, partnership, association, corporation, company, organization, trustee, executor, administrator, or other legal representative.
  - (gg) **"Play Surface"** means any park space intended for play, including:
    - (i) A playground; an outdoor area upon which apparatus such as swings, slides, and other children's play equipment are placed,
    - (ii) Outdoor skating rink,
    - (iii) Skate or bike park; an outdoor area which is designed and intended specifically for the use of skateboards, in-line skates, bicycles, scooter, or other similar devices,
    - (iv) Spray park; an outdoor water park or splash pad, or
    - (v) Any similar outdoor play spaces.
  - (hh) **"Premises"** means land and Structures situated in whole or in part within High River.
  - (ii) **"Property"** means items that are Owned which are not fixed to the land.
  - (jj) **"Public Space"** means any municipally owned Premises, Property, or asset, including Green Spaces, Play Surfaces, Sport Fields, Roads, Medians, Boulevards, and Sidewalks.
  - (kk) **"Remedial Order"** means an order written pursuant to Section 545 of the *Municipal Government Act*.
  - (ll) **"Right of Access"** means the right of a Peace Officer to enter a Premises or Property for inspection to determine if the Premises or Property is in compliance with this Bylaw.
  - (mm) **"Road"** means the same as the word highway, as defined in the *Traffic Safety Act*, and includes any thoroughfare, street, road, trail, avenue, parkway, viaduct, lane, alley, square, bridge, causeway, trestle way, or other place, whether publicly or privately owned, that the public is ordinarily entitled or permitted to use for the passage or parking of vehicles.
  - (nn) **"Sidewalk"** means the municipal Sidewalk between private Premises and a Road and is intended for use by pedestrians.
  - (oo) **"Special Event"** means any event subject to the Town's *Public Realm Policy*, Special Event and Film permit process.
  - (pp) **"Sport Field"** means an outdoor area which is set apart and used for general fitness or the playing of sporting activities, including but not limited to:
    - (i) Running tracks,
    - (ii) Sport courts (for example, basketball, tennis, or pickleball courts),
    - (iii) Fitness park where outdoor fitness equipment has been installed for public use, and
    - (iv) Formal and informal sporting field surfaces intended for competitive and recreational sporting activities and use (for example, soccer pitches, football fields, and baseball diamonds).
  - (qq) **"Structure"** includes any item or improvement placed in, on, or over land, whether or not it is affixed to the land, which could include a:
    - (i) Fence, wall, or barricade,
    - (ii) Deck, porch, or patio,
    - (iii) Pad, slab, or base,

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- (iv) Waste bin or storage container, or
  - (v) Garage, shed, or other area used for storage.
  - (rr) **"Town"** means the municipal corporation of the Town of High River.
  - (ss) **"Unightly"** has the same meaning as in the *Municipal Government Act* and:
    - (i) in respect of a structure, includes a structure whose exterior shows signs of significant physical deterioration, and
    - (ii) in respect of land, includes land that shows signs of a serious disregard for general maintenance or upkeep.
  - (tt) **"Vehicle"** means a device in, on, or by which a Person or thing may be transported or drawn on a Road and includes a combination of Vehicles but does not include a mobility aid.
  - (uu) **"Violation Ticket"** has the same meaning as in the *Provincial Offences Procedure Act*.
  - (vv) **"Walkway"** means a surface intended for pedestrian use located on privately owned Premises.
  - (ww) **"Yard Waste"** means organic matter that is the result of gardening or horticultural pursuits and includes cuttings, clippings, or trimmings from grass, trees, shrubs, and other plants or organic materials.

#### Interpretation

4. Headings and sub-headings in this Bylaw are included for convenience only and shall not be considered in interpreting the substantive content of this Bylaw.
5. The preamble paragraphs that precede the numbered paragraphs of this Bylaw are an integral and necessary part of this Bylaw and not a mere recital.
6. All schedules as attached to this Bylaw form part of this Bylaw.
7. Every provision of this Bylaw is independent of all provisions and it is the intention of the Council that if any provision of this Bylaw is declared invalid by a Court of competent jurisdiction, all other provisions of this Bylaw shall remain valid and enforceable.
8. Nothing in this Bylaw relieves a Person from complying with any Federal or Provincial law or regulation, any other Town Bylaw, or any requirement of any lawful permit, order, or licence.
9. References in this Bylaw to an act, statute, regulation, or other Bylaw refer to the current laws and legislation, as amended or replaced from time to time, including successor legislation.
10. This Bylaw is gender-neutral and, accordingly, any reference to one gender includes the other.
11. The word "shall" is mandatory and not merely directory.

## PART 2 – NOISE

#### Noise Regulations

12. Except as authorized pursuant to this Bylaw, no Person shall cause or permit Noise that unreasonably annoys or disturbs the peace of any other Person.
13. Except as authorized pursuant to this Bylaw, no Person shall permit any Premises or Property that they Own, Occupy, or control to be used so that Noise unreasonably annoys or disturbs the peace of any other Person.
14. In determining what constitutes Noise likely to annoy or disturb the peace of any other Person, considerations may be given, but are not limited, to:
  - (a) Type, volume, and duration of the sound,
  - (b) Time of day and day of the week,
  - (c) Nature and use of the surrounding area, and
  - (d) Any other relevant factor.

#### Hours

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15. No Person shall use, operate, or permit use of any tools, machinery, or equipment that creates a Noise or disturbance between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. Monday through Sunday including Holidays.

**Exceptions**

16. Sections 12 through 15 (Noise Regulations and Hours) does not apply to:
  - (a) Work carried out by the Town or its contractors, as instructed by the Town,
  - (b) Emergency work related to life safety or critical infrastructure,
  - (c) Snow and ice removal device powered by an engine for the purpose of commercial, industrial, or institutional removal of snow and ice from streets, parking lots, and sidewalks, and
  - (d) Approved Special Events.
  - (e) Motorized Garden Tool or grass cutting device on a golf course between the hours of 6:00 A.M. and 10:00 P.M.
17. A Person may make an application for a permit. See Schedule C (Noise Exemption Permit) pursuant to Section 15 by providing the CAO the following information pertaining to the work or activity for which the allowance is sought a minimum of five (5) business days prior to the proposed activity:
  - (a) The name, address, and telephone number of the applicant;
  - (b) The address of the site;
  - (c) A description of the source(s) of Noise;
  - (d) The period of time that the allowance is desired; and
  - (e) The applicant's reason(s) of why the allowance should be granted.
18. The CAO may in their sole discretion:
  - (a) Issue a temporary permit to the applicant;
  - (b) Deny a temporary permit to the applicant;
  - (c) Issue a temporary permit with specific conditions; or
  - (d) Revoke a temporary permit.

**Animal Noise**

19. Animal Noise restrictions are addressed in the Town's current Animal Bylaw.

**PART 3 - SIDEWALK SNOW AND DEBRIS REMOVAL**

**Sidewalk Clearing Regulations**

20. Every Owner or Occupant of a Premises is responsible for the removal and clearing away of all snow, ice, dirt, and debris from Sidewalks adjoining the Premises. See Schedule D (Sidewalk Snow and Ice Clearing Graphic) in reference to this part of the Bylaw.
  - (a) Snow and ice shall be removed from a Sidewalk down to a bare surface within twenty-four (24) hours after the end of a snowfall event.
  - (b) Dirt and debris shall be removed from a Sidewalk down to a bare surface within twenty-four (24) hours after it has been deposited.
21. Snow, ice, dirt, and debris cleared from a Premises, driveway, or Walkway shall:
  - (a) Be stored on the Premises, and
  - (b) Not be placed onto a Public Space.
22. Snow and ice that has been removed from a Sidewalk or driveway apron, as shown in Schedule D, may be placed on an immediately adjacent Boulevard, unless a Peace Officer determines that doing so interferes with the safety of pedestrians and/or Vehicle traffic.
23. No Person shall damage any Sidewalk or Public Space under any circumstance, while clearing snow, ice, dirt, and debris, or while completing any other task.

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**Sidewalk Clearing Penalties**

- 24. If an Owner or Occupant of a Premises is in contravention of Sections 18 through 21 (Sidewalk Clearing Regulations) of this Bylaw, a Peace Officer may:
  - (a) Serve the Owner or Occupant with a Remedial Order, subject to Section 50 (Remedial Orders and Orders to Remedy),
  - (b) Issue a Violation Ticket, and/or
  - (c) Arrange for the Sidewalk to be cleared and/or repaired at the Owner's cost, as indicated in Schedule B (Fees), in accordance with Section 533 of the *Municipal Government Act*.

**PART 4 – PROPERTY MAINTENANCE**

**General Maintenance**

- 25. No Owner or Occupant of a Premises or Property shall cause, allow, or permit the Premises or Property to become, or to continue to be, a Nuisance or Unsightly as defined in this Bylaw.

**Structures**

- 26. The Owner or Occupant of a Premises shall ensure that all Structures on the Premises are kept in Good Repair and free from hazards.
- 27. If a Structure normally intended for human habitation is unoccupied, an Owner shall ensure any and all openings to the Structure be securely closed or securely covered to prevent unauthorized entry.

**Lawns and Yards**

- 28. The Owner or Occupant of a Premises shall:
  - (a) Maintain the lawn or groundcover on their Premises such that it is well maintained and not overgrown,
  - (b) Remove any Yard Waste from their Premises,
  - (c) Remove or prune any trees or shrubs located on their Premises which may interfere with the safe use of adjacent Roads (including alleys) and Sidewalks by Vehicles and pedestrians,
  - (d) Eliminate or contain any blight or disease present in trees or shrubs on their Premises, and
  - (e) Prevent stagnant water, not including covered rain barrels, from remaining on their Premises that could become a breeding ground for mosquitoes and other pests.
- 29. The Owner or Occupant of a Premises shall ensure that a Compost container or pile is maintained in such a manner that it does not become a Nuisance or Unsightly.
- 30. No Owner or Occupant of a Premises shall allow items to accumulate on the Premises such that storage of the items is a Nuisance or Unsightly which is visible from outside the Premises.

**Smoke and Airborne Nuisances**

- 31. Smoke related to personal use of fire pits is subject to the Town's current Fire Protection Bylaw.
- 32. Smoke and other airborne nuisances that are not related to personal use of fire pits are subject to the current Land Use Bylaw and the current Smoking Bylaw.

**Appliances**

- 33. No Owner or Occupant of a Premises shall place, cause, or permit a refrigerator, freezer, or other appliance to be placed outside of Structures on the Premises unless:
  - (a) It is in working order,
  - (b) It is not visible from the frontage, and
  - (c) The appliance always remains locked or firmly secured.

**Residential Premises Restrictions**

- 34. The Owner or Occupant of a Premises which is assessed as residential shall ensure:

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- (a) All Construction Materials stored on the Premises are stacked and stored in an orderly manner, in any yard that is not the front yard, and are not a Nuisance or Unsightly; and
  - (b) Any waste Construction Materials on the Premises are removed or secured in appropriate containers within a reasonable time.
35. No Owner or Occupant of a residential Premises which is assessed as residential shall allow the accumulation of Construction Materials, unless that Person can establish that:
- (a) The project has begun, or shall begin within 30 days,
  - (b) The materials relate to the project taking place on the Premises, or
  - (c) The project has not been suspended for more than one hundred and twenty (120) days.
36. The Owner or Occupant of a residential Premises which is assessed as residential, shall not store any Vehicle parts or any Vehicle which is in a wrecked, discarded, non-operational, or in an abandoned condition, on the Premises whether or not the Vehicle is insured and/or registered.

#### **Town-Owned Property**

37. No Person shall store any Construction Materials or other materials on any Town-owned Public Spaces or other Town-owned Premises or Highway unless authorized by the Town.

#### **Property Maintenance Penalties**

38. If an Owner or an Occupant of a Premises is in contravention of Sections 23 through 35 (Part 4 Property Maintenance) of this Bylaw, a Peace Officer may:
- (a) Serve the Owner or Occupant with a Remedial Order, subject to Section 50 (Remedial Orders and Orders to Remedy),
  - (b) Issue a Violation Ticket, and/or
  - (c) Take other actions as necessary.

### **PART 5 – LITTER, FLYERS, AND DONATION BINS**

#### **Litter and Flyers**

39. No Person shall place, abandon, throw, or deposit Litter or Garbage on any Premises or Property whereby such objects:
- (a) May cause danger, damage, or inconvenience to a Person or Vehicle, or
  - (b) Are likely to cause a Nuisance or Unsightly conditions.
40. No Person shall permit Litter to be blown or otherwise conveyed from their Premises onto any other Premises.
41. No Person shall place or cause to be placed any Flyer onto or into any Vehicle which is parked on any street, lane, parking lot, Public Space, or other Public Place.
- (a) No Person or Distributor shall deposit or distribute a Flyer with a Graphic Image at or on a Premises unless:
    - (aa) the Graphic Image is contained in a sealed opaque envelope;
    - (bb) the exterior of the envelope contains the following legible warning: "Contains a Graphic Image that may be offensive or disturbing"; and
    - (cc) the exterior of the envelope clearly identifies the sender and the sender's address.
  - (b) Any advertising of a Graphic Image must be in compliance with the Canadian Code of Advertising Standards, as amended from time to time.

#### **Donation Bins**

42. Donation Bin Owners shall:
- (a) Ensure the bins and the area around them are not a Nuisance or Unsightly, and
  - (b) Post a valid Alberta phone number on the bin, so that the Owner can be contacted if an issue with the bin arises.

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**Litter, Flyers, and Donation Bin Penalties**

- 43. If an Owner or Occupant of a Premises is in contravention of Sections 37 through 40 (Litter and Flyers and Donation Bins) of this Bylaw, a Peace Officer may:
  - (a) Serve the Owner or Occupant with a Remedial Order, subject to Section 45 (Remedial Orders and Orders to Remedy),
  - (b) Issue a Violation Ticket, and/or
  - (c) Take other actions as necessary.

**PART 6 – FIGHTING/LOITERING/PANHANDLING**

**Fighting**

- 44. No Person shall participate in a Fight or other similar aggressive manner in any Public Place.
- 45. No Person shall be a member of an assembly of three (3) or more Persons in any Public Place or any place to which the public is allowed access where the group is in conflict with each other and a Peace Officer has reasonable grounds to believe the assembly will disturb the peace of the neighbourhood.
- 46. Any Person engaged in an assembly described in Section 45 shall disperse upon demand of a Peace Officer.
- 47. No Person shall refuse to comply with or ignore a demand made by a Peace Officer to disperse.

**Loitering**

- 48. No Person shall loiter and thereby obstruct any other Person in any Public Place.
- 49. No Person shall behave in an aggressive manner in a Public Place. For the purpose of this Section, a Person shall be considered to be behaving in an aggressive manner if they;
  - (a) Obstruct or impede the passage of another Person;
  - (b) Make physical contact with another Person;
  - (c) Insult, threaten, disturb, coerce or intimidate another Person;
  - (d) Loiter or assemble while intoxicated by alcohol, or under the influence of cannabis or illicit drugs.

**Panhandling**

- 50. No Person shall engage Panhandling in any Public Place.
- 51. No Person shall engage in Panhandling:
  - (a) From any Person who at the time is an occupant or engaged in operating a motor vehicle;
  - (b) From a person who has refused or declined such solicitation;
  - (c) So as to obstruct the passage of, walk next to, ahead of, or follow the person being solicited.

**PART 7 – POWERS OF PEACE OFFICERS**

**Remedial Orders and Orders to Remedy**

- 52. If a Premises or Property is found to not be in compliance with the terms of this Bylaw, a Remedial Order or an Order to Remedy, as the case may be, may be served upon an Owner or an Occupant.
- 53. Every Remedial Order written with respect to this Bylaw shall be in compliance with the Municipal Government Act enforced at the time of the order.
- 54. A Remedial Order written pursuant to this Bylaw shall be served in compliance with the Municipal Government Act enforced at the time of the order.

55. Every Person who fails to comply with a Remedial Order issued pursuant to this Bylaw within the time set out in the Order commits an offence.

#### Inspections

56. A Peace Officer may, for the purpose of ensuring that the provisions of this Bylaw are being complied with, enter in or upon any property, in accordance with Section 542 of the Municipal Government Act, to carry out an inspection, enforcement, or other action required or authorized by this Bylaw, the Municipal Government Act, or any other applicable statute.
57. A Peace Officer shall provide the Owner of the property with forty-eight (48) hours' notice when exercising their authority to enter onto property for inspection or enforcement. This shall be deemed reasonable notice as required by the Municipal Government Act.

#### Obstruction and Interference

58. No Person shall interfere with or obstruct a Peace Officer or work forces performing an investigation or other duties pursuant to the Bylaw.
59. No Person shall provide false information to, obstruct, or attempt to obstruct a Peace Officer.

### **PART 8 – PENALTIES AND ENFORCEMENT**

#### General Penalty Provisions

60. The Owner or Occupant of a Premises or Property who is involved in a contravention of this Bylaw by:
- (a) Doing any act or thing which the Person is prohibited from doing; or
  - (b) Failing to do any act or thing the Person is required to do,
- Has contravened this Bylaw and committed an offence.
61. Any Person who is convicted of an offence pursuant to this Bylaw is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) and in default of payment of any fine imposed, to imprisonment for not more than one (1) year.

#### Violation Tickets and Penalties

62. Where a Peace Officer believes that a Person has contravened any provision of this Bylaw, that Peace Officer may commence proceedings by issuing a Violation Ticket in accordance with the *Provincial Offences Procedure Act*.
63. In respect of any contravention of a provision of this Bylaw, penalties shall be in accordance with Schedule A.

#### Continuing Offences

64. In the case of an offence that is of a continuing nature, a contravention constitutes a separate offence in respect of each day, or part of a day, on which the offence continues.

#### Mandatory Court or Information

65. No provision of this Bylaw shall prevent any Peace Officer from issuing a Violation Ticket requiring the Court appearance of the defendant, pursuant to the provisions of the *Provincial Offences Procedure Act* or from laying an information instead of issuing a Violation Ticket.

#### Liability for Fees

66. The levying and payment of any fine or the imprisonment for any offense provided in this Bylaw shall not relieve a Person from paying any fees, charges, or costs for which they are liable under the provisions of this Bylaw.

#### Responsibilities of the Municipality

67. No action for damages shall be taken against the municipality or any Person acting under the authority of this Bylaw in respect of the destruction, sale, or other disposal of any Property seized pursuant to this Bylaw.
68. It is the intention of the Council of the municipality that all offences created pursuant to this Bylaw be construed and considered as being Strict Liability Offences.



PART 9 - GENERAL

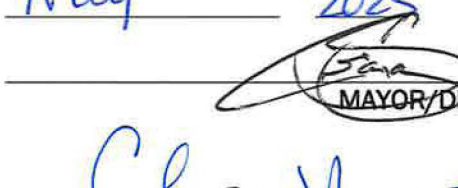

Effective Date



69. This Bylaw comes into effect when it is passed by the Council.

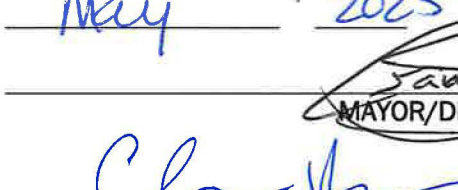

Repeals

70. The Good Neighbour Bylaw 4579/2020 and the Good Neighbour amendment Bylaw 4619/2023 are hereby repealed.

READ A FIRST TIME THIS 12<sup>th</sup> DAY OF May 2025  
  
MAYOR/DEPUTY MAYOR  
  
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

READ A SECOND TIME THIS 12<sup>th</sup> DAY OF May 2025  
  
MAYOR/DEPUTY MAYOR  
  
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

READ A THIRD TIME THIS 12<sup>th</sup> DAY OF May 2025  
  
MAYOR/DEPUTY MAYOR  
  
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

SIGNED AND PASSED THIS 12<sup>th</sup> DAY OF May 2025  
  
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**SCHEDULE "A" – PENALTIES**

Penalties shall be as specified in Schedule "A" for the first offence. For a second offence in one twelve-month period, the minimum penalty shall be double the minimum penalty listed below, and the specified penalty shall be double the specified penalty listed below. For a third and subsequent offences in one twelve-month period, the minimum penalty shall be triple the minimum penalty listed below, and the specified penalty shall be triple the specified penalty listed below.

<b>Section</b>	<b>Description of Offence</b>	<b>Minimum Penalty</b>	<b>Specified Penalty</b>
<b>PART 2 – NOISE</b>			
12	Cause or Permit Noise that annoys or disturbs the peace of others	\$250	\$500
<b>PART 3 – SIDEWALKS AND HAZARDS</b>			
18(a)	Fail to clear snow and ice from a Sidewalk within twenty-four (24) hours after the end of a snowfall	\$125	\$250
18(b)	Fail to clear dirt or debris from a Sidewalk within twenty-four (24) hours after it has been deposited	\$125	\$250
19(a)(b)	Place snow, ice, dirt, or debris on a Public Space (except for adjacent Boulevards) including roads and Green Spaces	\$250	\$500
21	Damage Sidewalk	\$250	\$500
<b>PART 4 – MAINTENANCE OF BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES, FENCES, AND OUTDOOR SPACES</b>			
23	Allow Premises to become a Nuisance or Unsightly	\$400	\$500
24	Fail to keep Structures in Good Repair and free from hazards	\$400	\$500
25	Fail to securely close or cover openings to prevent entry	\$400	\$500
26(a)	Fail to maintain the lawn or groundcover; allow it to become overgrown	\$400	\$500
26(b)	Fail to remove Yard Waste from Premises	\$400	\$500
26(c)	Fail to remove or prune trees or shrubs that interfere with safe use of adjacent Roads and Sidewalks	\$400	\$500
26(d)	Fail to eliminate or contain any blight or disease present on trees or shrubs on Premises	\$400	\$500
26(e)	Fail to prevent stagnant water from collecting	\$400	\$500
27	Fail to maintain a Compost container or pile	\$400	\$500
28	Accumulate items in an Unsightly manner	\$400	\$500
31	Allow a derelict, unsecured appliance to remain outside the Premises	\$400	\$500
32(a)	Fail to store Construction Materials in an orderly manner	\$400	\$500
32(b)	Fail to remove or secure waste Construction Materials in a timely manner	\$400	\$500
33	Permit the accumulation of Construction Materials in contravention of this Bylaw	\$400	\$500
34	Permit the storage of derelict Vehicles or Vehicle parts	\$400	\$500
35	Store Construction Materials or other materials on Town-owned Public Spaces or other Town-owned Premises	\$400	\$500
<b>PART 5 – LITTERING</b>			
37	Litter or place Garbage on any Premises or Property	\$250	\$500

38	Permit Litter or Garbage to be blown or conveyed onto any other Premises	\$250	\$500
39	Place a Flyer on a Vehicle	\$250	\$500
40(a)	Allow a Donation Bin to become Unsightly	\$400	\$500
40(b)	Fail to include telephone number on donation bin	\$125	\$250
39(aa)	Deposit or distribute a Graphic Image not contained in a sealed opaque envelope	\$500	\$1000
39(bb)	Deposit or distribute a Graphic Image without the legible warning	\$500	\$1000
39(cc)	Deposit or distribute a Graphic Image without identifying the sender or sender's address	\$500	\$1000
39(b)	Advertising does not comply with the Canadian Code of Advertising Standards	\$500	\$1000
<b>PART 6 - FIGHTING/LOITERING/PANHANDLING</b>			
42	Fight/physical confrontation in public	\$500	\$1000
43	Unlawful assembly	\$500	\$1000
44	Member of assembly fail to disperse from unlawful assembly on demand of Peace Officer	\$500	\$1000
46	Loiter and obstruct	\$125	\$250
47	Behaving aggressive manner while loitering or assembling in groups of 3 or more	\$125	\$250
48	Panhandle in an aggressive manner	\$125	\$250
	Panhandle as a group of 2 or more	\$125	\$250
49(a)	Panhandle from person in vehicle	\$125	\$250
49(b)	Panhandle person who has refused	\$125	\$250
49(c)	Panhandle so as to obstruct person	\$125	\$250
<b>PART 7 - POWERS OF PEACE OFFICER</b>			
53	Fail to comply with Remedial Order	\$1,000	\$1,500
57	Provide false information to, obstruct, or attempt to obstruct a Peace Officer	\$800	\$1,000

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**SCHEDULE "B" - FEES**

Fees shall be in accordance with the table below and the relevant section of this Bylaw.

Description	Fee
Snow, ice, dirt, and debris clearing from Sidewalk, road, or other Public Space	Amount expended
Repair damaged Sidewalk, road, or other Public Space	Amount expended
Clean-Up or Remediation of Nuisance or Unsightly Premises or Property	Amount expended

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**SCHEDULE "C" – NOISE EXEMPTION PERMIT**



**Noise Exemption Permit**

As per the Good Neighbour Bylaw 4639/2025 noise exemption permits may be granted for circumstances that are deemed impractical for the applicant to adhere to the bylaw. This includes construction activity on Sundays and/ or holidays, and planned noise between 10p.m. and 7 a.m.

OFFICE USE ONLY		
Decision: <input type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Not Approved	Conditions: <input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	Approved by and signature:
Notification to neighbouring residential areas required: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Nature of notification (poster, email, letter, etc.) and date to be distributed:	

The Town of High River Protective Services Department must receive applications for noise exemption permits two full business days prior to the requested date of work. Please submit requests by 4:30 p.m. on the Wednesday prior to scheduled weekend or holiday work to allow adequate processing time. If the work being done occurs within a residential area, the Town of High River may request that you provide written notice to residents within the area stating the duration and nature of the disturbance that they can expect.

APPLICANT INFORMATION		
Name:	Business Name:	Town of High River Business License Number:
Cell Phone:	Email:	Signature:

PROPERTY INFORMATION		
Municipal Address:	Legal Address	
	Lot/Unit:	Block: Plan:

SCOPE OF WORK	
Work will take place: <input type="checkbox"/> Indoors <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoors <input type="checkbox"/> In a residential neighbourhood	Description of Work:
Between the hours of: _____	Expected disturbance: <input type="checkbox"/> Noise <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
On the following days: _____	

SUB-TRADES	
If sub-trades are also working on site, the General Contractor is responsible for ensuring that all of its sub-contractors hold a valid Town of High River Business License. The General Contractor is also responsible for the payment of any fees or penalties incurred by sub-contractors in relation to the terms of the Town of High River Business Registry Bylaw.	
Sub-Trade Business name:	Town of High River Business License Number:
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**SCHEDULE "D" – SIDEWALK SNOW AND ICE CLEARING GRAPHIC**

Refer to Part 3 of this Bylaw for details. Snow and ice must be removed from Sidewalks to a bare surface. Snow and ice from Sidewalks and driveway aprons may be placed on a private Premises or Boulevards. Snow and ice must not be put onto Roads or Medians. Snow and ice placed on Boulevards must not interfere with the safety of pedestrians and/or Vehicle traffic.

