

BYLAW FAST FACTS

Your City Bylaw team is composed of 3 bylaw officials and 3 administrative staff. A bylaw meeting is held weekly to review any new and ongoing concerns within our corporate limits. We look forward to serving our City in the future and please call us for any clarifications on any of these bylaws. City Hall: 306.752.5911 or visit us at www.melfort.ca to view these bylaws in their entirety.

*****If you have a Bylaw complaint and wish to report to City Hall, you MUST provide your full name, address, phone number and the details of your complaint. Reports received without this information will not be acted upon.*****

Property Appearance

Did you know?

The Property Maintenance & Nuisance Abatement Bylaw No. 2013-15 covers aspects that pertain to graffiti, junk, junk vehicles, dilapidated and unoccupied buildings, overgrown grass and weeds, untidy and unsightly property and open excavations.

Why does the City regulate this?

Buildings that become dilapidated and unoccupied, overgrown with grass and weeds, junk vehicles and untidy/unsightly property can become a haven for rodents, mosquitoes, skunks, etc. The City also has the obligation to maintain the appearance and enjoyable atmosphere of our neighborhoods. Please also note the most recent changes to the bylaws on alley trees: 2013-15 sec. 3

(3) Trees and shrubs shall be pruned as follows:

(a) Tree and shrub pruning at alleys:

- i) No owner or occupant of any property shall allow their trees or shrubs to grow beyond the property line into City alleys.
- ii) Trees at the alley are to be pruned to the property line at a height of four and a half (4.5) meters (14.76 feet).

(b) Tree and shrub pruning at sidewalks:

- i) No owner or occupant of any property shall allow their trees or shrubs to grow as to impede passage on a City sidewalk.
- ii) Trees at the sidewalk are to be pruned to the back of the sidewalk at a height of three (3) meters (9.84 feet).

Bylaw #2008-26, Section 2.4.4 states “Numbers containing the address shall be placed on a wall within 1 meter of the entrance and plainly visible from the street.” Compliance of this bylaw is essential to ensure emergency services including police, fire and ambulance can locate you and your family, in the event of a crisis (for all residential buildings).

Camper/Utility Trailer Parking

Did you know?

The Traffic Bylaw No. 2007-21 Section 38 states that no person shall leave a trailer or semi-trailer parked on a public street which is unattached from the vehicle used for moving same, excepting City-owned equipment, or private trailers not exceeding 6.10 meters in length in residential areas only.

Why does the City regulate this?

On-street parking is not meant to be long term parking. Our streets are not meant to be storage areas for resident's campers, spare vehicles. Etc. The Traffic Bylaw restricts campers/trailers being left unattached as it is a safety concern should it need to be moved during an emergency.

48 Hour On-street Parking

Did you know?

The Traffic Bylaw No. 2007-21 Section 37 states that no vehicles shall be parked for longer than 48 hours.

Why does the City regulate this?

On-street parking is not meant to be long term parking. The City regulates this to facilitate road maintenance, snow removal, etc. These regulations also allow Bylaw Enforcement to identify and remove abandoned, stolen, or unregistered vehicles from public streets.

Parking near Schools

Did you know?

"No Parking" or "No Stopping" areas are often established around crosswalks located adjacent to schools. These restrictions are enforced under the Traffic Bylaw No. 2007-21 Part IV

Why does the City regulate this?

For the safety of the people using the cross walk. When vehicles park too close to crosswalks they obstruct visibility for pedestrians using the crosswalk and motorists approaching the crosswalk. Specific areas are established under Section 31 (1) as "Loading Zones" to load and unload students.

Fact: Did you know the current population of our city is 6730 (2016 SK Health).

Fact: We issued 488 business licenses in the 2017 year.



Snowmobile Usage

Did you know?

The Snowmobile Bylaw No. 84 Section 3 states the operation of a snowmobile is only allowed in designated areas and times as outlined in the Snowmobile Bylaw/Act.

Why does the City regulate this?

The purpose of the Snowmobile Bylaw is to promote the safety and protection of residents and their property in the City of Melfort.

Fence + Hedge Heights

Did you know?

Zoning By-law Consolidation No. 96-09, Section 4 General Regulations 4.2.3 Fences and Hedges states any wall, fence, hedge or shrub on the SIDE/REAR lot line shall not exceed 2 meters (6.56 feet) in height. Any wall, fence, hedge or shrub on the FRONT lot line shall not exceed 1 meter (3.3 feet) in height. Any wall, fence, hedge, shrub on a CORNER lot shall not exceed 1 meter (3.3 feet).

Why does the City regulate this?

For your safety: Limiting the height reduces the visual obstructions for people backing out of driveways, walking down the street, turning corners, etc.

Cats

Did you know?

The Cat Control Bylaw No. 2007-24 Section 5 (1) states the owner of a cat shall apply to the City Treasurer for an annual cat license and ensure that the cat wears a collar to which is attached a valid license tag from the City of Melfort whenever the cat is off the premises of the owner.

Section 7 Nuisance or Running at Large (1). The owner of a cat shall ensure that the cat is not being a nuisance or running at large.

Section 11 Harboring (a) No person in the city shall harbor or keep more than four (4) cats in any one location.

Why does the City regulate this?

For your cat's safety: A cat running at large can be hit by a vehicle, attacked by other animals, or exposed to unwanted diseases and extreme weather conditions. Unlicensed cats also can be a nuisance as they often use gardens and flower beds as litter boxes.



Dogs

Did you know?

The Dog Control Bylaw No. 2003-05 Section 3 (1) (a) states the owner of a dog must have an annual license from the City Treasurer to own and harbor a dog in the City of Melfort. The owner must ensure the dog wears a collar which shall be attached the valid dog license issued by the City treasurer.

Section 4: Dogs running at large: Every person being the owner of a dog found running at large is guilty of breach of this bylaw.

Section 21(a) Harboring No person in the city shall harbor or keep more than three (3) dogs in one location.

Why does the City regulate this?

A dog license provides contact information and an address to get a lost dog back to its owner in a timely fashion. Dogs can run at large and be aggressive to other animals or people and where you as the owner could be held liable.

Dog Barking

Did you know?

The Noise Bylaw No. 2014-13 Domestic Noises Section 6 states no person who owns, keeps, houses, harbors or allows to stay in his premises a dog shall allow such dog to bark excessively or howl excessively.

Why does the City regulate this?

Dogs that continually bark or howl become a great nuisance to our friends and neighbors.

Fire Pits

Did you know?

The Fire Prevention Bylaw No. 04-10 Open Outdoor Fires (Permits) (1) Section 7 states no person shall light, ignite, or start or allow or cause to be lighted, ignited or started a fire of any kind whatsoever in the open air without having first having obtained a written permit to do so from the Fire Chief or Fire Inspector.

Section 7 (4) (e). The Bylaw also prohibits the burning of: rubbish, garden and lawn refuse, animal carcasses, etc.

Why does the City regulate this?

Fire Protective Services main concern is that no person is injured or any property damage is incurred while people are enjoying their fire pit. By limiting the size and what materials are burned we can lessen any impact on friends and neighbors. Harmful materials that create a lot of smoke can be a nuisance for property owners.

Garage Sale & Realtor Signs

Did you know?

The Zoning Bylaw No. 96-09 Section 7 (a) states no sign shall be located in any manner that would visually obstruct or jeopardize the safety of others.

Why does the City regulate this?

It is a safety concern, advertisements on traffic signs, center medians, boulevards, etc. are distracting to drivers.

Snow removal

Did you know?

The Snow Removal Bylaw No. 2013-02 states the owners/occupants of the designated areas (business core) shall be responsible to ensure the removal of snow/ice/dirt + other obstructions down to the hard compacted portion of the surface of the sidewalk in front of and about the premises. All residents are exempt from this bylaw.

Section 5. No person shall deposit any snow in any street or lane within City limits that has been removed from private property.

Why does the City regulate this?

Businesses see the most foot traffic and therefore are responsible to ensure the sidewalks are clear. Placing snow in the street increases the chance of an accident by drivers.

Dandelion Control

Did you know?

The City of Melfort does **not have a Bylaw regulating dandelion growth**. The City tries to control dandelions on their property by using an annual cutting and spraying program for all of our greenspace areas.

Why doesn't the City have a Bylaw to regulate this?

A bylaw like this would be very challenging to enforce due the relatively short life cycle of each dandelion plant. Therefore, residents are encouraged to treat their lawns as they see fit.

