

BYLAW NO. 24/013

A BYLAW OF THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF WOOD BUFFALO TO REGULATE NEIGHBOURHOOD NUISANCE, SAFETY, AND LIVABILITY ISSUES.

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 7 of the *Municipal Government Act*, R.S.A. 2000, c.M-26, a council may pass bylaws for municipal purposes respecting the following matters:

- (a) the safety, health and welfare of people and the protection of people and Property;
- (b) nuisances, including unsightly Property;
- (c) people, activities and things in, on or near a Public Place or a place that is open to the public; and
- (d) the enforcement of bylaws;

AND WHEREAS, pursuant to section 191 of the *Municipal Government Act*, R.S.A. 2000, c.M-26, a council may amend an existing bylaw;

AND WHEREAS, pursuant to section 66 of the *Safety Codes Act*, R.S.A. 2000, C.S-1 a council may pass bylaws respecting the following matters:

- (a) minimum maintenance standards for Buildings and structures; and
- (b) unsightly or derelict Buildings or structures;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo gave third reading to the Community Standards Bylaw No. 21/010 on May 12, 2021.

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo, duly assembled, enacts as follows:

1. The Community Standards Bylaw No. 21/010, shall be amended by the following:

- (a) Section 2 is amended:
 - (i) By adding the following after clause (f):

“Harassment” means any single incident or repeated incidents of objectionable or unwelcome conduct, comment, bullying, or action by a person that the person knows or ought reasonably to know will or would cause offence or humiliation to an individual or group of individuals, or adversely affects the individual’s or a group of individual’s health and safety, based on the protected grounds as established under the *Alberta Human Rights Act*;

- (ii) By adding the following after clause (h):

“Loiter” means to remain idly around, hang around, linger, or delay departure in a public place, obstructing persons who are lawfully there;

2. Section 22 is amended by striking “loiter” and substituting “Loiter”.
3. The following is added after section 23:

A Person shall not engage in Harassment in a Public Place.
4. Section 28 is amended by adding “or unauthorized structure” after “shall place any nuisance”.
5. Section 29 is amended by striking out “serious”.
6. The following is added after section 29:
 - (a) Every occupant of a business premises shall display therein at a conspicuous place, a sign stating that shopping carts cannot be removed from said premises or its parking area pursuant to this Bylaw.
 - (b) No person shall remove a cart from a premises or parking area posted in section 30.
 - (i) Every owner of a shopping cart shall collect every shopping cart that have been removed from their premises or parking area posted in this Section within 48 hours of being notified by the Municipality.
 - (ii) For greater clarity in this Section, each individual shopping cart shall be treated as a separate offence.
 - (iii) Every owner of a shopping cart shall have the name printed, painted, or stamped thereon or plainly attached by a plate or similar device so as to readily identify the ownership of the shopping cart.
7. Section 41 is amended by striking the words “be directed from” and substituting “leave”.
8. Renumbering the remaining Bylaw.
9. Striking Schedule “A” and substituting the Schedule “A” of this bylaw. :
10. Subsequential Amendments:

Strike sections 13.36 and 13.37 of the *Roads and Transportation Bylaw 21/010*.
11. This Bylaw comes into effect on the day it is passed.

Read a first time this ____ day of _____, 2024.

Read a second time this ____ day of _____, 2024.

Read a third and final time this ____ day of _____, 2024.

Signed and Passed this ____ day of _____, 2024.

Mayor

Chief Legislative Officer

**Schedule “A”
Specified Penalties**

OFFENCE	SECTION	Municipal Tags
		First Offence
Littering	7.	\$500.00
Scavenge from Charity Collection Site	9.	\$125.00
Improperly leave goods at Charity Collection Site	10.	\$125.00
Posting or attaching bill on fixture or placing freestanding sign, notice or display on Municipal Property	11.	\$125.00
Posting or attaching bill on Motor Vehicle	12.	\$125.00
Bill becoming Litter	13. (a)	\$125.00
Failing to remove and properly dispose of the bill within 24 hours after the passing of the event	13. (b)	\$125.00
Urinating, spitting or defecating in public	15.	\$500.00
Participating in dangerous actions	16.	\$500.00
Interfering with Street Furniture	17.	\$200.00
Fighting	18.	\$500.00
Graffiti	20.	\$2500.00
Failure to Remove Graffiti	21.	\$250.00

Loitering	22.	\$250.00
Panhandling	23. (a)- (d)	\$125.00
Harassment	24	\$500.00
Improperly display of Property address	25.	\$125.00
Improperly maintain address number	26.	\$125.00
Allowing a nuisance to exist on private Property	27.	\$500.00
Placing an unauthorized structure on or allowing a nuisance to exist on Public Property	28.	\$500.00
Failure to post shopping cart restrictions	31	\$120.00
Failure to collect a removed shopping cart	32	\$120.00
Improper Location of Compost	30.	\$125.00
Failing to clear snow, ice, dirt, debris or other obstruction from Sidewalk within 48 hours	33.	\$250.00
Depositing snow, ice, dirt, debris or other obstruction onto a Highway, Public Place or Private Property	35.	\$250.00
Place or permit an electrical cord on or above Sidewalk.	36.	\$125.00
Failing to maintain a Boulevard adjacent to Property	38.	\$150.00
Failing to maintain a roof or awning clear of snow and ice	39.	\$200.00

Failing to clean the Sidewalk or Roadway of water from roof or awning to prevent ice from forming	40.	\$250.00
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Improperly direct water from eavestrough, downspout or sump pump	41. (a)-(b)	\$200.00
Permit outdoor light to disturb the peace	42. (a)- (c)	\$200.00
Cause or permit noise that disturbs the peace	43.	\$250.00
Owner or Occupier permitting Property to create a noise that disturbs the peace	44.	\$250.00
Allowing construction activity outside permitted hours	46.	\$250.00
Idling Motor Vehicle	47.	\$125.00

***Double the specified penalty above for the 2nd offence and triple for the 3rd and subsequent offences (see Section 64).**