



# Town of Wainwright Common Regulations

Whether you're a long standing resident or new to Wainwright, we would like to take this opportunity to educate everyone regarding regulations pertaining to various Town bylaws in order to help promote safety and awareness to the residents of Wainwright with the goal of making our Town an even more enjoyable place to live.

## DID YOU KNOW?

### **About Pets**

- All dogs and cats over the age of 3 months are required to have a Town license. Annual or lifetime licenses are available.
- Each household is allowed a maximum of 3 dogs over the age of 3 months and/or 3 cats over the age of 3 months. Each household is allowed only 1 vicious dog.
- Dogs and cats are not permitted off their owner's property unless they are under physical and effective control by the owner either on a leash or tether.
- Any dog or cat found running at large shall be impounded upon capture with impound and licensing fees levied against the owner. Additional fines under the Responsible Animal Ownership bylaw may apply as well.
- The defecation of any dog or cat when not on the owner's property is to be immediately removed and properly disposed of. Dog and cat owners who have their animals off their property are required to carry a suitable means of picking up any defecation their animals make.

### **About Trash Collection**

- Trash is required to be stored in suitable receptacles (cans) with secured lids to prevent the escape of wastes and entry of animals.
- Garbage stands and/or receptacles are to be placed on the owner's/occupant's property near the property line but not over the property line. Lanes are required to be kept clear of obstructions. Stands are not allowed where there is front or side pick-up.
- Single and duplex residences are permitted a maximum of 4 waste receptacles (cans) per household. No bins are allowed for these residences. Any excess trash is to be properly disposed of at the landfill by the person(s) responsible for the household.
- Any burning of waste including grass, leaves, and branches is strictly prohibited in Town limits.

### **About Nuisances**

- Residents are required to keep their property including boulevards (in front and in lanes) in a suitably maintained condition regarding grass, weeds, inoperable or unlicensed vehicles, building materials, metals, appliances, furniture, and other chattels or trash. This also includes keeping trees and bushes from encroaching into streets and lanes and over sidewalks. A copy of the Community Standard Policy can be acquired upon request at the Town Office or from the Town's website (see contact info on other side).
- Boulevard trees are owned by the Town and are not to be cut or trimmed (Town crews will do this).
- Quiet hours within the Town limits are between the hours of 10:00 pm and 7:00 am.

### **About Snow Removal**

- Property owners / occupants are required to clear snow and ice from the public sidewalks adjacent to their property within 48 hrs following the completion of the snow fall.
- No snow or ice from driveways or parking lots is permitted to be deposited on a street or in a lane.

### **About Parking**

- Recreational vehicles and attached trailers (including utility trailers) are not to be stored on streets, alleys, or public areas. They are permitted to be parked on a street for loading or unloading purposes only up to a maximum of 48 hours and only if they are parked adjacent to the owner's property. Unattached trailers are not allowed on any street, lane or highway in Wainwright.
- Any vehicle parked on a street for over 72 hours will be considered abandoned and may be ticketed or towed at the owner's expense.
- It is illegal to park a vehicle within 5 meters of any fire hydrant, crosswalk, or stop or yield sign as well as against any curb painted yellow.
- Vehicles and trailers are not permitted to be parked at any time on any parkland or green belt.

### **About Heavy Vehicles**

- The use of heavy vehicles and vehicles transporting dangerous goods is restricted to the **Truck Route/Dangerous Goods Route**. These vehicles are not permitted to operate or park off the Truck Route without a proper permit (obtained through the Town Office). A heavy vehicle is one that has more than 2 axles, is longer than 11m (36') including trailer, if any, or has a licensed gross vehicle weight more than 7,500 kg (16,500 lbs).

### **About Off Highway Vehicles (OHVs – quads, dirt bikes, snowmobiles, etc.)**

- OHVs must be properly registered and insured to operate in Town.
- The operation of OHVs in Town is restricted to proceeding from the operator's residence to out of Town and back using the most direct route and using lanes as much as possible.
- The speed of operation of any OHV in Town is limited to 20 kph.
- OHVs are not to be operated on any Town parkland or the golf course.
- OHVs are not to be operated in Town between the hours of 10:00 pm and 7:00 am.

### **About Fire Pits**

- Fire pits, outdoor fireplaces, and stationary barbeques that burn wood are permitted within Town under the following conditions:
  - 1) a minimum of 3.0m (10') clearance is required from the eave of a building, property line, or combustible material (i.e. decks, trees, fences etc.),
  - 2) the top surface area shall not exceed 1m<sup>2</sup> (10ft<sup>2</sup>),
  - 3) a spark arrestor mesh screen with a grid spacing of 1.25cm (0.5") or less expanded metal (or equivalent) to contain sparks shall be provided over the fire at all times, and
  - 4) except for portable outdoor fireplaces, fire pit bases shall have a 15cm (6") thick non-combustible base (i.e. bricks, concrete blocks, heavy gauge metal) and a 20cm (8") non-combustible perimeter area.

The use of fire pits within the Town is intended for recreational purposes only. The user shall not allow smoke or sparks to create a nuisance or hazard to neighbors or to other properties. Only clean seasoned wood that is not contaminated with glue, paint, stain or other preservatives may be used for burning. Absolutely no burning of refuse or waste materials including grass and leaves is permitted. Large fires or bon fires are not permitted - flame height shall not exceed 50cm (20") above the fire pit screen surface.

### **About Fireworks**

- The discharging or selling of any kind of fireworks in Town limits is strictly prohibited without a fire permit. Permits are restricted to sanctioned events only and require a professional handler.

### **About Business Licenses**

- Anyone conducting business (including home based) within the Town limits is required to hold a valid business license. Further information can be obtained at the Town Office.

**If you have any questions or concerns or require any additional information, please drop by Town Hall or contact the Town of Wainwright at (780) 842-3381 or visit our website at <http://www.wainwright.ca/townhall/bylaws.shtml>**