

**TOWN OF CROSSFIELD
BYLAW NO. 2023-05
TRAFFIC BYLAW**

Being a Bylaw of the Town of Crossfield in the province of Alberta, for providing a Traffic Bylaw and specifying duties and responsibilities of vehicle operators within the Town of Crossfield.

WHEREAS under the authority of the *Traffic Safety Act*, R.S.A, 2000 Chapter T-6, as amended, the Council of a municipality may pass bylaws to govern, restrict and enforce the use of any highway that is under its direction; and

WHEREAS the *Municipal Government Act*, R.S.A. 2000, Chapter M-26, as amended, allows a municipality to pass and enforce bylaws with respect to public health and safety, activities in public places and transportation systems within its corporate limits, as well as provides that municipal Council may appoint designated officers; and

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

SECTION 1: SHORT TITLE

1.0 This bylaw may be cited as the "**Traffic Bylaw**".

SECTION 2: DEFINITIONS

2.0 In this bylaw the following terms (unless the context specifically requires otherwise) shall have the following meanings:

All definitions and interpretations of the Traffic Safety Act and Amendments there to shall apply, and

- a) "**Alley**" means a narrow highway intended chiefly to give access to the rear of buildings and parcels of land;
- b) "**Chief Administrative Officer**" means the Chief Administrative Officer of the Town appointed by Council in accordance with the provisions of the MGA;
- c) "**Council**" means the Council of the Town of Crossfield;
- d) "**Curb**" means the actual curb if there is one, and if there is no curb in existence, it shall mean the division of a highway between the highway and the sidewalk or boulevard, as the case may be;

- e) "**Dangerous Goods**" means dangerous goods for which placards are required by the Dangerous Goods Transportation and Handling Act and Regulations;
- f) "**Emergency Vehicle**" means fire fighting vehicles, public utility vehicles while actually being used in an emergency, police vehicles, municipal enforcement vehicle, ambulances, or a vehicle being used by a member of the Town work force or a medical doctor responding to an emergency call;
- g) "**Heavy Vehicle**" means a motor vehicle, alone or together with any trailer, semitrailer or other vehicle being towed by the motor vehicle, with a registration gross weight of five (5) tonnes or more, or exceeding eleven (11) metres in total length, recreation vehicles exempted;
- h) "**Highway**" means any thoroughfare, street, 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 pedestrians and the passage or parking of vehicles, and includes:
 - i. A sidewalk (including the boulevard portion of the sidewalk)
 - ii. If a ditch lies adjacent to and parallel with the highway, the ditch, and
 - iii. If a highway right of way is contained between fences or between a fence and one side of the highway, all the land between the fences and the edge of the highway, as the case may be, but
 - iv. Does not include a place declared by the Lieutenant Governor in Council not to be a highway;
- i) "**Holiday**" means any day officially proclaimed a holiday by any Federal, Provincial or Municipal authority, and which is in effect in the Town of Crossfield;
- j) "**Intoxicating Substance**" means any substance that is produced naturally in plants and animals as well as those produced in laboratories that can change sensation, mood, consciousness, or other psychological or behaviour functions, that are prohibited under the provisions of the controlled Drugs and Substances Act, and the Criminal Code of Canada, and includes liquor within the meaning of the definition contained within the Gaming, Liquor and Cannabis Act.
 - i. Except as provided in this bylaw, no person may use, consume, or possess an intoxicating substance in a public place or any place other than a residence, temporary residence, licensed premises or a place or class of place prescribed in existing legislation in the Province of Alberta where intoxicating substances may be used, consumed or possessed;
- k) "**Land Use Bylaw**" means the current Town of Crossfield Land Use Bylaw and amendments thereto;

- l) **“Loading or Unloading Zones”** means a space on the highway marked with a sign authorized by this bylaw permitting parking therein for a period of time not to exceed ten minutes, except where actual loading or unloading is taking place, in which case the maximum period is one hour;
- m) **“Mobile Vendor”**, means a vehicle used for the sale of small wares, arts or crafts, prepared or raw food products or similar merchandise and which may operate on a temporary basis out of a vehicle, temporary structure or a non-motorized cart or trailer;
- n) **“Off-Highway Vehicle”** means an “off-highway vehicle” as defined in the Traffic Safety Act and any motorized vehicle designed for:
 - i. cross-country travel on land, water, snow, ice, marsh or swamp land or on other natural terrain and, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, includes, when designed for such travel:
 - a. four-wheel drive or low-pressure tire vehicles,
 - b. power motor cycles and related two-wheel vehicles,
 - c. amphibious machines,
 - d. all terrain vehicles,
 - e. miniature motor vehicles,
 - f. snow vehicles,
 - g. minibikes, and
 - h. any other means of transportation which is propelled by any power other than muscular power or wind, but does not include motor boats.
- o) **“Offence Ticket”** means any ticket or tag which is authorized by the *Municipal Government Act* and is in a form authorized under the *Provincial Offences Procedures Act*, issued for any offence in which a penalty may be paid out of court in lieu of appearing to answer a summons;
- p) **“Parade” or “Procession”** with the exception of a military parade or funeral procession, means any group numbering more than twenty (20) and marching or walking in the street or any group of vehicles or combination of pedestrians and vehicles, which together exceed more than ten (10);
- q) **“Peace Officer”** means a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, or a Community Peace Officer as appointed by the Solicitor General of Alberta, or a Bylaw Enforcement Officer as appointed by the Town;
- r) **“Pedestrian”** as defined in the Traffic Safety Act means:
 - i. A person on foot, or
 - ii. A person in or on a mobility aid, and
 - iii. Includes those persons designated by regulation as pedestrians;

- s) **“Public Place”** means any land owned by the Town of Crossfield, which the Town of Crossfield uses or permits to be used as a playground, recreation area, utility area, public park, buffer strip, land held for resale, or any land in reserve, or any boulevard, and includes any thoroughfare, street, road, trail, avenue, parkway, driveway, viaduct, land, alley, square, bridge, causeway, sidewalk, pathway, trestle way or other place which the public is ordinarily entitled or permitted to use or has access to;
- t) **“Recreation Vehicle”** means a vehicle used or intended for use as a shelter, and without restricting the generality of the foregoing, includes any motor home, holiday trailer, 5th Wheel, camper, tent trailer, or bus or truck converted for use as a recreation vehicle;
- u) **“Time”** means either Mountain Standard Time or Mountain Daylight Savings Time, whichever is proclaimed to be in effect by the Province of Alberta;
- v) **“Town”** means the Town of Crossfield, a Municipal Corporation of the Province of Alberta, or the corporate limits of the Town of Crossfield, as the context requires;
- w) **“Tractor”** means a truck with a short chassis and no body used in combination with a trailer for highway hauling of freight;
- x) **“Trailer”** means an unpowered vehicle pulled by a powered vehicle. Can refer to such vehicle used for transport of goods and materials by highway (e.g. a large van, flat-bed with no rails or sides, utility trailer, etc.);
- y) **“Truck Route”** means a specific highway designated within the Town of Crossfield for heavy vehicles.

SECTION 3 RULES FOR OPERATION OF VEHICLES

3.0 Unrestricted/Uninsured Vehicles

- a) Any vehicle parked on a highway must be registered and insured, as per the Traffic Safety Act, and amendments thereto.
- b) No person shall have a motor vehicle on a highway unless the vehicle is an insured vehicle.
- c) No person shall park a motor vehicle or trailer on a highway unless each license plate required is attached to the vehicle in the location and manner prescribed by the regulations of the Transportation Safety Act and amendments thereto.

- d) Per the Traffic Safety Act, no person shall operate or park a vehicle or trailer on a highway with an expired licence plate displayed on it.

3.1 **Funeral Procession**

- a) Despite Provisions of the Traffic Safety Act, any vehicle in a funeral procession, except the lead vehicle, may during daytime hours, enter an intersection without stopping if:
 - i. the headlamps of the vehicle are alight; and
 - ii. the vehicle is travelling immediately behind the vehicle in front of it so as to form a continuous line of traffic; and
 - iii. the passage into the intersection can be made safely.

3.2 **Rules for Parades/Charity Runs**

- a) No person shall hold or take part in any parade or procession without first obtaining permission from the Chief Administrative Officer, subject to such terms and conditions as the Chief Administrative Officer deems advisable.
- b) Every member of a parade or procession and the organization and leaders thereof, shall be guilty of an offence for each and every violation of this section.
- c) Any person desiring to hold a parade or procession within the Town shall at least 48 hours prior to the time they desire to hold the same, make application in writing to the Chief Administrative Officer, or his/her designate and in such application shall furnish the following information:
 - i. the name and address of the applicant; if such application is an organization, the names, addresses and the occupations of the executive thereof.
 - ii. the nature and object of such parade or procession;
 - iii. the day, and hours during which same will be held;
 - iv. the intended route thereof;
 - v. the approximate number of persons and vehicles taking part therein.
- d) the approximate size, number and nature of flags, banners, placards or such similar things to be carried therein and particulars of signs, inscriptions and wording to be exhibited thereon. Such written application shall bear the signature and address of the person who will be in control of such parade/procession and who undertakes to be responsible for the good order and conduct thereof.

- e) Parade Route Parking – refer to section 4.0 (b) (xv)

3.3 **Pedestrians Watching**

- a) During such parade or procession all pedestrians not taking part therein shall be restricted to the use of the sidewalk or boulevard area.

3.4 **Not to Obstruct**

- a) No parade or procession shall obstruct any highway for a longer period than is reasonably necessary.

3.5 **Speed on Town-Owned Land**

- a) No person shall drive a vehicle upon any part of the lands, parking lots and driving areas associated with the Pete Knight Arena, Crossfield & District Community Centre, and any other lands owned by the Town at a speed in excess of ten (10) kilometres per hour, or in excess of any speed limit sign posted upon the above properties.
- b) Unless otherwise posted by an approved traffic control device, no person shall drive a vehicle:
 - i. On any highway within the Town of Crossfield residential area and Central Business District (zoned R-1, R-2, R-3, and CBD) at a speed greater than thirty (30) kilometres per hour.
 - ii. On any highway within the Town of Crossfield industrial area (the M1 (Light Industrial District, M2 (Medium Industrial District), M3 (Heavy Industrial District, South of Laut Avenue and including Laut Avenue) at a speed greater than fifty (50) kilometres per hour.

3.6 **Truck Routes**

- a) No person shall operate heavy vehicles on any highway within the Town of Crossfield except on a highway designated as a truck route as specified in Schedule "A" of this bylaw.

3.7 **Exemptions**

- a) *Buses*: a public passenger vehicle being operated for the purpose of receiving or delivering passengers.
- b) *Emergency Vehicles*: any emergency vehicles being operated in the service of public interest, or during an emergency.

- c) *Utility Vehicles*: public utility vehicles being operated for the purpose of installing, servicing, or repairing public utilities, facilities or properties.
- d) *Service and Construction Vehicles*: service and utility vehicles being operated for the purpose of installing, servicing or completing repair work at a residential, commercial or industrial property.
- e) *Town Vehicles*: Town-owned vehicles being operated in the service of the Town.
- f) *Deliveries*: commercial vehicles delivering or collecting goods, provided that the most direct route, from a truck route, is used and such deliveries or collections are made between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. on any given day.

3.8 **Engine Retarder Brakes**

- a) No person shall operate engine retarder brakes within the Town Limits.

3.9 **Idling Vehicles**

- a) No vehicle shall be left to idle for more than 15 minutes with the exception of:
 - i. *Emergency Vehicles*: any emergency vehicle authorized to operate within the Town of Crossfield.
 - ii. *Town Vehicles*: Town-owned vehicles being operated in the service of the Town.
 - iii. During extreme cold winter months where idling is required for safe operation of the vehicle. The onus of proof lies on the driver of the vehicle.

SECTION 4 PARKING

4.0 **Parking Restrictions**

- a) Every Person who parks a vehicle upon any highway where parking spaces are marked out for angle or perpendicular parking, shall park wholly within the marked parking space.
- b) Unless required or permitted by this Bylaw or the Traffic Safety Act, or by a traffic control device, or in compliance with the directions of a peace officer or other authorized person, or to avoid conflict with other traffic, a driver shall not stop or park their vehicle:

- i. In such a manner to create a nuisance, obstruct or interfere with the lawful use of one's property and/or vehicle on a roadway, alley, sidewalk, public parking lot or private property;
- ii. In such a manner that obstructs the ability to move a legally parked vehicle from a parking space on a roadway, alley, public parking lot or private property;
- iii. *Painted Curb*: on a highway adjacent to a curb or sidewalk that has been marked by being painted a solid colour;
- iv. *Sidewalk*: on a sidewalk or boulevard;
- v. *Crosswalk*: within five (5) meters (16.4 feet) of the near side of a marked crosswalk; on a crosswalk or any part of a crosswalk;
- vi. *Ambulance and Fire Driveways*: in any driveway designated for use by ambulance or fire fighting vehicle, emergency vehicles excepted;
- vii. *Emergency Exit*: where such vehicle will obstruct, or in any way interfere with, the use of any doorway intended to be used as a fire or emergency exit from any building, provided that such doorway is marked by a sign, authorized by the Chief Administrative Officer indicating an Emergency Exit or Fire Exit;
- viii. *Intersections*: within an intersection other than immediately next to the curb in a "T" intersection. At an intersection nearer than five (5) meters (16.4 feet) to the projection of the corner line immediately ahead or immediately to the rear except when the vehicle is parked in a space where a parking meter or other traffic control device indicates parking is permitted;
- ix. *Stop/Yield*: within five (5) meters (16.4 feet) upon any approach to any stop or yield sign;
- x. *Fire Hydrant*: within five (5) meters (16.4 feet) of any fire hydrant, or when the hydrant is not located at the curb, within five (5) meters (16.4 feet) of the point on the curb nearest to the hydrant;
- xi. *Street Excavation*: alongside or opposite any street excavation or obstruction when stopping or parking would obstruct traffic;
- xii. *No Park Zone*: at any other place where a traffic control device prohibits stopping or parking during such times as stopping or parking is prohibited;
- xiii. *Edge or Curb*: on the highway side of a vehicle parked or stopped at the curb or edge of a highway;

- xiv. *Obstructions*: within 1.5 meters (5 feet) of an access to a garage, private road, or driveway, or a vehicle crossway over a sidewalk;
- xv. *Parade Route*: any section of highway designated by signage posted as a parade route.

4.1 **Time Limit Parking**

- a) No person shall park a vehicle for a longer period of time than that indicated on any sign placed in a parking area by authority of the Chief Administrative Officer. Where signs are not posted, the parking time shall be 72 hours.
 - i. *Central Business District (CBD) 2-hour parking*: that the business zoned as Central Business District (CBD) along Nanton Avenue be 2 hours parking between the hours of 9:00 am until 5:00 pm Monday to Friday.
 - ii. *Central Business District (CBD) 15-minute parking*: that 2 parking stalls at the north end of the 1000 block of Railway Street be designated as short-term business parking – 15 minutes.
 - iii. Unless otherwise directed by traffic control device or signage installed by the town.
 - iv. *Fine & Towed*: any person, who is in violation of this bylaw may be fined and the vehicle may be immediately towed at the owner's expense.

4.2 **Handicap Parking**

- a) No person shall park or leave a vehicle in a parking space reserved for disabled persons parking, where designated by a traffic control device, sign, curb painting or pavement painting, unless that vehicle displays an authorized sign and/or license plate that is issued or recognized by the Province of Alberta.
- b) No person shall park or leave a vehicle on private land in a space reserved for disabled person parking, where designated by a traffic control device erected by the landowner, tenant or their agent unless such person has marked the vehicle with an appropriate symbol and permit, issued by the proper authorities indicating it is a disabled persons vehicle.
- c) Any vehicle parked contrary to Subsection (a) or (b) will be tagged with a violation ticket and may be removed and impounded at the owner's expense.
- d) *Exemptions*: this section shall not apply where an exemption has been given in writing by the Chief Administrative Officer.

4.3 **Parking in Alley**

- a) No driver shall park in an alley, except a commercial vehicle engaged in loading or unloading goods or passengers, not to exceed thirty (30) minutes.

4.4 **Parking a Heavy Vehicle in a Residential Area, West Downtown Business District or Central Business District**

- a) No person shall park a heavy vehicle, tractor with or without a trailer of any type or any type of construction equipment:
 - i. within or abutting any area of the Town designated as a residential, west downtown business district or central business district area in the Land Use Bylaw; or
 - ii. on any highway other than that designated by the Chief Administrative Officer for parking of such vehicles.

4.5 **Parking on a Highway**

- a) When parking on a highway, a driver shall park their vehicle with the sides parallel to the curb edge of the highway, and:
 - i. with the right-hand wheels thereof not more than 500 mm (19.7 in) from the right-hand curb or edge of the highway and with the vehicle facing the direction of travel; or
 - ii. in the case of a one-way highway where parking on either side is permitted, the wheels closest to the curb edge of the highway shall not be more than 500 mm (19.7 in) from the curb or edge and with the vehicle facing the direction of travel authorized for that highway; and
 - iii. this section does not apply where angle parking is permitted or required.

4.6 **Abandoning A Vehicle**

- a) No person shall abandon a vehicle on a highway.
- b) No person shall leave a vehicle unattended on a highway if the vehicle has been placed on a jack or similar device, if one or more of the wheels have been removed from the vehicle, or part of the vehicle is raised.
- c) No person shall abandon a vehicle on public or private property without express or implied consent of the owner or person in lawful possession or control of the property.

- d) *72 Hour Limit:* a vehicle left standing at a location referred to in subsection (a) or (b) for more than 72 consecutive hours shall be deemed to have been abandoned at that location for the purposes of the Traffic Safety Act and amendment thereto.
- i. following 72 hours, a vehicle must be relocated to another location for a minimum period of 24 hours prior to returning to the previous parking location
- e) *Exception:* where the abandonment or obstruction is unavoidable due to mechanical failure, the operator will not be in breach of this section provided they promptly take measures to clear the faulty vehicle from the highway. Nothing in this section shall be construed as to allow parking contrary to other provisions of this bylaw.

4.7 **Parking or Driving on Town-Owned Property, Boulevard or Playground**

- a) No person shall park or drive any vehicle upon any land owned by the Town of Crossfield which the Town uses or permits to be used as a playground recreation area, utility or public park, buffer strip, land held for resale, or any land in reserve or on any boulevard, sidewalk or pathway unless permission has been obtained in writing from the Town's Chief Administrative Officer or their appointed designate.

4.8 **Town Employee Parking**

- a) No person shall park any vehicle in any parking space upon Town-owned or controlled property where such property or space has been allocated or reserved for a vehicle operated by, or allocated to a Town employee.

4.9 **Prohibited Parking**

- a) It is at the discretion of the Chief Administrative Officer to authorize any portions of a highway upon which parking is prohibited.

4.10 **No Parking for Street Maintenance**

- a) Despite any other provision in this bylaw, the Chief Administrative Officer may cause "No Parking Signs" to be placed on or near a highway for highway maintenance or construction purposes. The signs shall be erected at minimum, twenty-four (24) hours prior to the work being done.
- b) When snow removal, street cleaning, construction or other maintenance work commences on the signed portion of the highway, the owner of a vehicle parked 24 hours after the placement of the appropriate signs, shall be in contravention of this section and shall be contacted by a Peace Officer or designated officer, directing immediate removal. Vehicles in contravention may be towed at the owner's expense.

- c) The removal of a vehicle will be at the discretion of a Peace Officer in consultation with the Operations Foreman or their designate, and will either be to a separate street not currently being worked on, or to a storage facility. All costs associated with the towing of a vehicle to a storage facility are the responsibility of the vehicle owner.
- d) Notification to the registered owner will occur either by telephone or Notice.

4.11 **Trailers**

- a) For the purpose of this Section “mobile unit” shall mean:
 - i. Any vacation trailer, house trailer, motor home, truck camper or relocatable trailer; or,
 - ii. Any structure, whether ordinarily equipped with wheels or not, that is constructed or manufactured to be moved from one point to another by being towed or carried and to provide living accommodation for, or other use by, one or more persons.

4.12 **Unattached Trailers/Recreational Vehicles**

- a) No person shall park any trailer upon any highway unless the said trailer is attached to a vehicle by which it may be propelled or drawn, and when so attached, the trailer shall be deemed part of the vehicle and subject to the regulations pertaining to vehicles unless otherwise authorized by order of the Chief Administrative Officer or their designate.
- b) No person shall park a trailer or recreational vehicle on a highway in Crossfield:
 - i. Except in the area of the highway immediately adjoining the owner’s or operator’s place of residence; and,
 - ii. For more than forty-eight (48) consecutive hours, following which the owner or operator shall move the trailer/recreational vehicle to an off-highway location for a period of not less than forty-eight (48) consecutive hours before the trailer may be parked again in the same area of the highway immediately adjoining the owner’s or operator’s place or residence for the allowed period of time stated in this section.
- c) A trailer/recreational vehicle that is parked in the front yard, including attachments (hitches, bike carriers, etc.):
 - i. Must be parked on a front driveway (concrete, asphalt or gravel) parallel to the sides of the driveway and perpendicular to the street;

- ii. Shall not protrude onto the sidewalk, pathway, curb or highway; and,
- iii. Shall not extend past the owner's property line where no sidewalk, pathway or curb exists.
- d) No person shall park a trailer/recreational vehicle on any highway in the Town in such a manner as to constitute a hazard to other persons using the highway.
- e) No person shall park a trailer/recreational vehicle on a highway or driveway so as to obstruct access to or exit from an adjacent highway.
- f) No person shall occupy or suffer or permit any other person to occupy a mobile unit upon a highway or upon public property unless such property has been designated for use as a mobile unit park or trailer court.

4.13 **Dangerous Goods**

- a) The operation of a vehicle or trailer used in the conveyance of dangerous goods shall be restricted to Highway 2A, Highway 574 (Limit Avenue), Laut Avenue and Western Drive.
- b) Vehicles or trailers carrying dangerous goods are prohibited from all other roads except where necessary to make deliveries, supply a service or obtain fuel, repairs, food or accommodation at commercial or industrial premises.
- c) Parking of vehicles or trailers carrying dangerous goods will be restricted to Highway 2A, and in any area zoned as Industrial use as defined in the Town of Crossfield's Land Use Bylaw.
 - i. Nothing in the foregoing shall be construed to allow the parking, stopping or operation of a vehicle or trailer within any residential area or district as defined in the Land Use Bylaw of the Town of Crossfield.
 - ii. No person shall park a vehicle or a trailer used for the conveyance of dangerous goods nearer than twenty (20) meters (65 ft) to a building likely to contain persons or valuable goods.
- d) *Exemption:* This section shall not apply where a vehicle is obliged to be parked for the purpose of loading or unloading its cargo and such vehicle is clearly marked with a warning notice identifying the nature of the cargo.

4.14 **Servicing**

- a) No person being in charge or control of a garage, service station, radio shop or other premises where repairs or installations are made on vehicles for compensation shall leave or cause or permit to be left on any street, a vehicle

which is left in his/her possession for carrying out the repairs or making installations, or for any other purpose whatsoever.

- b) Except in the case of an emergency not allowing a vehicle to be removed, a person shall not stand or park any vehicle on any highway for the purpose of servicing or repairing the vehicle.

4.15 **Chalking Tires**

- a) For the purpose of this part, it shall be lawful for any person authorized to enforce this Bylaw to place an erasable chalk mark on the tread face of a tire on any vehicle found parked on any highway or Town-owned parking lot.
- b) A Peace Officer shall cause an erasable mark to be placed across the tread face of the tire in order to establish the amount of time the vehicle has remained stationary.

4.16 **Double Parking on a Highway**

- a) No person shall park a vehicle alongside another vehicle parked on a highway.

SECTION 5: USE OF STREETS AND PUBLIC PLACES

5.0 **Littering**

- a) No person shall place, permit to be placed, or throw any substance or thing of any kind, including cement or debris from construction sites, on any highway, boulevard, pathway, sidewalk, parking lot, park or greenspace.
- b) Any sign, notice or other object placed on or beside a Town highway or upon abutting public lands, including boulevards and sidewalks shall be liable to a fine, removal and immediate disposal by the town without any notice or warning to the owner thereof.

5.1 **Garage Sale**

- a) Anyone placing "Garage Sale" signs upon Town property, including boulevards, parks, greenspaces, posts, etc. must remove the signs immediately after the event has taken place.
- b) No person shall sell by auction upon any highway, sidewalk, pathway, park or greenspace within the Town, any article or things whatsoever, unless permission is granted by the Chief Administrative Officer or their designate.

5.2 **Vehicle Fluids**

- a) No person shall drain or allow leakage of lubricating oils or any fluids associated with the operation of a motor vehicle upon a highway.

5.3 **Electrical Extension Cord**

- a) No person shall place, or permit to be placed, an electrical extension cord across a sidewalk, pathway or driveway whereby any person, animal or vehicle may be in any way injured or damaged.

5.4 **Fire/Emergency/Accident or Incident**

- a) No person shall pass beyond a point designated by a Peace Officer, or stop/park in such a manner to obstruct traffic or hinder a Peace Officer, Fire Services personnel, Ambulance or rescue personnel from completing their duties.
- b) The Town of Crossfield Fire Chief, or any person acting on their behalf, is hereby empowered to move or cause to be moved, any vehicle which they may deem necessary for the purpose of carrying out any duty, work or undertaking of the Town of Crossfield Fire Department.

5.5 **Sidewalk Obstructions**

- a) No person shall place any goods, wares, merchandise, or any other articles upon a sidewalk, pathway or highway outside of a shop warehouse or building so as to obstruct pedestrians or vehicular traffic.
- b) Exemptions: The provisions of this section shall not be construed to interfere with a moderate use of a portion of such highway, pathway or sidewalk for a reasonable time, during the taking in or delivering of goods, ware, merchandise or articles.

5.6 **Pedestrians**

- a) No person shall stand in a group of 3 or more persons, or so near to each other on any highway as to obstruct the entrance to buildings or to obstruct or prevent other persons using such highway, and forthwith after a request has been made by a Peace Officer or other person duly authorized to do so, the persons shall disperse and move away.
- b) No person shall conduct him/herself or otherwise position him/herself on a highway in such a manner as to obstruct vehicular or pedestrian traffic or inconvenience any other person upon the highway.
- c) Hitch-Hiking: No person shall stand upon or walk along a highway for the purpose of soliciting a ride from the driver of any vehicle.

5.7 **Off-Highway Vehicles**

- a) No person shall operate an off-highway vehicle within the Town except as provided in this section.
- b) Off-highway vehicles are permitted to operate on a highway solely for the purpose of loading or unloading an off-highway vehicle from or onto a trailer or vehicle or into a building or property.
- c) A Peace Officer or employees of the Town are authorized to operate off-highway vehicles on any highway within the Town while performing their official duties.
- d) Within the Central Business District (CBD) and the West Downtown Business District (WBD) (as depicted in current Land Use Bylaw map), off-highway vehicles may be considered, for the purpose of snow clearing on sidewalks only, at the Town's discretion and in accordance with the regulations of the Traffic Safety Act.
- e) Contractors providing snow clearing services, on sidewalks only, and within the Central Business District (CBD) and the West Downtown Business District (WBD) while using off-highway vehicles are required to be equipped with, and have activated when in use, the following:
 - i. Slow Moving Vehicle triangle and a beacon light

SECTION 6: MISCELLANEOUS

6.0 **Hand Bills**

- a) Excluding the placement of a traffic tag or other notice placed on a vehicle by a Peace Officer in the performance of their duties, no person shall place or cause to be placed, any hand bill or other advertising matter on or in a vehicle without the permission of the owner or the person in charge of the vehicle.
- b) Subsection (a) applies whether the vehicle is on a highway or on any public or privately owned property.

6.1 **Town Utilities or property**

- a) No person shall climb or interfere with any street furniture, trees, protection system or any other utility system of the Town.

6.2 **Damages to Signs or a Traffic Control Device**

- a) No person shall wilfully remove, throw down, deface or alter, damage or destroy a traffic control device placed, marked or erected on a highway.

6.3 **Obstruction of Traffic Control Device**

- a) No person shall erect, or build a structure, or allow the growth of trees, shrubs or anything that shall in any way obstruct the visibility of a traffic control device.
- b) The owner, tenant or occupier of any land adjoining any highway, sidewalk, pathway or public place in the Town of Crossfield shall cause all trees, shrubs and bushes which overhang on the sidewalk of the street, land or public place to be properly trimmed and cut back, so as to prevent obstruction on the highway, sidewalk, pathway or public place to pedestrians or vehicles.

6.4 **Bicycles**

- a) Every person operating a bicycle on a highway shall in so far as they are applicable, comply with the provisions and requirements of the Traffic Safety Act except;
 - i. When otherwise instructed by any applicable traffic control device; or,
 - ii. When otherwise directed by a Peace Officer or Bylaw Officer.
- b) No person shall ride a bicycle or motorcycle on any sidewalk or boulevard, nor park any such vehicle in such a manner as to obstruct the use of a sidewalk by pedestrians.
- c) Children's bicycle and tricycles having a wheel diameter of less than fifty (50) centimetres may be operated on the sidewalks, provided due consideration for other users of the sidewalk is given.

6.5 **Restricted Areas**

- a) No person shall ride, coast or propel any cart, sled, toboggan, skis, ice skates, roller skates, roller blades, skateboards or any other similar device in an unsafe manner on any sidewalk within the Town of Crossfield.
- b) No person shall ride a bicycle, skateboard, roller-skate, or rollerblade on any sidewalk on Railway Street.
- a) A Peace Officer may seize any bicycle, skateboard, ice skates, roller skates, roller blades, carts, sleds, toboggans or skis that are operated, parked or left in contravention of this bylaw, and such items may be impounded for a period not exceeding 60 days.

6.6 **Storage Fee and Unclaimed Items (e.g. Bicycles, Skateboards, Ice Skates, Roller Skates, Roller Blades, Carts, Sleds, Toboggans or Skis)**

- a) An item that has been impounded may be redeemed by the owner at the end of the impound period upon payment to the Town, a storage fee of \$10.00, payable at the Town Administrative Office.
- b) Subsection (a) shall not apply when an item has been stolen and is being claimed by the owner.
- c) Any item which has been impounded and not redeemed by the owner within 60 days of the date of the expiration of the period of impoundment, shall become the property of the Town.

6.7 **Intoxicating Substance**

- a) Any Peace Officer who believes on reasonable and probable grounds that any person has committed a violation, or is in contravention of this bylaw within the meaning of section 2.0 (j), may seize and remove the intoxicating substance and the containers in which the intoxicating substance is held and maintain those items for the appropriate disposition.

SECTION 7: SECOND AND SUBSEQUENT OFFENCES

- 7.0 Any person receiving more than one (1) fine or tag for the same offence shall be charged double the amount specified for that offence in Schedule B of this bylaw.

SECTION 8: AUTHORITY OF MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS

8.0 **Traffic Control Devices**

- a) The Chief Administrative Officer, or their designate, is hereby authorized to:
 - i. Prescribe the location and placement of every traffic control device and traffic control signal in the Town and shall keep a record of such locations and placements, and such records shall be available to the public for inspection during normal business hours.
 - ii. Designate crosswalks upon any highway and to cause same to be marked with signs or lines painted on the surface of the highway.
 - iii. Designate any highway intersection or other place on a highway as a place at which no left-hand turn or no right-hand turn or both, shall be made, and shall cause the said place to be signed, barricaded or otherwise restricted.

- iv. Designate any intersection or place on a highway, including a place where a railway right of way crosses a highway, as a place where U-turns are prohibited and shall cause same to be marked with signs prohibiting U-turns.
- v. Designate any area as one in which parking privileges are temporarily suspended in whole or in part to traffic and shall cause such area to be marked with signs.
- vi. Designate any highway as one to be divided into traffic lanes of such number as is considered property and shall cause such lanes to be marked with solid and/or broken lines painted on the road surface.
- vii. Designate "School Zones" and "Playground Zones" and shall cause such zones to be marked by signs posted along the highway, or by markings on the pavement or by signs or lights or both, posted or suspended over or beside the highway.
- viii. Is hereby authorized to designate any boulevard upon which parking is permitted and shall cause signs permitting such parking, to be erected thereon.
- ix. Determine the format of the traffic tags, notices and other forms required to administer this bylaw.
- x. When Council has approved of any highway or part of a highway being designated for one-way traffic, the Chief Administrative Officer shall cause the same to be marked with signs.
- xi. Despite any other provisions in this bylaw, the Chief Administrative Officer, or their designate, may cause moveable signs to be placed on or near a highway.

SECTION 9: AUTHORITY OF PEACE OFFICERS

9.0 Towing

- a) Any Peace Officer of the Town is hereby authorized to remove and impound, or cause to be removed and impounded, any vehicle or trailer, parked on any highway when in contravention of any provision of this bylaw and/or when interfering with public works activity being carried on by the Town.

9.1 **Impoundment and Release of Vehicles**

- a) Any vehicle impounded under this bylaw may be released to the owner or his/her agent upon proof that any traffic tag charges or costs imposed for towing and/or storage have been paid.

9.2 **Traffic Tag**

- a) A form commonly called a traffic tag, may be issued by a Peace Officer to any person who contravenes any provisions of this bylaw, and served as per provisions defined under Section 9.3 of this bylaw, and the tag shall require the payment to the Town for a specified amount for that particular breach of this bylaw.

9.3 **Deemed Served**

- a) A traffic tag shall be deemed to be sufficiently served:
 - i. if served personally on the accused; or,
 - ii. if mailed by registered mail to the last known postal address or address listed with Alberta Motor Vehicle Registries of the registered owner of the vehicle concerned, or the person concerned; or,
 - iii. if attached to, or left upon the vehicle in respect of which the offence is alleged to have been committed.
- b) Nothing in this bylaw shall prevent any person from defending a charge of committing a breach of this bylaw.

SECTION 10: PENALTIES

10.0 **General Penalty**

- a) Except as otherwise provided herein, every person who contravenes any provision of this bylaw is guilty of an offence, and shall be liable on Summary Conviction to a fine of not less than one hundred and fifty (\$150.00) dollars or more than two thousand, five hundred (\$2,500.00) dollars.

10.1 **Specified Penalties**

- a) Every person who contravenes any provision of this bylaw as enumerated in Schedule "B" attached to and part of this bylaw, is guilty of an offence and shall be liable on Summary Conviction to the penalty specified therein for such offence.

10.2 **Payment Received**

- a) Except as stated in section 10.3, where payment of a penalty for a traffic tag is received within seven (7) days from the date of issue, a traffic related offence shall be reduced by ten dollars (\$10.00).

10.3 **Early Payment Received – Handicap Stalls**

- a) Where payment of a penalty for a traffic tag issued for parking in a handicap stall is received within seventy two (72) hours of issue, the penalty shall be reduced by half (1/2).

10.4 **Voluntary Payment**

- a) When a voluntary penalty ticket is issued by a Peace Officer for an offence which is not enumerated in Schedule “B” herein, the monetary penalty shall be the minimum fine that may be imposed under Section 9.0

SECTION 11: GENERAL

It is the intention of the Council that each separate provision of this bylaw shall be deemed independent for all other provisions, and if any provision of the bylaw be declared invalid, all other provisions shall remain valid and enforceable.

SECTION 12: COMMENCEMENT

This bylaw shall come into full force and effect upon third and final reading, and shall hereby rescind Bylaw 2020-18 – Traffic Bylaw.


Given first reading this 7 day of February, 2023

Given second reading this 7 day of February, 2023

Given third and final reading and passed unanimous consent of Council this 7 day of February, 2023.



Mayor Kim Harris



CAO Sue Keenan

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Schedule "A"
Town of Crossfield
Bylaw 2023-05

Truck Routes

The designated Truck Routes for the Town of Crossfield to include:

Railway Street

Limit Avenue (Highway 574)

Laut Avenue

Laut Crescent

McCool Street

McCool Crescent

Western Drive

Any highway located within an area designated as Industrial

Schedule "B"
Town of Crossfield
Bylaw 2023-05

Specified Penalties

Except as otherwise provided herein, every person who contravenes a provision of the bylaw is guilty of an offence, and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine of not less than one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150.00) or more than two thousand, five hundred dollars (\$2500.00).

Offences	Section	Specified Penalty
Speed on Town-Owned Land	3.5	\$150.00
Truck Routes	3.6	\$150.00
Engine Retarder Brakes	3.8	\$150.00
Idling Vehicles	3.9	\$150.00
Parking Outside Space Allocated	4.0 (a)	\$150.00
Parking – obstruct use of property/vehicle	4.0 (b)(i) or (ii)	\$150.00
Parking Adjacent to Painted Curb	4.0 (b)(iii)	\$150.00
Parking on Blvd/Sidewalk	4.0 (b)(iv)	\$150.00
Parking On Crosswalk	4.0 (b)(v)	\$250.00
Parking Within 5 m of Crosswalk	4.0 (b)(v)	\$150.00
Obstructing Ambulance & Fire Driveways	4.0 (b)(vi)	\$250.00
Obstructing Emergency Exits	4.0 (b)(vii)	\$250.00
Parking Less than 5 m from Intersection	4.0 (b)(viii)	\$150.00
Parking Within 5 m from Yield/Stop	4.0 (b)(ix)	\$150.00
Parking Within 5 m of Fire Hydrant	4.0 (b)(x)	\$250.00
Parking Beside Street Excavation	4.0 (b)(xi)	\$150.00
Parking Within No Park Zone	4.0 (b)(xii)	\$150.00
Parked on Highway Side of a Parked Vehicle	4.0 (b)(xiii)	\$150.00
Parked within 1.5 m of garage, driveway	4.0 (b)(xiv)	\$150.00
Parked on Parade Route	4.0 (b)(xv)	\$150.00
Exceeding Parking Time Limits	4.1	\$150.00
Handicap Parking – No Placard	4.2	\$250.00
Parking in Alley	4.3	\$150.00
Parking Heavy Vehicle in Residential	4.4	\$250.00
Parking Facing Traffic	4.5	\$150.00
Abandoning a Vehicle	4.6 (a) or (b)	\$150.00
Abandoning On Public or Private Property	4.6 (c)	\$150.00

Vehicle Parked Over 72 Hour Limit	4.6 (d)	\$150.00
Parking/Driving on a Recreation/Park Area	4.7	\$250.00
Parked in Town Employee Parking	4.8	\$150.00
No Parking – Street Maintenance	4.10	\$150.00
Unattached Trailer	4.12 (a)	\$150.00
Rec Vehicle/Trailer Parked Over Time Limit	4.12 (b)(ii)	\$150.00
Rec Vehicle/Trailer Parked Incorrectly	4.12 (c) or (d) or (e) or (f)	\$150.00
Dangerous Goods	4.13	\$600.00
Servicing Vehicles	4.14	\$150.00
Double Parking	4.16	\$150.00
Littering	5.0	\$250.00
Vehicle Fluids on Highway	5.2	\$250.00
Extension Cords across sidewalk	5.3	\$150.00
Fire/Emergency/Accident	5.4	\$600.00
Sidewalk Obstructions	5.5	\$250.00
Pedestrians	5.6	\$150.00
Off-Highway Vehicles	5.7	\$250.00
Hand Bills on Vehicles	6.0	\$150.00
Interference with Protection Systems	6.1	\$600.00
Damage to Signs or Traffic Control Device	6.2	\$250.00
Bicycle on Sidewalk	6.4 (b)	\$150.00
Roller Blades, etc in Restricted Areas	6.5	\$150.00
Intoxicating Substance	6.7	\$150.00
Second & Subsequent Offence	7.0	Double Specified Amnt