

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF GIMLI

GIMLI PARKING BY-LAW NO. 25-0004

A BY-LAW OF THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF GIMLI RESPECTING THE REGULATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF PARKING WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY

WHEREAS the Council of the Rural Municipality of Gimli is authorized under *The Municipal Act* and *The Highway Traffic Act* to regulate parking and enforce such regulations;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Rural Municipality of Gimli desires to establish a comprehensive parking by-law to promote traffic safety, accessibility, and enforcement consistency;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Rural Municipality of Gimli enacts as follows:

PART I: INTERPRETATION

1.1 DEFINITIONS

Unless otherwise expressly provided or unless the context otherwise requires, words and expressions in this By-law have the same meaning as in *The Highway Traffic Act* or *Dangerous Goods Handling and Transportation Act* of the Province of Manitoba.

In addition:

- "Boulevard" means that portion of the street between Curb line or the lateral line of the roadway and the adjoining property line exclusive of the sidewalk.
- "Crosswalk" means any portion of a roadway distinctly indicated for pedestrian crossing.
- "Curb" means the edge of a roadway.
- "Median" means the portion of a highway separating opposing traffic.
- "Loading Zone" means the section of roadway reserved for loading/unloading of goods or passengers.
- "Temporary Suspension Zone" means a location where parking is temporarily prohibited due to signage or notice from the CAO or their designate.
- "Accessible Stall" means a parking space designated by signage and/or pavement markings for vehicles with a valid accessible parking permit.
- "Parking Zone" means a designated area where parking regulations apply, and includes a no parking zone, time-limited parking area, Temporary Suspension Zone, and Public Parking Lot.
- "Public Parking Lot" means any municipally owned or maintained parking area designated for public use.

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PART II: PROHIBITED PARKING LOCATIONS

2.1 GENERAL PROHIBITIONS

No person shall park a vehicle:

- (a) on a sidewalk or Boulevard;
- (b) in front of or within 3 metres of a driveway;
- (c) within 3 metres of a fire hydrant;
- (d) within an intersection or within 9 metres of the nearest Crosswalk or intersection corner;
- (e) in a Loading Zone, unless actively engaged in loading/unloading;
- (f) in an Accessible Stall without a valid permit;
- (g) on a Curb, Median, or traffic island;
- (h) in a designated no parking or Temporary Suspension Zone, including areas marked by signage or painted Curbs such as yellow-painted Curb lines; or
- (i) in a manner that obstructs traffic, emergency access, or snow clearing operations.

2.2 TIME-LIMITED PARKING

Where parking time limits are posted, a vehicle may not be re-parked within the same block to avoid a time restriction.

2.3 SEASONAL PARKING RESTRICTIONS

Parking restrictions may apply during snow clearing season or for designated special events, as identified by signage or notice from the CAO.

2.4 COMMERCIAL VEHICLE PARKING

No commercial vehicle exceeding 5000 kg shall be parked in a residential area unless actively engaged in delivery or service.

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2.5 IDLING RESTRICTIONS

Vehicles must not idle in a parking zone for more than 5 minutes unless exempted for health, safety, or operational reasons.

2.6 OTHER PROHIBITED PARKING ACTIVITIES

No person shall:

- (a) park a vehicle displaying a "For Sale" sign on any municipal roadway or parking lot;
- (b) conduct repairs or maintenance of a vehicle while parked on a municipal roadway, except in case of emergency breakdowns;
- (c) park a trailer or motorhome on any roadway or shoulder for more than 24 consecutive hours;
- (d) park a trailer on any roadway unless it is attached to a motor vehicle by proper hitching;
- (e) park a recreational vehicle in a commercially zoned area unless actively loading or unloading; or
- (f) park a vehicle in a direction facing oncoming traffic.

2.7 METHOD OF PARKING AND POSITIONING

Unless otherwise indicated by signage or traffic control devices, vehicles parked on a roadway must:

- (a) be parked parallel to the Curb and headed in the direction of traffic flow;
- (b) have the Curb-side wheels positioned no more than 45 centimeters from the Curb or edge of roadway; and
- (c) leave a clear space of at least one metre in front and behind the vehicle when parallel parked, unless otherwise constrained by marked stalls, except when two vehicles are parked less than one metre apart and both have sufficient space to exit safely;

Vehicles may be parked within 45 centimeters of a snowbank when snow accumulation prevents parking adjacent to the Curb, provided the vehicle remains otherwise compliant.

2.8 GENERAL STANDING AND PARKING RESTRICTIONS

No person shall:

- (a) park a vehicle on any street for a continuous period longer than 7 days;



- (b) park a vehicle at the entrance to a lane or approach in a way that obstructs vehicle ingress or egress;
- (c) park on the roadway side of a vehicle already parked at the Curb (double parking);
- (d) park on a bridge, overpass, or other elevated structure;
- (e) park within 15 metres of any street or lane located underneath a bridge or overpass; or
- (f) park in any off-street public parking area for a continuous period exceeding 24 hours, unless otherwise signed.

2.9 OFF-STREET PARKING LOT CONDUCT

No person shall:

- (a) park a vehicle in an off-street Public Parking Lot in a manner that does not align with marked stall lines or directional signage;
- (b) park in a way that obstructs traffic circulation or vehicle access within a public lot; or
- (c) park in a stall designated for reserved parking without appropriate authorization or signage compliance.

PART III: PERMITS AND SPECIAL ZONES

3.1 PERMIT PARKING ZONES

Council may by resolution establish permit-only parking areas and issue seasonal or event-based parking permits.

3.2 TEMPORARY SUSPENSION ZONES

The CAO or their designate may temporarily suspend parking in any area for maintenance, emergency, or event purposes with appropriate signage.

3.3 SIGNAGE AND STANDARDS

Parking regulations shall be communicated via signs consistent with the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Canada (MUTCDC).

Nothing in this section shall be interpreted to limit prohibitions established in Part II that apply regardless of signage or markings.

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PART IV: ENFORCEMENT AND TOWING

4.1 OFFENCES AND PENALTIES

Contraventions of this by-law are an offence subject to administrative penalties as set out in the Administrative Penalties By-law No. 25-0005 (Parking Enforcement).

4.3 VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION

Where a vehicle is parked in contravention of this by-law, the registered owner shall be deemed responsible for the offence.

4.4 TOWING AUTHORITY

The Municipality may tow vehicles at the owner's expense if:

- (a) parked in an Accessible Stall without a valid permit;
- (b) obstructing a fire lane, hydrant, or driveway;
- (c) impeding snow clearing, emergency response, or municipal operations;
- (d) left in contravention of a Temporary Suspension Zone;
- (e) parked in a manner that obstructs the flow of traffic in a designated Public Parking Lot; or
- (f) parked within 9 metres of an intersection in a way that impedes visibility or traffic movement.


PART V: MISCELLANEOUS

5.1 FESTIVAL AND EVENT PARKING PROVISIONS

Council may designate specific parking rules, permits, or suspensions for major events, including the Icelandic Festival or other tourism events.

5.2 REPEAL OF PRIOR BY-LAWS

By-law No. 18-0022 (Traffic By-law), as it pertains to parking, including but not limited to Section VII – Parking, and any related schedules or clauses governing parking enforcement, stall markings, time restrictions, trailer regulations, and recreational vehicle parking, is hereby repealed. All other provisions of By-law 18-0022 not relating to parking remain in force unless specifically repealed by future by-law.



5.3 SEVERABILITY

If any provision of this by-law is found to be invalid, the remainder shall remain in full force and effect.

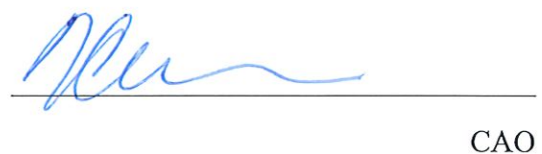
5.4 COMING INTO FORCE

This by-law shall come into force and take effect upon receiving third reading by Council.

DONE AND PASSED in open Council assembled at the Council Chambers of the Rural Municipality of Gimli, this ____ day of ____, 2025

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF GIMLI



Mayor

CAO

Read a First time this 25th day of June, 2025

Read a Second time this 9 day of July 2025

Read a Third time this 9 day of July 2025