

**TOWN OF COCHRANE
BYLAW NO. 02/2005
TRAFFIC BYLAW**

Being a Bylaw to provide for the regulation of parking and of the use of highways located within the Town of Cochrane in the Province of Alberta.

WHEREAS: *The Traffic Safety Act, R.S.A. 2000, c. T-6, section 13* provides that a Municipal Council may pass a Bylaw with respect to regulation of parking and the use of highways under its direction, control and management.

AND WHEREAS: Council has deemed it necessary to rescind and replace Bylaws 12/89 and 7/99 and 16/99 and 31/99 and 22/00.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF COCHRANE, IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, DULY ASSEMBLED, ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. TITLE

1.1 This Bylaw may be cited as the “Cochrane Traffic Bylaw”.

2. DEFINITIONS

2.1 Words used in this Bylaw which have been defined in the *Act* or the *Regulations* have the same defined meaning when used in this Bylaw.

2.2 In this Bylaw:

- (a) **“Act”** means *The Traffic Safety Act*, R.S.A. 2000, c. T-6, as amended or replaced from time to time;
- (b) **“alley”** is defined in the Act;
- (c) **“boulevard”** is defined in the Act;
- (d) **“chief administrative officer”** means a Municipal official in the responsible role of Chief Administrative Officer, and includes anyone designated and authorized to act on his or her behalf;
- (e) **“chief of police”** means the non-commissioned officer in command of the RCMP detachment in the Town of Cochrane;
- (f) **“council”** means the Municipal Council of the Town of Cochrane;
- (g) **“crosswalk”** is defined in the Regulations;
- (h) **“curb”** means the actual concrete or asphalt curb, or in the absence of one, the dividing line of a highway between the edge of the roadway and the sidewalk;
- (i) **“disabled parking zone”** means a space or portion of a highway or parking lot set apart and designated exclusively for the parking of vehicles bearing a valid disabled placard or license plate issued or recognized by the Registrar of Motor Vehicle Services, and so marked with a sign or other marking authorized by the Chief Administrative Officer;

- (j) **“emergency vehicle”** is defined in the Act;
- (k) **“heavy vehicle”** means a motor vehicle, alone or together with any trailer, semi-trailer or other vehicle being towed by the motor vehicle, with a registration gross vehicle weight of more than forty-five hundred (4,500) kilograms, or exceeding eleven (11) meters in total length. A public passenger vehicle, when engaged in the transport of passengers, shall be deemed to be excluded from the definition of a heavy vehicle for the purposes of sections 9.1 and 9.2 of this Bylaw;
- (l) **“highway”** is defined in the Act;
- (m) **“maximum weight”** means the maximum weight permitted for a vehicle and load pursuant to the vehicle’s official registration certificate issued by the Province of Alberta, or absent such certificate, the combined weight of the vehicle and the heaviest load that may be carried in accordance with the provisions of the Act and the applicable regulations passed pursuant to the Act;
- (n) **“motor vehicle”** is defined in the Act;
- (o) **“parade or procession”** means any group of pedestrians (except military or funeral processions) numbering more than fifty (50) who are marching, walking, running, standing or racing on a roadway or sidewalk, and includes any group of vehicles (excepting military or funeral processions) numbering ten (10) or more that are involved in a procession on a roadway;
- (p) **“park”** is defined in the Regulations;
- (q) **“parking violation tag”** means a tag issued in lieu of prosecution in respect of an infraction against this Bylaw or the parking provisions of the Regulations in a form approved by the Chief Administrative Officer;
- (r) **“parking stand”** means that portion of any highway set apart by the Chief Administrative Officer as a place where vehicles may be parked and includes a parcel, lot or place set apart for the public parking of vehicles;
- (s) **“passenger loading zone”** means a space or section of highway so marked with a sign or other marking authorized by the Chief Administrative Officer, permitting parking therein for the period of time reasonably necessary to load or unload passengers;
- (t) **“peace officer”** is defined in the Act, and includes a duly appointed Bylaw Enforcement Officer employed by the Town;
- (u) **“pedestrian”** is defined in the Act;
- (v) **“public holiday”** means a Sunday, a Holiday as defined in the *Interpretation Act* of the Province of Alberta, and any day or portion of a day so proclaimed by the Mayor or so declared by the Council of the Town of Cochrane;
- (w) **“refuse”** means any substance or material discarded or disposed of within the Town other than by lawful deposit at a disposal site and includes animal waste, dry waste, building waste, garbage, industrial waste, chemical waste, yard waste, litter, ashes, medical waste and dry refuse;
- (x) **“Regulations”** means *The Use of Highway and Rules of the Road Regulation*, (A.R. 304/2002) made pursuant to the Act;
- (y) **“residential district”** means any area or district classified as residential by the Land Use Bylaw of the Town;

- (z) **“roadway”** is defined in the Act;
- (aa) **“sidewalk”** is defined in the Act;
- (bb) **“Town”** means the Corporation of the Town of Cochrane or the area contained within the corporate boundaries of the Town, as the context requires;
- (cc) **“track”** means to allow, cause or permit any substance or material to be deposited by becoming loose or detached from the tires or any other part of a vehicle whether the vehicles is moving or stationary;
- (dd) **“traffic control device”** is defined in the Act;
- (ee) **“traffic control signal”** is defined in the Act;
- (ff) **“truck loading zone”** means a space or section of the highway so marked with a sign or other marking authorized by the Chief Administrative Officer permitting parking therein for the period of time reasonably necessary to load or unload goods, materials or merchandise;
- (gg) **“truck route”** means a highway within the Town upon which the operation of Heavy Vehicles is permitted, and which has been designated as such in this Bylaw;
- (hh) **“vehicle”** is defined in the Act;
- (ii) **“vehicle storage area”** means any area which is at least one hundred and fifty (150) meters away from the nearest residential, institutional or assembly occupancy, and that has been so designated and approved by the Chief Administrative Officer or his/her designate.

3. SPEED LIMITS AND SCHOOL ZONES

- 3.1 Unless otherwise directed by posted Traffic Control Devices no person shall drive a vehicle at a speed in excess of fifty (50) kilometers per hour on any roadway within the Town.
- 3.2 Council may prescribe maximum speed limits for specific roadways or portions thereof by directing the Chief Administrative Officer to cause Traffic Control Devices to be posted accordingly, indicating greater or lesser speed limits than those prescribed by the Act and section 3.1 of this Bylaw.
- 3.3 Notwithstanding section 3.1, no person shall drive a motor vehicle in any alley at a greater rate of speed than twenty (20) kilometers per hour, which is hereby prescribed as the maximum speed limit for all alleys.
- 3.4 The Chief Administrative Officer may, by posting Traffic Control Devices along a highway, prescribe a maximum speed limit in respect of any part of the highway under construction or repair or in a state of disrepair applicable to all vehicles or to any class or classes of vehicles while traveling over that part of the highway.
- 3.5 Pursuant to the provisions of section 107(3) of the Act, the prescribed hours during which all school zones are in effect in the Town are hereby increased. School zones within the Town shall be in effect from seven a.m. to nine p.m. (0700 –2100 hrs) on any day upon which school is held, and the Chief Administrative Officer shall cause Traffic Control Devices indicating said hours of effect to be displayed accordingly.

4. TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES AND AUTHORITY TO PLACE

- 4.1 Pursuant to sections 13 and 110 of the Act, the Chief Administrative Officer is hereby delegated the authority to place, erect, display or alter traffic control devices at such locations within the Town as he or she may determine, or as Council may by resolution direct, for the purpose of controlling and regulating traffic, including, but not limited to, the following specific purposes:
- (a) To divide the surface of a roadway into traffic lanes marked by solid or broken lines;
 - (b) To prohibit “U” turns at any intersection;
 - (c) To designate any intersection or other place on a highway as an intersection or place at which no left hand turn or right hand turn shall be made;
 - (d) To designate as a one-way street any roadway or portion thereof;
 - (e) To designate “School Zones” and “Playground Zones”;
 - (f) To designate highways or portions thereof as truck routes, parking lots, and vehicle storage areas for heavy vehicles and/or recreational vehicles;
 - (g) To set apart as a “through-street” any highway or part of a highway and to control entry to any highway by means of a “stop” sign or “yield” sign;
 - (h) To designate a crosswalk upon any highway;
 - (i) To designate parking stands, passenger and truck loading zones, “no parking” and “no stopping” zones, and the times when the restrictions of such zones are in effect;
 - (j) To designate “disabled parking zones”;
 - (k) To close or restrict the use of any highway, bridge or overpass or any part of any highway, bridge or overpass either as to the full width thereof or as to part of the width thereof with respect to any class or classes of vehicles or with respect to any class or classes of pedestrians;
 - (l) To prohibit, restrict or regulate the parking of vehicles or any particular class of vehicles on any highway or other public place or any portion thereof during such hours as he or she may determine;
 - (m) To designate and mark guidelines for parking on any highway or other public place or any portion thereof;
 - (n) To indicate the maximum speed limits for any roadway;
 - (o) To impose limitations or restrictions on loads traveling on highways.
- 4.2 The Chief Administrative Officer is hereby delegated the authority to designate the location of traffic control signals and undertake the placement of same.
- 4.3 The Chief Administrative Officer shall cause a record to be kept of the location of all traffic control devices placed pursuant to this section.
- 4.4 Traffic control devices placed and located pursuant to this section are deemed to have been made pursuant to this Bylaw.
- 4.5 Notwithstanding any provision of this Bylaw, all traffic control devices placed, erected or marked along highways located in the Town prior to the passing of this Bylaw shall be deemed to be duly authorized traffic control devices until altered pursuant to the provisions of sections 4.1 or 4.2.

5. PARADES AND PROCESSIONS

5.1 Any person that intends to hold a parade or procession (other than a funeral procession) within the Town shall at least thirty (30) days prior to the time they desire to hold the same, make application in writing to the Chief Administrative Officer for permission, and in such application shall furnish to the Chief Administrative Officer information with respect to the following, namely:

- (a) The name and address of the applicant, and if such applicant is an organization, the names, addresses of the executive thereof;
- (b) The nature and object of such parade or procession;
- (c) The day, date and hours during which the parade or procession will be held;
- (d) The intended route of the parade or procession;
- (e) The approximate number of persons who will take part therein;
- (f) The approximate size, number and nature of flags, banners, placards or such similar things to be carried during the parade or procession, and the particulars of the signs and the wording to be exhibited thereon;

and such written application shall bear the signatures and addresses of the persons who will be in control of such parade or procession and who undertake to be responsible for the good order and conduct thereof.

5.2 The Chief Administrative Officer may either grant permission with or without conditions, or refuse permission for any reasons that are determined to be appropriate concerns in all the circumstances. In the case of a refusal, the applicant has a right of appeal to Council.

5.3 If a refused application for permission to hold a parade or procession is appealed to Council pursuant to section 5.2, Council may:

- (a) Grant permission without conditions;
- (b) grant permission with conditions; or
- (c) refuse permission.

5.4 Where permission has been granted pursuant to sections 5.2 or 5.3, the Chief Administrative Officer shall prescribe the day, time, route and any conditions deemed necessary for the parade or procession, and provide such directions to the applicant. Temporary barriers or traffic control devices may be erected by the Chief Administrative Officer as he/she deems necessary.

5.5 A person organizing or in charge of a funeral procession shall notify the Town of the date, time and intended route at least 48 hours prior to the commencement of the procession.

5.6 If any funeral procession is in process of formation or proceeding along a highway, any Peace Officer may regulate all traffic in the vicinity and all persons, whether on foot or in vehicles, shall obey the orders and directions of the said Peace Officer.

5.7 As provided in section 88(2) of the Regulations, the vehicles following the lead vehicle in a funeral procession may, during daytime hours and when safe to do so, enter into any intersection without stopping, provided that the vehicles' headlamps and hazard warning lamps are activated, and provided that the lead vehicle in the procession is showing a purple flashing light.

5.8 Excepting funeral processions, no person shall organize or participate in any parade or procession unless permission has first been granted by the Chief Administrative Officer or Council.

5.9 Where permission for a parade or procession has been granted pursuant to this section, any person organizing or participating in the parade or procession shall comply with any directions or conditions prescribed pursuant to section 5.4, as well as with any directions of a Peace Officer during the event.

6. FIRES AND FIRE LINES

6.1 The Town of Cochrane Fire Chief or any person acting under his/her instruction is hereby empowered to move or cause to be moved any vehicle which he/she may deem necessary for the purpose of carrying out any duty, work or undertaking of the Town of Cochrane Fire Department.

7. VEHICLES WITH LUGS

7.1 No person shall drive, propel or move on any highway any vehicle having metal spikes, lugs, cleats or bands projecting from the surface of the wheel or tire of such vehicle, or any vehicle having a caterpillar tread, unless permission is granted by the Chief Administrative Officer pursuant to section 7.2.

7.2 Any person who desires the permission required by section 7.1 shall make an application in writing to the Chief Administrative Officer a permit. The application shall set out the size and nature of the vehicle to be moved, the name of the maker thereof, the size of wheel and of any projections thereof, the origin and destination of route and such further information the Chief Administrative Officer may require.

7.3 Any person making a permit application shall agree to pay all damages caused to the highway, or any works made or done over, upon or under the same, as a result of the operation, conveyance or movement of the vehicle mentioned in the permit. The Chief Administrative Officer may specify the route (including the laying down of planks to protect pavement or crosswalks or timbering to protect bridges or culverts), the hours during which the movement shall take place and such other conditions as he deems necessary for the protection of the highways and any works done or made over or under the same.

8. OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLES

8.1 No person shall operate an “off-highway vehicle” as defined in section 117 of the Act within the boundaries of the Town unless such use is expressly permitted by the Council or the Chief Administrative Officer.

9. HEAVY VEHICLES AND TRUCK ROUTES

9.1 No person shall operate or park a heavy vehicle on a highway within the Town except on a designated truck route as described in Schedule “C” of this Bylaw, said Schedule being hereby incorporated into and made part of this Bylaw.

9.2 Notwithstanding section 9.1, no person shall park a heavy vehicle on a highway or other public place located within either:

- (a) a residential district, or
- (b) the central business district of the Town.

- 9.3 The following shall be deemed not to be operating or parking a heavy vehicle in contravention of sections 9.1 or 9.2 if the said heavy vehicle was being operated on the shortest route between the delivery, pick-up or other location concerned and the nearest truck route by:
- (a) A person delivering or collecting goods, materials or merchandise to or from the premises of a bona fide customers;
 - (b) a person going to or from the business premises of the owner of the heavy vehicle, a heavy vehicle repair or maintenance facility, or an approved “vehicle storage area” for heavy vehicles;
 - (c) a person moving a house for which the necessary permits have been issued by the Town;
 - (d) a person towing a disabled vehicle from or along a highway prohibited to heavy vehicles; and
 - (e) a person actively engaged in lawful public works requiring him by the very nature of such work to deviate from established truck routes.
- 9.4 No person shall utilize engine retarder brakes while operating heavy vehicles within the limits of the Town of Cochrane.

10. MAXIMUM WEIGHTS OF VEHICLES

- 10.1 No person shall drive or park upon any roadway within the Town a vehicle or combination of attached vehicles with a weight, including or excluding any load thereon, in excess of maximum weight.
- 10.2 Notwithstanding section 10.1 above, the Chief Administrative Officer may:
- (a) Issue a single trip or an open permit to an applicant for any number of trips and for such a period of time as he deems advisable, with permit conditions applied describing routing, time of day, other restrictions as deemed necessary for the safe movement of the load or loads;
 - (b) Issue a permit to an applicant who telephones or provides by electronic means the information required for a permit;
- 10.3 No person shall operate a vehicle in respect of which an overload or over-dimensional permit is issued pursuant to the *Traffic Safety Act* on a highway under the direction, control and management of the municipality unless:
- (a) The Chief Administrative Officer has given approval;
 - (b) the owner, operator, driver or mover of the vehicle shall agree to be responsible for all damages which may be caused to the highway by reason of driving, operating or moving of any such vehicle upon the highway; and
 - (c) if requested by the Chief Administrative Officer, the owner, operator, driver or mover of the vehicle posts a bond sufficient to cover the cost of repairing possible damages to the highway, landscaping and street furniture in an amount satisfactory to the municipality;
- 10.4 Where a Peace Officer believes that a vehicle may be overweight, he or she may order the driver or other person in charge or control of the subject vehicle or combination of attached vehicles to take same to the nearest adequate weight scale to determine the weight of the

vehicle and load carried thereon. The weight slip or slips shall be given to the Peace Officer and may be retained by him/her and, if the weight of any loaded vehicle or combination of attached vehicles is in excess of maximum weight, the excess shall be removed before the vehicle or combination of attached vehicles is again taken upon the highway.

- 10.5 A weight slip given to a Peace Officer pursuant to section 10.4 and submitted by him/her shall be prima facie proof of the weight of the subject vehicle or combination of attached vehicles.
- 10.6 A person driving or in charge or control of a vehicle or combination of attached vehicles suspected by a Peace Officer of being on a roadway in contravention of section 10.1 shall, when requested by the Peace Officer, produce for such officer's inspection any official registration certificate or interim registration for such vehicle or vehicles that may have been issued by the Province of Alberta showing the maximum weight of such vehicle or combination of attached vehicles.

11. PEDESTRIANS

- 11.1 A pedestrian shall not cross any roadway within the Town, other than an alley, except within a marked or unmarked crosswalk.
- 11.2 Where a crosswalk at any intersection is marked with lines, no pedestrian shall cross either of the intersecting highways within the intersection except within the limits of such marked crosswalk:
- 11.3 No person shall stand on any highway, crosswalk or sidewalk in such a manner as to:
- (a) Obstruct vehicular or pedestrian traffic;
 - (b) Annoy or inconvenience any other person lawfully upon such highway, crosswalk or sidewalk; or
 - (c) Obstruct the entrance to any building.
- 11.4 No person shall conduct, organize or participate in a foot or bicycle race upon any roadway, unless permission for the race has been first obtained pursuant to sections 5.2 or 5.3 of this Bylaw.
- 11.5 No person shall stand upon or walk along any part of a highway within the Town for the purpose of soliciting a ride from the driver of any private vehicle.

12. PARKING RESTRICTIONS AND PROHIBITIONS

- 12.1 The parking prohibitions and restrictions provided in sections 44 through 49 of the Regulations apply within the Town and may be enforced through the issuance of "parking violation tags" and/or "violation tickets" by a Peace Officer.
- 12.2 A Peace Officer or other person authorized to enforce this Bylaw is hereby authorized to place an erasable chalk mark on the tread face of the tire of a parked vehicle, and to issue and place a traffic tag upon a parked vehicle, without that person or the Town incurring any liability for doing so.
- 12.3 Unless specifically permitted by another provision of this Bylaw, no person shall park a vehicle on any portion of a highway or other public place for any period longer than permitted by the applicable traffic control device.

- 12.4 The Chief Administrative Officer may designate and cause to be properly marked portions of highway known as the Town of Cochrane parking lots. No person shall park any vehicle for any period of time within such parking lots without having first obtained the required permission to park for the time period in question.
- 12.5 Special parking permits may be issued by the Town for the purpose of allowing residents and their visitors on-street parking within zones posted as “Parking by Permit”. The cost of a Special Parking Permit replacement will be as provided in Schedule “E” of this Bylaw.
- (a) No person shall park any vehicle in “Parking by Permit” zone during the restricted times unless the vehicle displays a valid permit;
- (b) No person issued such permit shall sell, trade, give away or otherwise allow any unauthorized person to obtain or use the same.
- 12.6 A person that is required to obtain permission to park pursuant to section 12.4 or required to display a permit pursuant to section 12.5 shall cause the proof of such permission or the permit to be displayed in the vehicle in a manner that the permission is evident or the permit is clearly visible and legible from the exterior of the vehicle.
- 12.7 Except when actively engaged in loading or unloading passengers, no person shall park or stop a vehicle in a passenger-loading zone.
- 12.8 No person shall park or stop a vehicle in a truck-loading zone for a period of time longer than twenty (20) minutes.
- 12.9 No person shall park a vehicle in an alley except for such period of time as may be reasonably necessary for the loading or unloading of passengers or goods from a vehicle.
- 12.10 Notwithstanding section 12.9, no person shall park a vehicle in an alley in a manner that obstructs the safe passage of other vehicles along the alley.
- 12.11 No person shall park any trailer (whether designed for occupancy or for the carrying of goods and equipment), upon any highway unless said trailer is fully attached to a vehicle by which it may be safely and lawfully drawn along a highway.
- 12.12 No person shall remove and leave a vehicle’s removable camping accommodation on a highway or extending over any sidewalk, boulevard, alley or any other portion of a highway.
- 12.13 No person shall park any commercial vehicle (other than a recreational vehicle) of any design capacity with a GVW (*Gross Vehicle Weight*) of more than forty-five hundred (4,500) kilograms, including but not limited to a truck, bus, trailer, or delivery van, on any highway in a residential district or in the central business district, except when such vehicle is actively engaged in bona fide delivery, transport, or other similar activities.
- 12.14 No person shall park a motor home, camper, travel trailer, boat trailer, motorcycle trailer, snowmobile trailer, or other recreational vehicle on any highway within corporate limits of the Town of Cochrane for a period in excess of seventy-two (72) consecutive hours. After the expiration of the aforementioned seventy-two (72) consecutive hours, the subject vehicle must be moved to an off street location for a period of not less than seventy-two (72) hours before it can again be parked in the same area of the highway.
- 12.15 No person shall park any vehicle on any portion of a highway in the Town in such a manner as to constitute a hazard to other persons using the highway, including those using the sidewalk.

- 12.16 No person shall park any unauthorized vehicle in any parking space upon any property owned by the Town where such space has been reserved and clearly marked by the Chief Administrative Officer for vehicles operated by employees of the Town. The foregoing prohibition shall apply between the hours of eight a.m. and five p.m. (0800-1700 hrs) Monday through Friday inclusive.
- 12.17 No person shall park any vehicle upon any land owned by the Town, which the Town uses or permits to be used as a playground, recreation area or public park, except on such parts thereof clearly signed or otherwise designated by the Chief Administrative Officer for vehicle parking.
- 12.18 Where parking guidelines are visible on the roadway no person shall park a vehicle except within the limits of the lines designating the parking stand.
- 12.19 No person shall park a vehicle at any angle to the curb in a cul-de-sac unless that vehicle is parked in that manner to avoid interference with the free flow of traffic in the cul-de-sac.
- 12.20 No person shall park a vehicle so that the bumper or side of the vehicle is closer than sixty (60) centimeters to the bumper or side of another vehicle.
- 12.21 No person shall park or leave any vehicles on private land or property that has been clearly marked as such by a sign or signs erected by the owner or his agent unless such person has obtained the permission of the owner, tenant, occupant or person in charge or control of said land or property.
- (a) An owner, tenant, occupant or person in charge or control of private land or property, if personally satisfied that any person is violating this section, may report to a Peace Officer the license number and location of the illegally parked vehicle. Any person making such a report shall give his/her name, phone number and address.
- (b) Any Peace Officer may cause a vehicle improperly parked on private property to be removed and taken to and stored in a suitable place and all costs for the removal and storage will be borne by the owner or operator of the subject vehicle.
- 12.22 Except in the case of sudden vehicle breakdown, a person shall not stand or park any vehicle on any portion of a highway in the Town for the purpose of servicing or repairing the vehicle.
- 12.23 No person shall park or leave a vehicle on any portion of a highway in the Town when such vehicle is inoperable or not properly equipped in accordance with the Act or the relevant regulations made thereto. This section does not apply where a vehicle has been left parked because of a sudden vehicle breakdown and the person in charge or in control of the vehicle can establish that immediate action has been taken to arrange for the removal of the vehicle forthwith.
- 12.24 In the event of an accumulation of debris or a required highway repair, the Town may cause a highway to be cleared of vehicles for the purpose of street cleaning or highway repair. The Town, after clearly posting or signing the subject highway forty-eight (48) hours prior, may tow away and impound vehicles blocking street cleaning or repair equipment at the vehicle owner's expense.
- 12.25 Any person claiming to be permanently physically handicapped and by reason thereof in need of special parking consideration may apply for a special parking permit as provided in Schedule "A" of this Bylaw.
- 12.26 The Chief Administrative Officer is hereby authorized to establish, sign or otherwise designate disabled parking stalls or zones on highways within the Town as he/she deems necessary for

the exclusive parking of vehicles bearing a valid disabled placard or license plate issued or recognized by the Registrar of Motor Vehicle Services.

- 12.27 The owner, tenant, occupant or person in control of private property within the Town to which vehicles driven by the public generally have access may designate any number of parking spaces for the exclusive parking of vehicles bearing a valid disabled placard or license plate issued or recognized by the Registrar of Motor Vehicle Services. The signage or markings used to so designate such parking spaces shall be in a form similar to that approved and used by the Chief Administrative Officer pursuant to section 12.26.
- 12.28 No person shall park or stop a vehicle which does not clearly display a disabled placard or license plate that is issued or recognized by the Registrar of Motor Vehicle Services in a parking space clearly signed or otherwise designated pursuant to sections 12.26 or 12.27.

13. TAXICABS AND TAXICAB STANDS

- 13.1 The Chief Administrative Officer is hereby authorized and empowered to designate and properly mark by signs certain stalls for parking spaces to be known as "Taxicab Stands" for the exclusive use of passenger vehicles for hire.
- 13.2 Any person carrying on the business of letting vehicles for hire, hereinafter called "taxicab operator", may apply to the Chief Administrative Officer for the location of one taxicab stand in front of each place of business of the taxicab operator. The Chief Administrative Officer may allot either a one or two-vehicle stall or space to the taxicab operator, but the taxicab operator will only be allotted space for the parking of one taxicab free of charge.
- 13.3 The Chief Administrative Officer may prescribe from time to time the fees to be charged to a taxicab operator for each additional parking space or stall and may charge the cost of installing and maintaining signs to the taxicab operator.
- 13.4 No person shall park any vehicle in a taxicab stand except the taxicab operator for whom the taxicab stand has been reserved, or a person authorized by the taxicab operator, and the vehicle must be a taxicab then on duty and available for public hire.
- 13.5 No person shall park a vehicle for hire on the roadway other than in a space reserved as a taxicab stand during the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., (0900-1700hrs) Monday to Saturday inclusive, other than public holidays.
- 13.6 Notwithstanding the other provisions of this section, the Chief of Police may permit taxicabs, while waiting for hire, to stand at a designated place to provide accommodation for the public attending a special function or event.

14. TEMPORARY CLOSING OF HIGHWAYS

- 14.1 In any case where by reason of any emergency or of any special circumstances, which in the opinion of the Chief Administrative Officer makes it desirable and in the public interest to do so, the Chief Administrative Officer may:
- (a) Temporarily close within the Town, any highway in whole or in part to traffic;
 - (b) Temporarily suspend parking privileges granted by the provision of this or any other bylaw;
 - (c) Take such measure necessary for the temporary closing of such highway or suspension of parking and place barricades or post appropriate notices on or near the highway concerned.

15. MISCELLANEOUS RESTRICTIONS AND PROHIBITIONS

- 15.1 No person shall allow the engine or motor of any stationary vehicle to remain running for a period of time longer than twenty (20) minutes in any residential district, unless such vehicle is involved in a bona fide service, delivery or collection, or is a public service vehicle or an emergency vehicle.
- 15.2 No person shall place or construct temporary or permanent vehicle ramps, or allow same to be placed or constructed, on or over public roadway curbs or between public roadway curbs and private driveways.
- 15.3 No person shall place or allow the placement of any objects, refuse, building or other materials, dumpsters, snow, earth, sand, gravel, sod, or any other matter on a highway or any road right-of-way within the Town, excepting where specific permission has been granted by the Chief Administrative Officer, or where such placement is authorized by the issuance of a Street Use Permit as provided for in Schedule "D" of this Bylaw.
- 15.4 No person shall:
- (a) wash a vehicle on any highway within the Town;
 - (b) wash, repair, or service a vehicle near any highway within the Town in a manner that allows soap suds, mud, cement, refuse, debris, tar, oil, grease, antifreeze or other vehicle fluids to flow onto or enter upon the highway; or
 - (c) park a vehicle on a highway within the Town that, due to the state of the vehicle, results in mud, cement, refuse, debris, tar, oil, grease, antifreeze or other vehicle fluids being deposited upon the highway.
- 15.5 No person shall coast or ride a sled, toboggan, skis, roller skates, roller blades or a skateboard upon any roadway within the Town.
- 15.6 No owner, occupant or person in charge of private property shall allow any hedges or shrubs located on the property, and situated within a distance of eight (8) meters from the nearest corner of a street intersection, to attain or maintain a height greater than one metre above the established elevation of the centre point of the street intersection.
- 15.7 Where trees on private property are situated within a distance of eight (8) meters from the nearest corner of a street intersection, the owner, occupant or person in charge of the property shall trim the said trees in such a way so that no branches or foliage of said trees shall be at a lesser height than one hundred and sixty (160) centimeters above the established elevation of the centre point of the street intersection.
- 15.8 The Chief Administrative Officer may serve a notice in writing upon the owner, occupant or person in charge of private property requesting compliance with the provisions of sections 15.6 or 15.7, as the case may be.
- 15.9 No owner, occupant or person in charge of private property shall build, place, erect or maintain the existence of fences, walls or other objects situated within a distance of eight (8) meters of the nearest corner of a street intersection when such fences, walls or other objects interfere with the necessary visibility required for safe traffic flow.
- 15.10 The Chief Administrative Officer may serve a notice in writing upon the owner, occupant or person in charge of private property requesting compliance with the provisions of section 15.9.

- 15.11 A notice in writing issued pursuant to this section shall provide:
- (a) A description of the land on which the proposed removal or remedy is to apply;
 - (b) the purpose for requesting the removal or remedy;
 - (c) details of the remedy required and/or a description of the object proposed to be removed in whole or in part from the land, and the date by which compliance is required;
 - (d) where applicable, the amount the Town is ready to pay in costs for the removal of the object or other remedy.
- 15.12 Any notice or parking violation tag required to be served pursuant to the provisions of this Bylaw will be deemed to have been sufficiently served in the case of an offence involving a vehicle:
- (a) If the notice is personally served on the driver, or left at a conspicuous location on the vehicle; or
 - (b) If the notice is mailed by regular or registered mail to the registered owner of the vehicle using the address on record with the Alberta Motor Vehicle Branch.
- 15.13 Any notice required to be served pursuant to the provisions of this Bylaw will be deemed to have been sufficiently served in the case of an offence involving private property:
- (a) If served personally upon the person to whom it is directed, or
 - (b) If posted at a conspicuous location on the property, or
 - (c) If mailed by regular or registered mail to the address of the person to whom the notice was directed, or to the owner of the private property involved at that owner's address on record with the Town of Cochrane.
- 15.14 Where the owner, occupant or person in charge of private property fails to comply with a written notice issued pursuant to the provisions of sections 15.8 or 15.10, the Town may do the work required and, where applicable, do the work at the expense of the property owner or occupant.
- 15.15 The expenses incurred by the Town for the work done, where applicable, may be recovered with costs by action in court of competent jurisdiction or in a like manner as municipal taxes.
- 15.16 No person shall:
- (a) Drive on or along a highway within the Town a vehicle with the box or body filled with sand, gravel, rocks, earth or other loose material, whether similar or dissimilar, so that there is less than seventy five (75) millimeters from the top edge of the box or body to the material below;
 - (b) Drive on or along a highway within the Town a vehicle with a box or body filled with sand, gravel, rocks, earth or other loose material, whether similar or dissimilar, unless the box ledges, sideboards and vehicle chassis have been cleaned of all loose material that could possibly escape from or fall off of the vehicle;
 - (c) Drive on or along a highway within the Town a vehicle with either the box of the truck or the trailer filled with refuse as defined in this bylaw, unless the refuse is completely covered and secured by a tarpaulin or other covering;

- (d) Drive on or along a highway within the Town a vehicle and allow refuse or any other goods or materials to escape therefrom or to be scattered upon the highway or upon any land in the vicinity thereof.
- 15.17 The use of alternately flashing lights and stop arms on school buses shall not be used on the public highway at the following locations:
- (a) That portion of 1st Street East, flanking lot 2, Plan 8710017 (Holy Spirit School);
 - (b) That portion of Glenpatrick Road, flanking lot R, Block R-1, Plan 7711174 (Glenbow School);
 - (c) That portion of Quigley Drive and West McDougall Road, flanking Lot 1 SR, Block 21, Plan 9211198 (Mitford School);
 - (d) That portion of Riverview Drive, flanking lot 71 MR, Block 4, Plan 9311229 (Holy Spirit School portables).
- 15.18 No person shall place or affix any sign, material or thing on, or within ten (10) metres, of a traffic control device, signal or intersection.
- 15.19 No person shall place an electrical cord on or above a roadway or above a sidewalk unless it is a minimum height of 2.5 metres above the sidewalk.
- 15.20 No person shall drive, operate or permit to be driven or operated, any vehicle or equipment in such a manner as to track upon a roadway.
- 15.21 No person shall, driving a motor vehicle approaching an intersection controlled by a traffic light, stop sign or other traffic control device, exit the roadway onto private or public property and continue onto the same roadway or an intersecting roadway for the purpose of avoiding the traffic control device.

16. PENALTIES AND ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES

- 16.1 Any person who contravenes any provision of this Bylaw is guilty of an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of not more than TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$2500.00) and not less than FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00) and in default of payment is liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding SIX (6) MONTHS.
- 16.2 Where a Peace Officer believes that a person has contravened any provision of this Bylaw, or of sections 44 through 49 of the Regulations, he/she may serve upon:
- (a) such person a Violation Ticket referencing the section contravened; or
 - (b) the registered owner of the motor vehicle a Violation Ticket referencing section 160(1) of the Act and the section of the Bylaw or Regulations contravened; in accordance with the provisions of the Provincial Offences Procedure Act, R.S.A. 2000, c. P-34.
- 16.3 The levying and payment of any penalty, or the imprisonment for any period as provided for in this Bylaw shall not relieve a person from the necessity of paying any fees, charges or costs for which he is liable under the provisions of this Bylaw.
- 16.4 In accordance with the provisions of section 77 of the Act, a Peace Officer may tow and impound any vehicle parked in contravention of the provisions of this Bylaw or the parking provisions of the Regulations.

- 16.5 The specified penalty payable in respect of a contravention of a provision of this Bylaw, proceeded with by way of prosecution, shall be double the amount payable in lieu of prosecution as provided in Schedule “B” of this Bylaw.
- 16.6 The specified penalty payable in respect of a contravention of a parking provision of the Regulations, proceeded with by way of prosecution, is provided for in the Procedures Regulation (A.R. 233/1989) made pursuant to the Provincial Offences Procedures Act, R.S.A. 2000, c. P-34, and must include the required Victims of Crime Act surcharge.
- 16.7 Notwithstanding section 16.2 of this Bylaw, a Peace Officer may issue, in lieu of prosecution, a Parking Violation Tag in a form as approved by the Chief Administrative Officer, referencing the section of the Bylaw or Regulations contravened, to the alleged offender, or to the registered owner of any vehicle involved in a contravention of this Bylaw or the parking provisions of the Regulations.
- 16.8 Service of any such Parking Violation Tag shall be sufficient if it is:
- (a) Personally served upon the driver or registered owner of the offending vehicle;
 - (b) Served by regular mail upon the registered owner of the vehicle; or
 - (c) Placed on or attached in a conspicuous location to the vehicle involved in the contravention of this Bylaw or the parking provisions of the Regulations.
- 16.9 The penalty payable to the Town in lieu of prosecution in respect of a contravention of this Bylaw or the parking provisions of the Regulations, to be indicated on any such Parking Violation Tag issued, is the amount provided for in Schedule “B” of this Bylaw, said Schedule being hereby incorporated into and made part of this Bylaw.
- 16.10 A person who has been issued a Parking Violation Tag pursuant to the provisions of this Bylaw, and who has fully paid the penalty as indicated to the Town within the time allowed for payment, shall not be liable to prosecution for the subject contravention.
- 16.11 No person, other than the owner or driver of a vehicle, shall remove a Parking Violation Tag placed on or attached to such vehicle by a Peace Officer in the course of his/her duties.
- 17. GENERAL**
- 17.1 It is the intention of the Council of the Town that each provision of this Bylaw should be considered as being separate and severable from all other provisions. Should any section or provision of this Bylaw be found to have been improperly enacted, then such section or provision shall be regarded as being severable from the rest of this Bylaw and that the Bylaw remaining after such severance shall remain effective and enforceable.
- 17.2 It is the intention of the Council of the Town that all offences created pursuant to this Bylaw be construed and considered as being Strict Liability Offences.
- 17.3 Whenever the singular and masculine gender is used in this Bylaw, the same shall include the plural, feminine and neuter gender whenever the context so requires.
- 17.4 Schedules “A”, “B”, “C”, “D”, and “E” may, from time to time, be amended by a resolution of Council.
- 17.5 This Bylaw shall come into effect upon third reading, and Bylaws 12/89 and 7/99 and 16/99 and 31/99 and 22/00 of the Town are hereby repealed upon this bylaw coming into effect.

READ A FIRST TIME THIS 25TH DAY OF APRIL, 2005

READ A SECOND TIME THIS 25TH DAY OF APRIL, 2005

READ A THIRD AND FINAL TIME IN COUNCIL THIS 9TH DAY OF MAY, 2005

Mayor

Municipal Clerk

**APPLICATION FOR DISABLED PARKING ZONE
SCHEDULE "A"**

I, _____, of

(number and street)

in the Town of Cochrane, in the Province of Alberta, state that I am permanently physically handicapped and by reason thereof in need of special parking consideration for my personal motor vehicle described as : _____ bearing Alberta License No. _____, for my vehicle to be parked at _____. I understand the permit must be renewed yearly. I further understand that this only entitles me to parking my motor vehicle in areas where parking is normally permitted.

DATED at the Town of Cochrane, in the Province of Alberta, this _____ day of _____, A.D. _____.

Witness

Signature of Applicant

I, _____, of the Town of Cochrane, in the Province of Alberta, a registered physician under the *Medical Profession Act of Alberta*, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT the above person is permanently physically disabled and in need of consideration for special parking privileges for his/her motor vehicle.

DATED at the Town of Cochrane, in the Province of Alberta, this _____ day of _____, A.D. _____.

Physician's signature

Office Use

Application is approved/refused this _____ day of _____, _____

Parking permit No. _____

Operational Services ~ Road Transport

TOWN OF COCHRANE TRAFFIC BYLAW PENALTIES**SCHEDULE “B”**

<u>SECTION</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION OF OFFENCE</u>	<u>PENALTY</u> (In lieu of prosecution)
General Penalty	All Bylaw sections not specified in this Schedule	\$50.00
TSA Regulations	All parking provisions of TSA Rules of Road Regulations	\$50.00
Section 7.1	Operate Vehicle with Lugs without permission	\$250.00
Section 8.1	Operate Off-Highway vehicle without permission	\$150.00
Section 9.1 & 9.2	Operate or park Heavy Vehicle off truck route	\$150.00
Section 9.4	Heavy Vehicle using engine retarder brakes within Town	\$150.00
Section 10.1	Operate or park Overweight vehicle within Town	\$250.00
Section 10.4	Overweight vehicles	\$500 / 1,000 kg
Section 12.11	Leave unattached trailer on highway	\$100.00
Section 12.12	Leave removable camping accommodation on highway	\$100.00
Section 12.13	Park commercial vehicle on highway in residential area	\$100.00
Section 12.14	Park recreational vehicle on highway within corporate limits	\$100.00
Section 12.15	Park vehicle on highway in manner that causes hazard	\$150.00
Section 12.28	Park or stop in disabled zone without required placard	\$150.00
Section 15.3	Place objects or material on highway within the Town	\$100.00
Section 15.4	Wash vehicle or deposit /direct material onto highway	\$100.00
Section 15.16	Operate improperly loaded or non-tarped vehicle	\$150.00
Section 15.20	Track on roadway	\$150.00
Section 16.11	Unauthorized person remove Parking Tag	\$100.00

**TOWN OF COCHRANE
TRUCK ROUTES**

SCHEDULE “C”

1. All of Highway 1A within the Town limits
2. All of Highway 22 within the Town limits
3. All of Griffin Road including extension to Spray Lake Sawmills Family Sports Centre
4. 5th Avenue from Railway Street to Griffin Road
5. All of Charlesworth Avenue
6. Quigley Drive between Highway 22 & Westside Drive
7. River Avenue from Railway Street to the Bow River
8. All of Fisher Avenue
9. All of 2nd Avenue East
10. All of Railway Street
11. All of Bow Street
12. West Rock Road
13. West Side Drive

Schedule “D”



**Town of Cochrane
Operational Services
Road Transport Division
124 Griffin Road, Cochrane, AB
Phone: (403) 932-4411 • Fax: (403) 932-4230**

Year	Month	Day	Number
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**STREET USE PERMIT
(As per Bylaw 02/2005)**

- Temporary No Parking Signs Temporary Traffic Control Temporary Sidewalk Closure
- Temporary Moving Containers Temporary Street Closure (Minor Traffic Disruptions, Neighbourhood Gathering)

On behalf of _____

Applicant's Name _____

Applicant's Address: _____

Telephone No _____ Cell No. _____

Location _____

Purpose _____

PERMIT FROM:	Date	Time
PERMIT TO:	Date	Time

Equipment Usage Agreement Required: Yes _____ No _____

Other Special Conditions (if applicable): _____

Conditions

- Moving Containers - Trailers and/or containers without wheels are to be blocked with sufficient dunnage to prevent damage to street infrastructure.
- Unobstructed access for any emergency vehicle.
- Public notification of affected residents and/or businesses shall be the responsibility of the Applicant prior to the event.
- Applicant will be responsible for all cleanup operations.
- Any damage that may occur as a result of the event will be assessed by the Town and payment for such damage will be the sole responsibility of the applicant.
- Every person who receives the written permission of the Road Transport Division shall abide by the conditions imposed by approval of the Street Use Permit.
- Every person who receives the written permission of the Road Transport Division shall indemnify and save harmless the Town of Cochrane, and their elected and appointed officials, employees and agents from and against any and all claims, demands, suits or compensation arising, directly or indirectly, from the granting of the permission.
- **As per Section 15.3 of Bylaw No. 02/2005** “No person shall place or allow the placement of any objects, refuse, building or other materials, dumpsters, snow, earth, sand, gravel, sod, or any other matter on a highway or any road right-of-way within the Town, excepting where specific permission has been granted by the Chief Administrative Officer, or where such placement is authorized by the issuance of a Street Use Permit as provided for in Schedule “D” of this Bylaw.”

Applicant's Signature	Approval (Road Transport Division)
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SPECIAL PARKING PERMIT

SCHEDULE “E”

In accordance with section 12.5 of this Bylaw, the replacement fee for a Special Parking Permit will be five dollars (\$5.00).