

Chapter 170 – Property Maintenance

Article I – Interpretation

170-1. Title.

This chapter may be cited as the "Property Maintenance By-Law."

170-2. Scope.

This chapter shall apply to all land within the City of Dryden including residential, non-residential and vacant land.

170-3. Definitions.

As used in this chapter, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER – A By-law Enforcement Officer of the Corporation of the City of Dryden.

CITY – The Corporation of The City of Dryden.

INOPERATIVE MOTOR VEHICLE – A motor vehicle which is not operative or which is not currently licensed pursuant to the provisions of the Highway Traffic Act (Ontario) and amendments thereto, or a motor vehicle which has had part or all of its superstructure or sources of motive power removed.

LAND – Includes yard or vacant lot.

MOTOR VEHICLE – Includes an automobile, motorcycle, and any other vehicle propelled or driven otherwise than by muscular power.

OWNER – An owner, lessee or occupant of any land in the City.

REFUSE – Debris, rubbish, garbage, waste or material of any kind whatsoever, and without limiting the generality of the foregoing, includes accumulations, littering, remains, trash, discarded or inoperative mechanical equipment, automotive and mechanical parts, disused or discarded furniture, garden refuse and trimmings, paper, cartons, crockery, glass, cans, containers, earth or rock fill, old or decaying lumber or material from construction or demolition projects, domestic, commercial and industrial waste.

YARD – An open space on the same lot with a main building or structure, unoccupied and unobstructed from the ground to the sky.

Article II – General Provisions

170-4. Interpretation.

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170-5. Conflict.

In the event of any conflict between this chapter and any other by-law of the City, the more restrictive provision shall prevail unless the context requires otherwise.

170-6. Depositing of refuse: hazard.

No person shall deposit or cause to be deposited refuse or objects on any lands that may create a health, safety or accident hazard

170-7. Depositing of snow or ice.

- A. No person shall deposit or cause to be deposited snow or ice accumulations on lands that may create a health, safety or accident hazard.
- B. No person shall deposit or cause to be deposited snow or ice from private lands onto public lands.

170-8. Depositing of the growth of trees, other.

Being the owner of private lands, no person shall deposit the growth of hedges, shrubs, trees or similar growth on such private lands to interfere with the use of a highway, city sidewalk or land.

170-9. Grass and/or weeds trimmed, maximum height.

Grass and/or weeds shall be kept trimmed so as to not exceed 20 centimetres in height. Being the owner of private lands, no person shall permit the growth of grass and/or weeds on such lands in excess of 20 centimetres in height.

170-10. Storage of inoperative vehicles/parts.

- A. No person shall permit land to be used for the storage of inoperative motor vehicle(s) or parts thereof except in accordance with the following:
 - (1) The vehicle and parts are stored in an enclosed building;
 - (2) The vehicle and parts are fully and completely covered with a canvas or similar opaque, weather-resistant tarpaulin in good repair, in which case no more than one (1) such covered vehicle shall be permitted in any yard.

- B. Notwithstanding the above, this section shall not apply to the storage of motor vehicles and parts, which are reasonably necessary for the conduct of a bona fide business, lawfully conducted on the property.

170-11. Depositing of refuse on private or public lands.

No person shall permit or cause to be permitted the throwing, placing or depositing of refuse on private land or public lands.

170-12. Exemptions.

Notwithstanding the above, nothing in this chapter shall be deemed to interfere with the filling or raising of land with earth or rock fill or with the disposal of refuse on any lands which have been designated for that purpose by by-law of the City.

170-13. Ponding of storm water.

All lands shall be graded, filled up or otherwise drained so as to prevent recurrent ponding of storm water.

170-14. Holes, pits, excavations, trenches; hazards.

No person shall permit or allow on property owned or occupied by such person any holes, pits, excavations or trenches constituting a health or safety hazard.

Article III – Enforcement

170-15. Penalties; offences.

Every person who contravenes any of the provision of this chapter is guilty of an offence and shall, upon conviction thereof, forfeit and pay a penalty of not more than \$5,000, exclusive of costs, and every such fine is recoverable under the Provincial Offences Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.33, as amended.