

City of Edmonton Bylaws vs HOA issues

The Blackburne Creek Homeowners Association (HOA) often receives complaints regarding matters that are outside of the mandate of the HOA's authority. Our Correspondence Secretary contacted the City of Edmonton in June 2018 regarding a number of issues, as follows:

Recreation vehicles are allowed to park on a private driveway from April 1 to Oct. 31 as long as the unit is 2 m back of city sidewalk or curb. This effectively bars most larger recreational vehicles from parking on driveways.

Recreation vehicles parked on public property (ie. road owned by city) should be parked in front of owner's property where possible and can only be parked for 72 hours.

On the other hand, there is no designated parking in front of a person's house, i.e., parking in front of your residence is not assigned to the homeowner and is public parking.

There are, however, stipulations as to how long one can park in any given position and any vehicle parked longer than 72 hours can be considered to be abandoned.

It is, however, common courtesy to park in front of one's own home whenever possible. Consistently parking in front of someone else's residence without consulting with them only invites conflict.

Parking on a lawn is not allowed, even temporarily such as when moving. Lawns cannot be used as a parking lot. This could result in a \$250 ticket per vehicle.

Snow and dirt are not allowed to be put onto any street in Edmonton. The city monitors all public property.

Checking other peoples' garbage and recycling bags falls under "scavenging" and is strictly prohibited. The complainant needs to get the offending party's name, address, drivers licence if possible and description of person/event. A photo would be helpful as well.

If a fence is on private property the HOA has jurisdiction but if a fence is on public property and is derelict, i.e., a danger or a hazard to the public and does not meet Building Code, then the City will step in.

Most of this information is located in Traffic Bylaw #5590, which can be found on the City of Edmonton website.

More on HOA jurisdiction in a future article.