



**CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GREENWOOD  
STREETS AND TRAFFIC BYLAW NO. 1022, 2024  
A BYLAW TO REGULATE TRAFFIC AND THE USE OF HIGHWAYS WITHIN THE CITY OF  
GREENWOOD**

WHEREAS the Council of the City of Greenwood may by bylaw, pursuant to the *Community Charter*, regulate, prohibit and impose requirements in relation to public places.

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the City of Greenwood, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

**1. Title**

- 1.1. This bylaw may be cited as the “City of Greenwood Streets and Traffic Bylaw No. 1022, 2024”.

**2. Application**

- 2.1. Lands within City. Except as otherwise indicated, this Bylaw applies to all lands owned by the City of Greenwood within the area incorporated as the City of Greenwood.
- 2.2. Provincial Arterial Highways. This Bylaw does not apply to the regulation, control or prohibition of traffic on a Provincial Arterial Highway.
- 2.3. Unless otherwise indicated, this Bylaw shall not apply in respect of the driving or operation by a person with disabilities of mechanically propelled power chair or scooter, the use of which is confined to the purposes for which it was designed.
- 2.4. Exemptions. This Bylaw does not apply to:
- a) Persons lawfully engaged in highway or public utility construction or maintenance work, upon a highway while they are at the site of work, but does apply to them while traveling to or from the site of work;
  - b) Persons operating emergency vehicles during an emergency.
- 2.5. The provisions of this bylaw regulating or prohibiting stopping and parking do not apply to the operators of:
- a) Utility service vehicles owned by the City, by the governments of Canada or the Province of British Columbia;
  - b) Service vehicles owned by a public utility corporation; or

- c) Vehicles which are specifically designed for the purpose of towing another vehicle; while the operators of the vehicles are engaged in work requiring them to be stopped or parked in contravention of the provisions.

### 3. **Interpretation**

- 3.1. Words or phrases defined in the *British Columbia Interpretation Act, Motor Vehicle Act, Transportation Act, Commercial Transportation Act, Community Charter* or any other successor legislation, shall have the same meaning when used in this bylaw, unless otherwise defined in this Bylaw.
- 3.2. **Severability**. If any Sections or phrases of this Bylaw is for any reason held to be invalid by the decision of a Court of competent jurisdiction, such decision will not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Bylaw.

### 4. **Definitions**

- 4.1. In this Bylaw, unless the context otherwise requires:

“Administrator” means the Administrator appointed by the Council for the City of Greenwood;

“Boulevard” means the portion of a highway between the curb lines or the lateral lines of a roadway and the adjoining property or roadway, and includes curbs, sidewalks and ditches;

“Bylaw Enforcement Officer” means any person(s) appointed by the Council of the City of Greenwood for the enforcement of City Bylaws;

“Chattel” means a moveable item of personal property except for, but not limited to; wet or soiled clothing/bedding, plastics, metals, perishable food, footwear, cardboard/paper, wooden items, glass, personal hygiene items;

“City” means the corporation of the City of Greenwood;

“Commercial Loading Zone” means the area or space on a roadway established for the loading or unloading of materials or passengers;

“Commercial Vehicle” as defined in the *Commercial Transportation Act*, or a vehicle with a licenced gross weight greater than 5000 kilograms (11, 022.93 pounds);

“Council” means the Council of the Corporation of the City of Greenwood;

“Curb” means the line of demarcation between the roadway and the boulevard, or the sidewalk;

“Derelict Vehicle” means any vehicle or part thereof, propelled other than by muscle power which:

- a) Is physically wrecked or disabled;
- b) Is not capable of operating under its own power; and
- c) Does not have attached licence plates for the current year pursuant to the regulations of the *Motor Vehicle Act*;

“Driveway” means vehicular access to a public parking facility of private parking lots and residences;

“Easement” means a right held by others to make use of the land of another for a limited purpose as right of passage for the City or a utility provider;

“Fire Chief” means the Fire Chief of the City of Greenwood;

“Greenwood Detachment” means any police force having jurisdiction in the City of Greenwood or the Boundary area;

“General Manager” means the General Manager of Engineering and Public Works, or the City employee authorized to act on their behalf;

“Highway” includes a street, road, lane, bridge, viaduct and any other way open to public use, other than a private right of way, private property, or Provincial Arterial Highway;

“Lane” means any highway abutting the rear or sidelines of parcels of land and intended primarily to give access to the rear of residences or business establishments;

“Median” means the portion of highway constructed to separate traffic travelling in one direction from traffic travelling in the opposite direction by a physical barrier or a raised or depressed paved or unpaved separate area that is not intended to allow crossing vehicular movements;

“One Way Street” means a highway upon which vehicles are allowed to move only in one direction, as indicated by traffic control devices placed on or adjacent to the highway;

“Owner” in relation to a vehicle, means the owner as defined in the *Motor Vehicle Act*; and in relation to real property means the owner as defined in the *Community Charter*;

“Parade” means the procession of a group of pedestrians numbering more than twenty, standing marching, or walking on any highway or sidewalk, or any group of vehicles numbering ten or more standing or moving in a procession on any highway, except for a funeral procession or members or vehicles of His Majesty’s Armed Forces;

“Park” means the standing of a vehicle, whether occupied or not, except when standing temporarily for the purpose of, and while actually engaged in, loading or unloading;

“Parking Stall” means an area on a highway designated as a parking place for one vehicle;

“Peace Officer” means any member of a police force or other provincial/federal enforcement agency serving the City of Greenwood or Boundary area;

“Provincial Arterial Highway” has the same meaning as ‘arterial highway’ in the *Transportation Act*;

“Recreational Vehicle” means

- a) a transportable conveyance intended as a temporary accommodation for recreational or travel use and includes, travel trailers, motorized homes, slide-in campers, and chassis-mounted campers, but not including manufactured homes;

- b) a motorized or non-motorized recreational watercraft, including a trailer designed for the hauling and storage of the recreational watercraft;

“Rubbish”, in addition to its common dictionary meaning, shall include decaying non-decaying solid or semi-solid wastes, including, but not limited to, both combustible and non-combustible wastes, such as paper, trash, refuse, cardboard, waste material, cans, glass, bedding, mattresses, crates, rages, barrels, boxes, lumber not neatly piled, scrap iron, tin and other metal, scrap paving material, construction and demolition waste, vessels, tires, machinery, mechanical or metal parts, discarded or dilapidated appliances, discarded or dilapidated furniture, ashes from fireplace, yard clippings and brush, wood, dry vegetation, dirt, weeds, dead trees and branches, stumps and piles of earth mixed with any of the above;

“Standing” means the halting of a vehicle, whether occupied or not and whether the engine is running or not, expect when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or to comply with the directions of a peace officer or traffic control device;

“Traffic Control Device” means a regulatory or warning sign, signal, line, meter, marking, space, barrier, or device placed or erected by authority of the Council or person duly authorized by the Council to exercise such authority;

“Truck “means a motor vehicle, other than a bus, station wagon, purpose-built recreational vehicle used for sleeping, passenger van or car, that is either permanently fitted with special equipment, or is designed to, and normally used to, carry a load, and that may operate as a single unit or may pull a full trailer or pony trailer;

## 5. **Delegated Powers**

### Removal of vehicles/recreational vehicles

- 5.1. The General Manager or Bylaw Enforcement Officer may remove, detain, or impound a vehicle/recreational vehicle that unlawfully occupies a portion of the highway or a public place.
- 5.2. If the General Manager or Bylaw Enforcement Officer removes, detains or impounds a vehicle/recreational vehicle, the owner must be given written notice to the last known address of the owner as shown in the records maintained by the Insurance Corporation of British Columbia.
- 5.3. The written notice must advise the owner of the impoundment and the amount payable to the City, its contractor or authorized agent for the release of the vehicle. If the owner fails to pay the required sum to the City, its contractor, or authorized agent within 30 days of the delivery of the notice; and the 30 days have expired then:
  - a) The costs incurred under 5.1 may be recovered by the City, its contractor or authorized agent as follows:
    - i. From the owner of the vehicle;
    - ii. By sale of the vehicle at public auction;

iii. By action in a court of competent jurisdiction;

Removal of vehicles/recreational vehicles due to inclement weather

- 5.4. If a vehicle/recreational vehicle is standing or parking on a highway in a position that causes the vehicle to interfere with the removal of snow or ice, the General Manager or Bylaw Enforcement Officer may, by public notice or by placing signs on the highway, require the owner of the vehicle to move the vehicle by no later than 7:00 a.m. on the day after the accumulation of snow or ice.
- 5.5. The General Manager or Bylaw Enforcement Officer may move the vehicle/recreational vehicle referred to in 5.4:
  - a) To a position determined by the general manager, or
  - b) To a safe and suitable place for storage.
- 5.6. The costs incurred under 5.5 may be recovered by the City from the owner of the vehicle/recreational vehicle referred to in 5.4.

Removal, Impoundment, and Sale/Auction of Chattel, Obstructions, and/or Abandoned Derelict Vehicle/Recreational Vehicle

- 5.7. The General Manager or Bylaw Enforcement Officer may remove, detain or impound immediately any chattel, obstruction, earth, mud, rocks, stones, logs, stumps, branches, garden clippings, abandoned or derelict vehicle/recreational vehicle or other things unlawfully occupying any portion of a highway or public place if it constitutes a danger to persons using the highway or public place, or when it does not constitute a danger, within 24 hours.
- 5.8. Any chattel or obstruction, abandoned or derelict vehicle/recreational vehicle removed, detained or impounded may be recovered by the owner upon presenting proof of ownership and upon payment in full of any fees, costs and expenses which may be levied under the provisions of this bylaw to the City, its contractors or authorized agents.
- 5.9. Any chattel, obstruction, abandoned or derelict vehicle/recreational vehicle not claimed by its owner within 30 days of its impoundment or detention may be sold at public auction and such action shall be advertised under the provisions of the *Community Charter* pertaining to the requirements of public notice.
- 5.10. The proceeds of the auction sale shall be applied firstly to the cost of the sale, secondly to the fees, costs and expenses of the City or its contractors or authorized agents, and thirdly the balance, if any, shall be held by the City for one (1) year from the date of the sale for the owner. If unclaimed at the end of the year, the sum shall be paid into the General Revenues of the City.
- 5.11. Should any chattel or obstruction, derelict vehicle/recreational vehicle not be purchased at public auction then the chattel or obstruction, abandoned derelict

vehicle/recreational vehicle shall be disposed of in a manner approved by the General Manager, and the expenses incurred to remove or dispose of chattel or obstruction, less the proceeds (if any) of the disposal, are recoverable as a debt due the City from the owner.

- 5.12. Despite the preceding provisions, where any abandoned or derelict vehicle/recreational vehicle, garbage, rubbish, chattel, obstruction, earth, mud, rocks, stones, logs, stumps, branches, garden clippings or other things with an apparent market value of less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) is left on any highway, such articles may be removed and disposed of by any person authorized to do so by the General Manager or Bylaw Enforcement Officer. The full costs of removal and disposal shall be charged to the owner of the garbage, rubbish, abandoned or unlicensed motor vehicle or the owner of the property or contractor or any other person responsible for which the earth, mud, rocks, stones, logs, stumps, branches, garden clippings or other things originated from. The General Manager shall determine the apparent market value.

#### Traffic Control

The General Manager may:

- 5.13. Order the placement, replacement or alteration of traffic control devices for the regulation, control or prohibition of traffic;
- 5.14. Regulate or prohibit parking on a highway during construction, repair, maintenance, Christmas decorating, banner placement, or snow removal operation;
- 5.15. Order the placement of traffic signs prohibiting parking:
- a) At the entrance to any place of public assembly;
  - b) Upon either or both sides of any highway along the route of any parade or in the vicinity of public gatherings;
  - c) At any location where, in special circumstances, it is necessary to facilitate or safeguard traffic; or
  - d) Adjacent to any buildings or structures under construction, alteration, repair or demolition;
  - e)
- 5.16. Designate portions of highways as:
- a) Commercial vehicle loading zones
  - b) Passenger zones
  - c) Bicycle path, or
  - d) School zones;
- 5.17. Designate boulevards, sidewalks and walkways for the use of persons riding animals, or where the riding of animals is prohibited, and for that purpose to make regulations restricting the direction of travel and hours or use, and to locate and post signs or other traffic control devices as may be necessary;

### Closure of highways

- 5.18. The General Manager may close a highway to traffic, or other use, at any time and for any period of time for traffic or a use if in the opinion of the General Manager, the closure is necessary for any of the following reasons:
- a) The construction of a highway or other works;
  - b) The protection of a highway or other works;
  - c) The protection of person using the highway;
  - d) The safe and expeditious handling of traffic.

The General Manager shall not:

- 5.19. Make orders that would vary any prohibitions in this Bylaw; or
- 5.20. Make an order that would vary a provision of this Bylaw with regard to speed limits, except under Section 5.16 (d) of this Bylaw.

### **6. General Regulations**

- 6.1. Except where otherwise directed by a Peace Officer, a Bylaw Enforcement Officer or a person authorized by a Peace Officer to direct traffic, every person shall obey all directions, regulations and prohibitions contained in or upon any traffic control device which is erected or placed under the provisions of this bylaw.
- 6.2. No person shall mark or imprint on, or deface, damage or interfere with, any traffic control device which is erected or placed under the provisions of this Bylaw.
- 6.3. No person other than the owner or operator of a vehicle shall remove any notice placed or affixed on the vehicle by a Peace Officer or Bylaw Enforcement Officer under this Bylaw.
- 6.4. Every person shall at all times comply with any lawful order, direction, signal, command made or given by a Peace Officer, Bylaw Enforcement Officer, Fireman, Traffic Control Person, Ambulance Attendant or School Patrol.
- 6.5. No person shall excavate in, cause a nuisance on, or obstruct, foul or damage a part of the highway.
- 6.6. No person shall obstruct or interfere with, impede, hinder or prevent a Peace Officer, a Bylaw Enforcement Officer, employee of the City or any other person engaged by the City from performing any duties or exercising any authority under this bylaw.

## 7. Prohibitions

### 7.1. No person shall:

- a) Throw or cause to be deposited or tracked from a vehicle or to flow upon a highway, any water, oil, gasoline, grease, soil, sand, gravel or rock or any other substance, article or thing;
- b) Leave any excavation or other obstruction on a highway without placing barricades and warning lights;
- c) Interfere with any barricade, sign, warning lamp or other device which is lawfully occupying any highway.
- d) Engage in any occupation on a highway except in an area designated for that purpose;
- e) Engage in any sport, amusement, exercise, or occupation on a highway, stand or loiter in such a manner as to obstruct, impede or interfere with the passage of vehicles, cyclists or pedestrians on a highway;
- f) Drive or operate a vehicle on a highway between the persons or vehicles compromising a parade or funeral procession;
- g) Occupy a vehicle/recreational vehicle as living quarters while it is parked upon any highway;
- h) Make any repairs to a vehicle while it is upon any highway, other than the temporary repairs as are necessary for the removal of the vehicle from the highway;
- i) Except with lawful authority, drive or operate a motor vehicle so as to leave a highway and enter a place where a sign indicates that such motorized vehicle is prohibited;
- j) Drive or operate any motor vehicle or motorcycle on any graveled or grassed area on any trail within City boundaries.

### 7.2. Except as authorized by written permission issued by the Chief Administrative Officer or General Manager pursuant to this bylaw, no person shall:

- a) Place any fuel, lumber, merchandise or chattel of any nature on any highway;
- b) Deposit, throw, or leave any earth, refuse, debris or any other thing on a highway;
- c) Cause or permit any earth, rocks, stones, liquids, logs or stumps or other things to cave, fall, crumble, slide or accumulate from any property onto a highway or to remain thereon;
- d) Drag or skid anything along or over a highway;
- e) Dig up, break up or remove any part of a highway, cut down or remove trees or timber growing on a highway, or excavate in or under a highway;
- f) Change the level of a highway; stop the flow of water through any drain, sewer or culvert on or through a highway;
- g) Place, construct, install, maintain, demolish, remove or alter any works, structures or things of any kind, or perform any work of any kind on a highway;
- h) Construct or maintain a ditch, sewer or drain, the effluent from which causes damage, fouling, nuisance or injury on any portion of a highway;



- i) Mark or imprint or deface in any manner whatsoever a highway or structure thereon;
- j) Ride, drive, lead, move or propel any animal or vehicle over or across a boulevard, including any curb, sidewalk or ditch, except within a crossing;
- k) Cause damage to, cut down or remove trees, shrubs, plants, bushes and hedges, fences or other things erected or maintained on a boulevard.
- l) Operate a vehicle on a highway with dimensions or load in contravention of the *Motor Vehicle Act*, or where such dimensions or loads may cause damage.

**8. Debris Removal**

8.1. Every person who removes a wrecked or damaged vehicle from the scene of an accident on a highway shall remove all glass and other debris or substance caused by the accident from the highway.

**9. Speed Limits**

9.1. No person shall drive or operate a motor vehicle on any highway within the City (other than a lane) at a rate of speed greater than 50 kilometers per hour, unless otherwise posted.

**10. Speed Limits on Lanes**

10.1. No person shall drive or operate a motor vehicle on a lane at a rate of speed greater than 20 kilometers per hour, unless otherwise posted.

**11. Stopping/Parking Prohibitions**

11.1. Except as directed by a Peace Officer or Bylaw Enforcement Officer or as permitted by a traffic control device, no person shall stop or park a vehicle:

(a)	<b>48 Hours</b>	On a highway for a continuous period of time for more than 48 hours within the same block.
(b)	<b>Bridge</b>	On a bridge or other elevated structure on a highway.
(c)	<b>Bus Loading Zone</b>	In any designated bus loading zone.
(d)	<b>Crosswalk</b>	On a crosswalk or within 6 meters of the approach side of a crosswalk.
(e)	<b>Distance from Curb</b>	On a roadway more than 30 centimeters from the curb of such roadway if a curb has been constructed.
(f)	<b>Double Parking</b>	On the roadway side of a vehicle that is stopped or parked at the edge or curb or roadway.

(g)	<b>Driveway</b>	In front of or within 3 meters of a public or private driveway.
(h)	<b>Hydrant</b>	Within 5 meters of fire hydrant measured from a point in the curb or edge of the roadway which is closest to the fire hydrant to the nearest wheel of the vehicle
(i)	<b>Intersection</b>	In an intersection
(j)	<b>Lanes</b>	In any lane for more than 24hrs in such a manner or under such conditions as to leave available less than 3 meters of the usable traveled portion of such lane for the free movement of vehicular traffic.
(k)	<b>Long Vehicles</b>	On a highway or public place where the vehicle or combination of attached vehicles is in excess of 18 meters in length.
(l)	<b>Obstruction</b>	Alongside or opposite a street excavation or obstruction when stopping, standing or parking obstructs traffic.
(m)	<b>Overtime Parking</b>	On a highway where the length of time allowed for parking is controlled by a traffic control device, in contravention of the length of time indicated on the applicable traffic control device; and where a vehicle has been parked at a time-controlled parking space for the maximum period of time, the owner or operator of such vehicle shall not permit the parking space on either side of the same block within the same twenty-four hour period.
(n)	<b>Parking Prohibitions</b>	In a place that contravenes a traffic control device that gives notice that stopping, standing or parking there is prohibited.
(o)	<b>Parking Stalls</b>	In contravention of painted lines or markers indicating single parking stalls parallel to the highway or angled from the highway.
(p)	<b>Paths</b>	On a bicycle path, pedestrian walkway or equestrian trail.
(q)	<b>Sales</b>	On a highway for the purpose of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I. Displaying a vehicle for sale;</li> <li>II. Advertising, greasing, painting, wrecking, storing or repairing a vehicle, except where repairs are necessitated by an emergency;</li> <li>III. Displaying signs; or</li> <li>IV. Selling flowers, fruit, vegetables, or other commodities or articles.</li> </ul>
(r)	<b>Sidewalk</b>	On a sidewalk, either completely or partially
(s)	<b>Sign</b>	Within 6 meters of the approach to a flashing beacon, stop sign or traffic control sign located at the side of a roadway.
(t)	<b>Visibility</b>	In a manner that obstructs the visibility of a traffic control device
(u)	<b>Impede City</b>	In a manner that impedes, prohibits, or obstructs a city maintenance

	<b>Maintenance</b>	function including but not limited to snow removal and street sweeping.
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**12. Enforcement and Penalty**

- 12.1. The provisions of this Bylaw may be enforced by the General Manager, Bylaw Enforcement Officer, Fire Chief, Peace Officer, or any other person(s) or authorized agents appointed by Council.
- 12.2. Where the offence is a continuing one, each day of the offence continues shall be a separate offence.
- 12.3. Any person who violates any of the provisions of this Bylaw is, upon summary conviction, liable to the maximum fine provided in the *Offence Act*, plus the cost of prosecution for each offence and any other penalty or order imposed pursuant to the *Community Charter and Local Government Act*.
- 12.4. The penalties imposed under this section are as a supplement and not a substitution for any other remedy to an infraction of this Bylaw.

**13. Repeal**

- 13.1. "The City of Greenwood Traffic Regulation Bylaw No. 233, 1963" is hereby repealed.

**14. Effective Date**


This Bylaw shall come into full force and effect upon adoption.

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Read a First Time this	28	day of	October, 2024.
Read a Second Time this	28	day of	October, 2024.
Read a Third Time this	28	day of	October, 2024.
Adopted by Council this	12	day of	November, 2024.

  
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 Mayor

Certified a true copy of Bylaw No. 1022, 2024  
 On the 12 day of November, 2024.

  
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 Corporate Officer