



THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF MISSISSAUGA

Lawn Parking By-law 0161-2026

WHEREAS sections 8, 9, and 11 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, c. 25 ("*Municipal Act*"), as amended, authorize municipalities to pass by-laws necessary or desirable for municipal purposes;

AND WHEREAS section 128 of the *Municipal Act* authorizes municipalities to prohibit and regulate with respect to public nuisances, including matters that, in the opinion of council, are or could become or cause a public nuisance

AND WHEREAS the Council of The Corporation of the City of Mississauga is of the opinion that parking on residential lawns and landscaping is and will continue to be a public nuisance;

AND WHEREAS section 436 of the *Municipal Act* provides that a municipality may pass by-laws providing that the municipality may enter on land at any reasonable time for the purpose of carrying out an inspection to determine compliance with a by-law;

AND WHEREAS subsection 102.1(1) of the *Municipal Act* authorizes municipalities to require a person to pay an administrative penalty if it is satisfied that the person has failed to comply with any by-laws respecting the parking, standing or stopping of vehicles;

AND WHEREAS subsection 101(1) of the *Municipal Act* provides that if a municipality passes a by-law regulating the parking or leaving of a motor vehicle on land, it may provide for the removal and impounding or restraining and immobilizing of any vehicle, at the vehicle owner's expense, parked or left in contravention of the by-law and subsection 170(15) of the *Highway Traffic Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c H.8 ("*HTA*") applies with necessary modifications to the by-law;

AND WHEREAS subsection 170(15) of the *HTA*, authorizes a police officer, police cadet, municipal law enforcement officer, or an officer appointed for carrying out provisions of the *HTA* to cause a vehicle in contravention of a municipal by-law to be moved or taken to and placed or stored in a suitable place and all costs and charges for the removal, care and storage of the vehicle, if any, are a lien upon the vehicle, which may be enforced in the manner provided by the *Repair and Storage Liens Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. R.25, as amended (the "*Repair and Storage Liens Act*");

AND WHEREAS on September 29, 2026, the Council of The Corporation of the City of Mississauga passed Resolution 0193-2026 approving General Committee Recommendation GC-0428-2026 to enact a new standalone Lawn Parking By-law to prohibit the parking, standing, or stopping of vehicles on landscaped soft areas of residential property;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of The Corporation of the City of Mississauga ENACTS as follows:

PART I – DEFINITIONS

1. For the purposes of this By-law:

“Administrative Fees” means any fees specified in the Administrative Penalty By-law and listed in Schedule “C” thereto;

“Administrative Penalty” means a monetary penalty as set out in the City’s Administrative Penalty By-law, for a contravention of a designated by-law;

“Administrative Penalty By-law” means the City’s Administrative Penalty By-law 0282-2013, as amended (or successor); **“By-law”** means this Lawn Parking By-law;

“City” means the municipal boundaries for the City of Mississauga or The Corporation of the City of Mississauga depending on the context;

“Commissioner” means the Commissioner appointed by Council with administrative responsibility for the City’s Enforcement Division and includes their designate;

“Council” means the elected mayor and councillors of the City;

“Emergency Vehicle” includes an ambulance, fire department vehicle, or a police vehicle;

“Heavy Vehicle” means a vehicle, including a bus but not including a school bus, as defined under the HTA, with a gross vehicle weight of 3,000 kilograms (3 tonnes) or greater;

“HTA” means the *Highway Traffic Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c H.8;

“Landscaped Soft Area” means any outdoor area on a Residential Property, located at grade, that is suitable for the growth and maintenance of grass, flowers, shrubs, trees and other vegetation, and including landscaping materials such as rocks and edging materials, but shall not include hard surfaced areas, such as driveways, aisles, parking areas, interlocking stone, and walkways;

“Motor Vehicle” includes an automobile, motorcycle, motor-assisted vehicle and any other vehicle propelled or driven otherwise than by muscular power, but does not include e-scooters, motorized wheelchairs or accessibility devices, the cars of electric or steam railways, or other motor vehicles running only upon rails, or a motorized snow vehicle, traction engine, farm tractor, self-propelled implement of husbandry or road-building machine within the meaning of the HTA;

“Municipal Act” means the *Municipal Act*, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25;

“Officer” means a municipal by-law enforcement officer employed by the City, and/or appointed by Council to perform the duties of enforcing City by-laws, and also includes a police officer employed by the Peel Regional Police or the Ontario Provincial Police;

“Owner” means the Person whose name appears on the permit for the Motor Vehicle, Heavy Vehicle or Recreational Vehicle and if the permit consists of a vehicle portion and a number plate portion and different Persons are named on each portion, the Person whose name appears on the number plate portion;

“Penalty Notice” means a penalty notice provided to a Person pursuant to the Administrative Penalty By-law;

“Person” includes an individual, a corporation, the directors and officers of a corporation, a partnership, and any other form of business or legal association or entity, including the heirs, executors and administrators or other legal representatives of a Person, including their respective successors and assigns;

“Recreational Vehicle” means a portable structure designed and built to be carried by a Motor Vehicle, or a unit designed and built to be transported on its own wheels, and shall include motor homes, travel trailers, tent trailers, boats, boat trailers, motorized snow vehicles or other like or similar equipment, excluding bicycles; and

“Residential Property” means a property within a Residential Zone as identified in the City’s Zoning By-law 0225-2007, as amended.

PART II – ADMINISTRATION AND APPLICATION

2. The Commissioner is responsible for the administration and enforcement of this By-law and may appoint delegates or assign duties to City staff under this By-law.
3. This By-law shall apply to all Residential Properties in the City.

PART III – PROHIBITION

4. No Person shall park, stand, or stop a Motor Vehicle, Heavy Vehicle, or Recreational Vehicle in a Landscaped Soft Area.
5. Section 4 shall not apply to a Person operating:
 - (a) an Emergency Vehicle, in the performance of their duties;
 - (b) a Motor Vehicle, Heavy Vehicle, or Recreational Vehicle engaged in works undertaken for or on behalf of the City, Region of Peel, or other public utility;
 - (c) a Motor Vehicle, Heavy Vehicle, or Recreational Vehicle engaged in activities authorized by a Road Occupancy Permit or a Special Event Licence issued by the City.

PART IV – INSPECTIONS

6. An Officer may enter upon a Residential Property at any reasonable time in accordance with the *Municipal Act*, for the purpose of carrying out an inspection to determine whether this By-law is being complied with.
7. For the purposes of conducting an inspection pursuant to this By-law, an Officer may:

- (a) require the production for inspection of documents or things relevant to the inspection;
 - (b) inspect and remove documents or things relevant to the inspection for the purpose of making copies or extracts;
 - (c) require information from any Person concerning a matter related to the inspection; and
 - (d) alone, or in conjunction with a Person possessing special or expert knowledge, make examinations or take tests, samples or photographs necessary for the purposes of the inspection.
8. A receipt shall be provided for any document or thing removed under subsection 7(b) and the document or thing shall be promptly returned after copies or extracts are made.
9. No Person shall prevent, hinder, or obstruct, or attempt to hinder or obstruct, an Officer who is lawfully exercising a power or performing a duty under this By-law.

PART V – PENALTY

10. Every Person who is the Owner of a Motor Vehicle, Heavy Vehicle, or Recreational Vehicle that is parked, standing, or stopped in contravention of this By-law, when given a Penalty Notice, is liable to pay to the City an Administrative Penalty in the amount specified in the Administrative Penalty By-law unless at the time of the contravention, the Motor Vehicle, Heavy Vehicle, or Recreational Vehicle was, or the number plates of a Motor Vehicle, Heavy Vehicle, or Recreational Vehicle were, in the possession of some Person other than the Owner without the Owner's consent.
11. In addition to the Administrative Penalty payable under Section 10, every Person who contravenes any provision of this By-law shall be liable to pay to the City Administrative Fees, as applicable, pursuant to Schedule C of the Administrative Penalty By-law and shall follow the procedures for payment or review/appeal as outlined in the Administrative Penalty By-law. If a Person is required to pay an Administrative Penalty, the Person shall not be charged with an offence in respect of the same contravention.
12. Every Person who contravenes any other provisions of this By-law is guilty of an offence pursuant to the provisions of the *Provincial Offences Act*, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter P. 33, as amended, and upon conviction, a Person is liable to a fine of not more than \$5,000, exclusive of costs.

PART VI – MOTOR VEHICLE, HEAVY VEHICLE, AND RECREATIONAL VEHICLE TOWING

13. Where any Motor Vehicle, Heavy Vehicle, or Recreational Vehicle is parked or stopped in contravention of this By-law, an Officer may cause it to be moved or taken away and placed or stored in a suitable place at the Motor Vehicle, Heavy Vehicle, or Recreational Vehicle Owner's expense. Towing may occur in addition to any other enforcement mechanism. All costs and charges for the removal, care and storage thereof, if any, are a lien upon the vehicle that may be enforced in accordance with the *Repair and Storage Liens Act*.

PART VII – GENERAL

14. If a court of competent jurisdiction declares any provision or part of a provision of this By-law to be invalid or to be of no force and effect, the remainder of this By-law shall continue in force and be applied and enforced in accordance with its terms to the fullest extent possible according to the law.
15. This By-law shall come into force and effect on the date that it is enacted.
16. This By-law may be referred to as the "Lawn Parking By-law".

ENACTED and PASSED this 29th day of September, 2026.

Signed by Carolyn Parrish, Mayor and Sacha Smith, Deputy Clerk.