

CITY OF TERRACE

BYLAW NO. 1471-1995

"A BYLAW TO REGULATE CAMPGROUNDS"

WHEREAS pursuant to section 734(i) of the Municipal Act, R.S.B.C., 1979, Chapter 290, the Council may be bylaw, regulate the construction and layout of trailer courts, mobile home parks and camping grounds and require that facilities be provided as specified in the bylaw;

NOW THEREFORE the Municipal Council of the City of Terrace in open meeting assembled, hereby enacts as follows:

1.00 **DEFINITIONS**

In this bylaw:

- 1.01** **BUFFER AREA** means an area in which no camping space, residential accommodation, parking, garbage disposal areas, sewage disposal stations, service buildings or recreational areas, except for water front recreation, shall be permitted.
- 1.02** **CAMPGROUND** means a site providing for the seasonal and temporary accommodation of travellers using tents, trailers, or recreation vehicles, but specifically excludes a mobile home park, hotel, or motel. Occupancy of the campground shall be limited to a maximum stay of one hundred and fifty (150) days per calendar year.
- 1.03** **CAMPING SPACE** means an area in a campground used for one (1) trailer or tent.
- 1.04** **ROADWAY** means a road within a campground.
- 1.05** **SERVICE BUILDING** means a building housing laundry, toilet and/or bathing facilities or such other sanitation facilities as are required.
- 1.06** **SEWAGE DISPOSAL STATION** means a location for facilities where trailer sewage storage tanks may be emptied and flushed.
- 1.07** **TENT** means any kind of temporary shelter for sleeping that is not permanently affixed to the site and that is capable of being easily moved, and is not considered a structure.

1.08 ***TRAILER** means a vehicular portable structure designed as a temporary dwelling and used exclusively for travel, recreation and vacation and which is capable of being drawn or propelled by a motor vehicle or is self-propelled and includes motor homes, travel trailers, tent trailers and campers or similar transportable accommodation, but does not include a mobile home.*

2.00 **APPLICATION**

2.01 *The provisions of this Bylaw apply to any campground constructed or established after the adoption of this Bylaw and to any additional construction on an existing campground and to any alteration to the layout of a existing campground.*

2.02 *This Bylaw does not apply to campgrounds licensed under the Community Care Facility Act of B.C..*

3.00 **PERMIT REQUIRED**

No person may construct, lay out, alter, extend, or expand a campground or any part of a campground within the City of Terrace without being in possession of a valid and subsisting permit for that purpose issued by City of Terrace Building Inspection.

4.00 **PERMITTED USES**

Within a campground, only the following uses may be permitted:

- (a) camping spaces for use by trailers or tents;*
- (b) one dwelling unit for the accommodation of the owner or operator;*
- (c) recreation areas;*
- (d) common storage area for the storage of recreational vehicles, boats, etc.;*
- (e) service buildings or structures ancillary to the above, including campground store, washrooms and laundry facilities, sewage disposal station, campground office, docking and launching facilities with the sale of marine fuel, recreation buildings and structures including swimming pools.*

5.00 **CAMPGROUND REGULATIONS**

5.01 *City of Terrace Zoning Bylaw 1431-1995 applies to campground parcels.*

5.02 *All parcels or parts of land included in a campground shall be contiguous.*

5.03 Camping Spaces:

Each camping space within a campground shall:

- (a) have a minimum area of 90m² (968.8 square feet) and be clearly identified by a number or similar designation; and*
- (b) be no closer than 3m (10 feet) to a roadway, campground building or storage area; and*
- (c) be no closer than 6m (20 feet) to the boundary of the campground or sewage disposal station; and*
- (d) shall have a clearly identifiable camping area surfaced with grass, compacted gravel or with a material which otherwise renders the space free from mud and dust at all times; and*
- (e) have one (1) conveniently located parking space adjacent to the roadway, all or part of which may be within the setback required under Subsection c. above.*

5.04 Group Tenting Area:

- (a) A number of camping spaces may be combined within a campground to make a contiguous area for groups or clusters of tents.*
- (b) A communal parking area, conveniently located to the group tenting area and adjacent to the roadway, shall be provided. One parking space shall be provided for each 90m² (969 square feet) of the group tenting area.*
- (c) Regulations 5.03(c)(d) and (e) apply to group tenting areas.*

5.05 Retail Facilities:

A retail facility for the purpose of selling groceries, camping supplies, and souvenirs is permitted to serve the campground provided the maximum floor area does not exceed 25m² (269 square feet) for up to 50 camping spaces and 0.3m² for each additional space up to a maximum area of 50m² (538 square feet) for the facility.

5.06 Owner's Residence and Office Space:

Within a campground, a dwelling unit including office space may be provided for the accommodation of the owner or operator of the campground. The maximum site area for such a facility shall be 550m² (5,920 square feet).

5.07 Service Buildings:

Each campground shall be provided with at least one (1) service building. Each service building shall contain only laundry, toilet and/or bathing facilities.

5.08 Buffer Area:

- (a) Each campground shall have a buffer area between abutting properties, public roads or rights of way, and the bank of any water course or body of water.*
- (b) Notwithstanding 4.16 of the City of Terrace Zoning Bylaw No. 1431-1995, buffer areas shall be landscaped for not less than 6m (20 feet) wide adjacent to a front lot line and not less than 3m (10 feet) wide adjacent to all other lot lines.*
- (c) Buffers should be maintained to a standard set by the plans and specifications approved by City of Terrace.*

5.09 Recreation Facilities:

- (a) Five percent (5%) of the area of a campground shall be provided and maintained as an area for recreational use by campground occupants.*
- (b) Recreation areas in a campground shall not include buffer areas, parking areas, roadways, camping spaces, sewage disposal stations, storage areas, garbage disposal areas or any building except those especially designed for recreation use.*

5.10 Servicing - Campground:

- (a) Each campground shall have its own water system supplied with water from the City water distribution system.*
- (b) Each campground shall have its own sewer system to discharge sewage and waste water into the City sewage disposal system.*

5.10 (c) *Each campground shall be designed to discharge ground water and surface water run-off into the City storm water disposal system or some other system approved by the Director of Engineering for the City of Terrace.*

5.11 *Servicing - Camping Spaces:*

(a) *Where campsites are equipped with water-service connections, such connections shall be protected against physical damage and contamination during connection and disconnection of water or sewer connecting pipes and hoses.*

(b) *Where campsites are not equipped with water-service connections, no campsite shall be more than 60m (197 feet) from a potable-water standpipe.*

(c) *Each camping space in a campground shall be located no more than 90 metres (295 feet) from an approved fire hydrant.*

(d) *Where a camping space is provided with a sanitary sewer connection the connection shall be at least a 75mm (3 inches). The sewer connection shall be provided with a suitable fitting so that a water tight connection can be made between the trailer drain and the sewer connection. The connection shall be so constructed that it can be closed when not linked to a trailer, to prevent the escape of odours.*

5.12 *Sewage Disposal Station:*

Where a campground is provided with a sewage disposal station/s such station/s shall be located in an area apart from any roadway and from which a trailer may be easily and conveniently moved.

5.13 *Roadways:*

All camping spaces, owner's or operator's residence, service buildings, as well as other facilities where access is required shall have access by an internal roadway system.

(a) *Roadways shall be built to a City of Terrace gravel standard and designed to direct surface storm water run-off into the City storm water disposal system or some other system approved by the Director of Engineering for the City of Terrace.*

(b) *Highway access for a campground shall have a minimum width of 6.7 metres (22 feet).*

- 5.13** (c) Roadways shall have a minimum width of 6 metres for two-way roads and 4 metres (13 feet) width for one-way roads.
- (d) Dead end roads shall end with a turning circle with a minimum radius of 12 metres (39 feet).
- (e) Roadways shall be maintained to a standard set by the plans and specifications approved by the City of Terrace.

5.14 Lighting:

Street lighting for a campground shall be designed by an electrical engineer and installed and maintained to illuminate access driveways, roadway intersections, turning circles of dead end roads and any point where it is required to provide for pedestrian and vehicular safety.

5.15 Health & Safety:

- (a) All campground equipment and installations in or on a campground shall be maintained in a clean, safe and sanitary condition.
- (b) Each campground shall, at all times, be kept free of rubbish and inflammable debris.
- (c) Any skirting around recreational vehicles must be approved and installed in accordance to CSA specifications.

5.16 Signs:

All signage shall be in accordance to the City of Terrace Bylaw to Regulate and Control Signage.

6.00 SEVERABILITY

If any section, sub-section, sentence, clause or phrase of this bylaw is for any reason held to be invalid by the decision in any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this bylaw.

7.00 PENALTIES

Every person who violates any of the provisions of this bylaw or who suffers or permits any act or thing to be done in contravention or in violation of any of the provisions of this bylaw, who neglects to do or refrains from doing anything required to be done by any of the provisions of this bylaw, is guilty of an offence against this bylaw and liable to the penalties hereby imposed.

Each day that a violation continues to exist shall constitute a separate offence.

Every person who commits an offence under this Bylaw is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding \$2,000 and the costs of prosecution.

8.00 *This Bylaw may be cited as "**Campground Bylaw No. 1471-1995**".*

READ a first time *this 14th day of August, 1995.*

READ a second time *this 14th day of August, 1995.*

READ a third time *this 27th day of November, 1995.*

ADOPTED *this 11th day of December, 1995.*

Mayor

Clerk-Administrator