VILLAGE OF WARNER
BYLAW 664-26

A BYLAW OF THE VILLAGE OF WARNER IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA TO REGULATE TRAFFIC SAFETY.

WHEREAS the Municipal Government Act RSA 2000, c M-26 and regulations as amended, provides that Council may pass bylaws for municipal purposes respecting the safety, health and welfare of people; the protection of people and property; nuisances, including unsightly property; services provided by or on behalf of the municipality; public utilities and the enforcement of bylaws;

AND WHEREAS the Municipal Council of the Village of Warner, in the Province of Alberta, has the authority to implement a Traffic Bylaw in accordance with the Traffic Safety Act, being Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000, Chapter T-6 and amendments thereto;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Council of the Village of Warner, in the Province of Alberta, hereby enacts as follows:

1. TITLE

1.1. This Bylaw may be referred to as the "Traffic Safety Bylaw".

2. DEFINITIONS

Alley means a narrow highway intended chiefly to give access to the rear of buildings and parcels of land;

Boulevard means that part of a highway in an urban area that:

(i) is not roadway, and
(ii) is that part of the sidewalk that is not especially adapted to the use of or ordinarily used by pedestrians;

Commercial Vehicle means a vehicle operated on a highway by or on behalf of a person for the purpose of providing transportation but does not include a private passenger vehicle;

Designated Officer means the Chief Administrative Officer, Bylaw Enforcement Officer, RCMP Officer, Peace Officer, and/or Fire Chief of the Village of Warner or their duly authorized assistant;

Highway means any thoroughfare, street, road, trail, avenue, parkway, driveway, viaduct, lane, alley, square, bridge, causeway, trestleway, or other place or any part of any of them, whether publicly or privately owned, that the public is ordinarily entitled or permitted to use for the passage or parking of vehicles and includes:

(i) a sidewalk, including a boulevard adjacent to the sidewalk,
(ii) if a ditch lies adjacent to and parallel with the roadway, the ditch, and
(iii) if a highway right of way is contained between fences or between a fence and one side of the roadway, all the land between the fences, or all the land between the fence and the edge of the roadway, as the case may be,

but does not include a place declared by regulation not to be a highway;

Maximum Allowable Weight means the weight that may be borne by a commercial vehicle;

Mobility Aid means a device used to facilitate the transport, in a normal seated orientation, of a person with a physical disability;

Motor Vehicle means:

(i) a vehicle propelled by any power other than muscular power,
(ii) or a moped,

but does not include a bicycle, a power bicycle, an aircraft, an implement of husbandry or a motor vehicle that runs only on rails;

Off Highway Vehicle means any motorized mode of transportation built for cross-country travel on land, water, snow, ice or marsh or swamp land or on other natural terrain and, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, includes, when specifically designed for such travel, (i) 4-wheel drive vehicles, (ii) low pressure tire vehicles, (iii) motorcycles and related 2-wheel vehicles, (iv) amphibious machines, (v) all terrain vehicles, (vi) miniature motor vehicles, (vii) snow vehicles, (viii) minibikes, and (ix) any other means of transportation that is propelled by any power other than muscular power or wind, but does not include (x) motor boats, or (xi) any other vehicle exempted from being an off-highway vehicle by regulation;

Park(ed) means the standing of a vehicle whether occupied or not, except when standing temporarily while loading or unloading or standing with engine running while occupied and in obedience to traffic regulations;

Recreational Vehicle means any Vehicle used or intended primarily for recreational use and includes any motor home, holiday trailer, camper, tent trailer, and any van or bus converted for recreational use as well as any boat trailer, all-terrain Vehicle trailer or other non-commercial utility trailer;

Roadway means that part of a highway intended for use by vehicular traffic;

Sidewalk means that part of a highway especially adapted to the use of or ordinarily used by pedestrians, and includes that part of a highway between:

(i) the curb line, or
(ii) where there is no curb line, the edge of the roadway, and the adjacent property line, whether or not it is paved or improved;

Traffic Control Device means any sign, signal, marking or device placed, marked or erected under the authority of the Traffic Safety Act for the purpose of regulating, warning or guiding traffic;

Trailer means a vehicle so designed that it:

(i) may be attached to or drawn by a motor vehicle or tractor, and
(ii) is intended to transport property or persons,

and includes any vehicle defined by regulation as a trailer but does not include machinery or equipment solely used in the construction or maintenance of highways;

Vehicle means a device in, on or by which a person or thing may be transported or drawn on a highway and includes a combination of vehicles but does not include a mobility aid;

Village shall mean the Municipal Corporation of the Village of Warner in the Province of Alberta.

3. PARKING

3.1. Unless a Traffic Control Device permits or requires, a Vehicle, Recreational Vehicle, equipment and machinery shall not be Parked:

3.1.1 At any place where a traffic control device prohibits stopping or parking, during the times stopping or parking is so prohibited;

3.1.2 on any part of a Sidewalk or Boulevard;

3.1.3 on a Crosswalk or any part of a Crosswalk or obstruct the visibility of a Crosswalk;

3.1.4 within 5 metres of an approach to a stop sign or yield sign;

3.1.5 within 5 metres from the near side of a marked Crosswalk;

3.1.6 at an Intersection within 5 metres of the projection of the curb or edge of the Roadway;

3.1.7 within an Intersection other than immediately next to the curb or edge of the roadway in a "T" Intersection;

3.1.8 within 1.5 metres of an access to a garage, private road or driveway or a Vehicle crossway over a Sidewalk;

3.1.9 or stopped on a Highway within 5 metres of a fire hydrant or, when the hydrant is not located at the curb, within 5 metres from the point on the curb nearest the fire hydrant;

3.1.10 alongside or opposite any street excavation or obstruction when the stopping or parking would obstruct traffic;

3.1.11 At or near the site of any fire, accident or other emergency, if stopping or parking would obstruct traffic or hinder emergency vehicles or Peace Officers, Firemen, ambulance drivers or assistants or rescue officers or volunteers.

3.1.12 on a Highway in a manner that blocks or obstructs:

3.1.12.1 the movement of traffic on the Highway;
3.1.12.2 a doorway to a building; or
3.1.12.3 the approach to any fire station, police station, hospital or other place where emergency Vehicles require regular access.

3.2. Unless a Traffic Control Device permits or requires, a Vehicle, Recreational Vehicle, equipment and machinery shall not be Parked in an Alley unless:

3.2.1 A Traffic Control Device permits such Parking; or
3.2.2 the Vehicle is a Commercial Vehicle with hazard warning lights on and in the process of loading or unloading goods.

3.3 Notwithstanding anything else in this bylaw, a Commercial Vehicle shall not be Parked in an Alley:

3.3.1 for more than 30 minutes; or
3.3.2 in a manner that blocks or obstructs the movement of traffic.

3.4 No Vehicle shall be double parked on any Avenue or Street at any time.

3.5 No owner or operator of a vehicle shall cause or permit such vehicle to be parked or left on any highway if it is not of operable condition.

4. RECREATIONAL VEHICLES and TRAILERS

4.1. A Recreational Vehicle and/or Trailer shall not be Parked on a Highway unless the Trailer is attached to a Vehicle by which it may be drawn.

4.2. A Trailer or Recreational Vehicle Parked on a Highway shall not be occupied.

4.3. A Vehicle, Recreational Vehicle or Trailer left standing for more than 72 consecutive hours is deemed to have been abandoned at that location.

5. TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES

5.1. No Person shall act contrary to any Traffic Control Device, whether on public or private property.

5.2. The Village may cause a temporary Traffic Control Device to be placed along a portion of a Highway or any other place, for the purpose of construction, maintenance, repairs, snow removal or any other reason.

5.3. A Traffic Control Device may provide an effective time for which the provisions of that Traffic Control Device shall go into effect.

5.4. No Person shall place upon any Highway or upon any structure abutting a Highway, any sign or notice resembling a Traffic Control Device.

5.5. No Person shall move or in any way change any Traffic Control Device unless authorized to do so by the Village.

6. OBSTRUCTIONS

6.1. No person shall place any object (including trees, shrubs or other vegetation) on, above or adjacent to a Highway, Sidewalk, Boulevard, or any other Village property in

a manner that may unreasonably obstruct or interfere with sight lines and visibility required the passage of another person using or desiring to use that public place.

6.1.1. Any vegetation overhanging a Highway, sidewalk, boulevard, Roadway, or alley must be more than three (3) metres above the Highway public sidewalk, boulevard, Roadway, or alley.

6.1.2. along the frontage of properties on corner lots with intersections, the bushes, shrubs, or hedges must be trimmed to a maximum of one (1) metre.

6.2. No Person or group of people shall obstruct the entrance to any building from a Highway or to prevent or interfere with the free movement of other Persons using that Highway.

6.3. Persons disregarding this provision must remove such obstructions at their own expense or the person by whom or by whose direction the obstruction is so placed or by or at the expense of the occupant of the premises connected therewith, otherwise the Village may order removing and providing any expense has been incurred by the Village for such removal of any obstruction, may be recoverable by the distress upon the goods and chattels of the person by whom or by whose direction any obstruction is so placed in the same manner as if such expenses were taxes levied pursuant to the Municipal Government Act and so recoverable.

7. VEHICLE WEIGHT

7.1. Vehicles having a gross vehicle weight of 13,607.77 kgs or 30,000 lbs or more are not permitted in the Village.

8. SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL

8.1. All persons owning or occupying premises in the Village, shall clear away and remove all snow, ice, dirt and other obstructions from the sidewalk situated on land adjoining the property owned or occupied by them within 24 hours of the time that such snow, ice, dirt or other obstructions were deposited thereon.

8.2. The Village may after the expiration of the 24 hours aforesaid, remove and clear away all snow, ice, dirt and other obstructions required to be removed in subsection 8.1 and charge the expenses thereof to the owner or occupant. In the event of non-payment within (30) thirty days, of the expenses, such expenses shall be charged against the property as a special assessment to be recovered in a like manner as other taxes.

8.3. The Village may cause moveable signs to be placed on or near a highway instructing persons in control of vehicles to move their vehicles to facilitate snow removal.

8.4. After signage is displayed pursuant to subsection 8.3, during snow removal or highway cleaning operations carried on by Public Works and/or their contractors, the Village may tow or remove or impound vehicles from the highway being cleaned or from which snow is being removed, when such said vehicle impedes snow removal or cleaning operation.

8.5. No persons owning or occupying premises or contractors conducting snow removal shall stock pile snow on Village property or on roadway.

9. GENERAL

9.1. No Person shall perform any construction or maintenance work on a Highway without valid permission or Permit issued by the Village.

9.2. No Person operating a Motor Vehicle shall use engine retarder brakes within the Village.

9.3. No Person shall operate an Off Highway Vehicle anywhere within the Village except for the sole purpose of loading or unloading the Off Highway Vehicle from a Vehicle or Trailer. This section does not apply to any Designated Officer or Village employee while in the execution of their duties.

9.4. No Person shall operate a Vehicle having metal spikes, lugs, tracks, cleats, skids or bands projecting from the surface of the wheel or tire of the Vehicle, upon a Highway unless a valid Permit has been issued by the Village. This Section does not apply to the use of studded tires.

9.5. A registered owner or operator of a Vehicle shall not permit engine or transmission fluids, or vehicle fluids of any type, from being discharged onto a Highway. If such a discharge occurs, the registered owner of the vehicle shall promptly remove the fluid from the Highway. Person(s) responsible for such distribution shall be liable for clean-up and/or repair costs.

9.6. Where an unprotected hose of the Village of Warner Fire Department or any assisting Fire Department has been laid down on a highway or a driveway no person shall drive a vehicle over such hose unless an official of the Village of Warner's Fire Department, at the scene, has specifically allowed them to do so.

9.7. No person shall pass beyond a point designated by a Peace Officer or a member of the Fire Department near the location of a fire or emergency scene.

9.8. No person shall allow any dirt, sand, gravel, cement or any other material to be deposited on a highway.

9.9. No person shall tear down, remove, or interfere with any signs, signals, barricades, flares or other things placed in accordance with the provisions and regulations of the Act or this bylaw.

9.10. No operator of a motor vehicle shall permit any person to attach to a motor vehicle by their hands, rope or other means for the purpose of being pulled by the motor vehicle.

9.11. No person shall set fire to any combustible material on any highway, boulevard or sidewalk.

10. SPEED LIMIT

10.1 Unless otherwise posted, the maximum speed limit in the Village is 50 kilometres per hour.

10.2 Notwithstanding subsection 10.1, Council may prescribe a lesser speed limit on a highway in the Town and shall indicate such lesser speed by posting a traffic control device in the location of where the speed limit is in effect. In addition, Council may also prescribe the hours of the day in which the lesser speed is in effect.

10.3 No person shall drive a motor vehicle, in any school zone at a rate of speed greater than 30 kilometres per hour on any day school is in session between time period of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

10.4 No person shall drive a motor vehicle, in any playground zone at a rate of speed greater than 30 kilometres per hour between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and one hour after sunset.

10.5 No person shall drive a vehicle in or along an alley in the Village at a speed greater than 15 kilometres per hour.

11. EXEMPTIONS

11.1. Nothing in this Bylaw shall apply to:

11.1.1. Emergency Vehicles or Operators of Emergency Vehicles acting in accordance with their official employment duties.

11.1.2. Designated Officers acting in accordance with their official employment duties; or

11.1.3. a Person acting in accordance with:

11.1.3.1. a Traffic Control Device; or

11.1.3.2. notwithstanding the existence of a Traffic Control Device, the directions of a Designated Officer.

11.1.4. A Village Employee acting in accordance with their official employment duties.

12. OFFENCES AND ENFORCEMENT

12.1. A Designated Officer is hereby authorized and empowered to issue a Notice, Municipal Violation Ticket to any Person who the Designated Officer has reasonable and probable grounds to believe has contravened any provision of this Bylaw. The Designated Officer may commence proceedings against such Person.

12.2 Municipal Violation Tickets and Violation Tickets will be issued in accordance with the Provincial Offences Act and the Village's Rates Bylaw.

12.3 It is an offence to interfere, obstruct, or hinder any person authorized by the Village, including Officers and other authorized persons, in the exercise or performance of the person's powers pursuant to this Bylaw.

12.4 The specified fines for an office committed pursuant to this bylaw are set out in the Village of Warner's Rates Bylaw.

12.5 The expenses and costs incurred by the Village in the enforcement of this bylaw may be collected as a civil debt that is the subject of the enforcement proceedings under this Bylaw.

13. SEVERABILITY

If any provision of these bylaws shall be held invalid or unenforceable, the invalidity or unenforceability shall attach only to that provision and shall not in any manner affect or render invalid or unenforceable any other provision, and these bylaws shall be interpreted and enforced as if the invalid or unenforceable provision were not contained herein.

14. REPEAL OF BYLAW

14.1 That Bylaws 4, 31, 207, 211, 232, 539-18, and 623-23 are hereby repealed.

15. EFFECTIVE DATE

15.1 This Bylaw shall take effect at the date of final passing thereof.

Read a first time this 16th day of September, 2026.

Read a second time this 20th day of September, 2026.

Read a third and final time this 20th day of September, 2026.

Tyler Lindsay
Mayor

Kelly Lloyd
Chief Administrative Officer

SIGNED by the Chief Elected Official and the Chief Administrative Officer this 20th day of September, 2026.