

NUISANCE ABATEMENT BYLAW NO. 702-2026

TOWN OF REDVERS
REDVERS, SASK.

A BYLAW TO PROVIDE FOR THE ABATEMENT OF NUISANCES

The Council of the Town of Redvers in the Province of Saskatchewan enacts as follows:

SHORT TITLE:

1. This Bylaw may be cited as the “Nuisance Abatement Bylaw”.

PURPOSE:

2. The purpose of this Bylaw is to provide for the abatement of nuisances, including property, activities, or things that adversely affect:
 - a) the safety, health or welfare of people in the neighbourhood;
 - b) people’s use and enjoyment of their property; or
 - c) the amenity of a neighbourhood.

DEFINITIONS:

3. In this Bylaw:
 - a) “Act” means *The Municipalities Act*.
 - b) “Building” means, as per *The Municipalities Act*, any structure used or occupied or intended for supporting or sheltering any use or occupancy and includes a trailer, mobile home or portable shack that:
 - i) Is situated within the municipality for a period of more than 303 days; and
 - ii) Is not:
 - A) In storage; or
 - B) A travel trailer.
 - c) “Council” means the Council of the Town of Redvers.
 - d) “Designated Officer” means an employee or agent of the Municipality appointed by Council to administer the bylaw, including inspecting property and issuing remedial orders to property owners.
 - e) “Junked vehicle” means any automobile, tractor, truck, trailer or other vehicle that
 - i) either:
 - (1) has no valid license plates attached to it; or
 - (2) is in a rusted, wrecked, partly wrecked, dismantled, partly dismantled, inoperative or abandoned condition; and
 - ii) is located on private land, but that:
 - (1) is not within a structure erected in accordance with any Bylaw respecting the erection of buildings and structures in force within the Municipality; and
 - (2) does not form a part of a business enterprise lawfully being operated on that land.
 - f) “Municipality” means the Town of Redvers.
 - g) “Nuisance” means a condition of property, or a thing, or an activity, that adversely affects or may adversely affect:
 - i) the safety, health or welfare of people in the neighbourhood;
 - ii) people’s use and enjoyment of their property; or
 - iii) the amenity of a neighbourhood and includes;
 - iv) a building in a ruinous or dilapidated state of repair;
 - v) an unoccupied building that is damaged and is an imminent danger to public safety;
 - vi) land that is overgrown with grass and weeds;
 - vii) untidy and unsightly property;
 - viii) junked vehicles; and
 - ix) open excavations on property.

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- h) “Occupant” includes, as per *The Municipalities Act*:
- i) a person residing on land or in a building;
 - ii) a person entitled to the possession of land or a building if there is no person residing on the land or in the building; or
 - iii) a leaseholder.
- i) “Owner” means, as per *The Municipalities Act*, a person who has any right, title, estate or interest in land or improvements other than that of a mere occupant, tenant or mortgagee.
- j) “Property” means land or buildings or both.
- k) “Structure” means anything erected or constructed, the use of which requires temporary or permanent location on, or support of, the soil, or attached to something having permanent location on the ground or soil; but not including pavements, curbs, walks or open air surfaced areas.
- l) “Unightly” means lands or buildings that are unpleasant to look at or are aesthetically objectionable.
- m) “Untidy” means lands or buildings that are in a disorderly, slovenly, and littered condition and are not kept in generally good order.

RESPONSIBILITY:

4. Unless otherwise specified, the owner of a property, including land, buildings and structures, shall be responsible for carrying out the provisions of this Bylaw.

NUISANCES PROHIBITED GENERALLY:

5. No person shall cause or permit a nuisance to occur on any property owned by that person.

DILAPIDATED BUILDINGS:

6. Notwithstanding the generality of section 5, no person shall cause or permit a building or structure to deteriorate into a ruinous or dilapidated state such that the building or structure:
- a) is dangerous to the public health or safety;
 - b) substantially depreciates the value of other land or improvements in the neighbourhood; or
 - c) is substantially detrimental to the amenities of the neighbourhood.

UNOCCUPIED BUILDINGS:

7. Notwithstanding the generality of section 5, no person shall cause or permit an unoccupied building to become damaged or to deteriorate into a state of disrepair such that the building is an imminent danger to public safety.

OVERGROWN GRASS AND WEEDS

8. Notwithstanding the generality of section 5, no owner or occupant of land shall cause or permit the land to be overgrown with grass or weeds.
9. For the purposes of section 8 of this bylaw, “overgrown” means in excess of 0.20 metres in height or approximately 6 inches.
10. After having been served with an order respecting property overgrown with grass and weeds under this section, no person shall permit or allow lands described in that order to become overgrown with grass or weeds again.
11. Section 8 of this bylaw shall not apply to any growth which forms part of a natural garden that has been deliberately planted to produce ground cover, including one or more species of wildflowers, shrubs, perennials, grasses or combinations of them, whether native or non-native, consistent with a managed and natural landscape other than regularly mown grass.

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UNTIDY AND UNSIGHTLY PROPERTY:

12. Notwithstanding the generality of section 5, no person shall cause or permit any land or buildings to become untidy and unsightly.
13. Pet wastes shall be promptly removed from properties, and disposed of in an acceptable manner. Pet wastes shall not be allowed to accumulate in an unreasonable fashion.
14. After having been served with an order respecting untidy and unsightly property under this section, no person shall permit or allow lands described in that order to become untidy and unsightly again.

JUNKED VEHICLES:

15. Notwithstanding the generality of section 5, no person shall cause or permit any junked vehicle to be kept on any land owned by that person.
16. After having been served with an order respecting junked vehicles on property under this section, no person shall permit or allow lands described in that order to have junked vehicles again.

OPEN EXCAVATIONS:

17. Notwithstanding the generality of section 5, no person shall cause or permit any basement, excavation, drain, ditch, watercourse, pond, surface water, swimming pool or other structure to exist in or on any private land or in or about any building or structure which is dangerous to the public safety or health.

MAINTENANCE OF YARDS AND ACCESSORY BUILDINGS:

18. This section applies to all accessory buildings and yards within the Town of Redvers.
19. Notwithstanding the generality of section 5, no person shall cause or permit on any property owned by that person:
 - a) an infestation of rodents, vermin or insects;
 - b) any dead or hazardous trees; or
 - c) any sharp or dangerous objects.
20. A yard shall be kept free and clean from:
 - a) Garbage and junk;
 - b) Junked vehicles and dismantled machinery;
 - c) Excessive growth of weed or grass;
 - d) Holes and excavations that could cause an accident.
21. A yard shall be graded in such a manner so as to prevent:
 - a) Excessive pooling of water; and
 - b) Excessive dampness accumulating near buildings or structure.
22. If a walkway, driveway or parking space is provided, it shall be maintained so as to afford safe passage thereon under normal use and weather conditions.
23. Accessory buildings shall be kept:
 - a) In good repair;
 - b) Free of infestation by rodents, vermin and insects; and
 - c) Free of health, fire and safety hazards.



PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

24. Every occupant of a property, including land, buildings and structure, shall:
- a) Keep in a clean and sanitary condition that part of the property which the occupant occupies and controls;
 - b) Maintain exits to the exterior of the building in a safe and unobstructed condition; and
 - c) Keep any supplied fixtures clean and sanitary and exercise reasonable care in their proper use and operation.

OUTDOOR STORAGE OF MATERIALS:

25. Any building materials, lumber, scrap metal, boxes or similar items stored in a yard shall be neatly stacked in piles and elevated off the ground so as not to constitute a nuisance or shelter for rodents, vermin and insects.
26. Materials referred to in section 15 shall be elevated at least 0.15 metres off the ground and shall be stacked at least 3.0 metres from the exterior walls of any building and at least 1.0 metre from the property line.

REFRIGERATORS AND FREEZERS:

27. Any refrigerator or freezer left in a yard shall first have its hinges, latches, lid, door or doors removed.

FENCES:

28. Fences shall be maintained in a safe and reasonable state of repair.

ENFORCEMENT OF BYLAW:

29. The administration and enforcement of this bylaw is hereby delegated to the Chief Administrative Officer for the Town of Redvers and further appointed by resolution of council yearly.
30. The Chief Administrative Officer of the Town of Redvers is hereby authorized to further delegate the administration and enforcement of this bylaw to another employee of the Town as he/she sees fit.

INSPECTIONS:

31. The inspection of property by the Municipality to determine if this bylaw is being complied with is hereby authorized.
32. Inspections under this Bylaw shall be carried out in accordance with section 362 of *The Municipalities Act*.
33. No person shall obstruct a Designated Officer who is authorized to conduct an inspection under this section, or a person who is assisting a Designated Officer.

ORDER TO REMEDY CONTRAVENTIONS:

34. If a Designated Officer finds that a person is contravening this bylaw, the Designated Officer may, by written order, require the owner or occupant of the property to which the contravention relates to remedy the contravention.
35. Orders given under this bylaw shall comply with section 364 of *The Municipalities Act*.
36. Orders given under this bylaw shall be served in accordance with section 390 of *The Municipalities Act*.



REGISTRATION OF NOTICE OF ORDER:

37. If an order is issued pursuant to section 34, the Municipality may, in accordance with section 364 of *The Municipalities Act*, give notice of the existence of the order by registering an interest against the title to the land that is the subject of the order.

APPEAL OF ORDER TO REMEDY:

38. A person may appeal an order made pursuant to section 34 in accordance with section 365 of *The Municipalities Act*.

MUNICIPALITY REMEDYING CONTRAVENTIONS:

39. The Municipality may, in accordance with section 366 of *The Municipalities Act*, take whatever actions or measures are necessary to remedy a contravention of this bylaw. With the exception of emergency situations, the municipality may not proceed to complete the remedial action unless the appeal period has expired, or unless there has been a determination as the result of an appeal being filed.

40. The Town Council shall pass a resolution prior to remedial action.

41. In an emergency, the Municipality may take whatever actions or measures are necessary to eliminate the emergency in accordance with the provisions of section 367 of *The Municipalities Act*.

RECOVERY OF UNPAID EXPENSES AND COSTS:

42. Any unpaid expenses and costs incurred by the Municipality in remedying a contravention of this bylaw may be recovered either:

- a) by civil action for debt in a court of competent jurisdiction in accordance with section 368 of *The Municipalities Act*; or
- b) by adding the amount to the taxes on the property on which the work is done in accordance with section 369 of *The Municipalities Act*.

OFFENCES AND PENALTIES:

43. No person shall:

- a) fail to comply with an order made pursuant to this bylaw;
- b) obstruct or interfere with any Designated Officer or any other person acting under the authority of this bylaw; or
- c) fail to comply with any other provision of this bylaw.

44. A Designated Officer who has reason to believe that a person has contravened any provision of this bylaw may serve on that person a Notice of Violation. At which the Notice of Violation shall indicate that the Municipality will accept voluntary payment.

45. Where the Municipality receives voluntary payment of the amount prescribed under section 44 within the time specified, the person receiving the Notice of Violation shall not be liable to prosecution for the alleged contravention.

46. Payment of any Notice of Violation does not exempt the person from enforcement of an order pursuant to section 34 of this bylaw.

47. Every person who contravenes any provision of section 44 is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to the penalties imposed in the General Penalty Bylaw of the Town of Redvers.



REPEAL OF FORMER BYLAWS:

48. Bylaw No.533/2009 Nuisance Abatement Bylaw, 652-2019 A Bylaw to amend Bylaw 533/2009, 653-2019 A Bylaw to Amend Bylaw 533/2009 and all amendments thereto are hereby repealed.

COMING INTO FORCE

49. This bylaw shall come into force on the day of its final passing.



MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

READ A THIRD TIME AND ADOPTED
THIS 25th DAY OF March, 2026.

CERTIFIED A TRUE AND CORRECT
COPY OF BYLAW NO. 702-2026

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER