

Unsightly Premises By-law Summary

A property is considered unsightly if:

- It poses a danger under the Municipal Government Act.
- The grass on the lawn is taller than four inches.
- There is an accumulation of debris like dead grass, weeds, indoor furniture, or automobiles on the property.

Responsibilities of Property Owners:

- Property owners must regularly cut grass and remove debris to prevent their property from being deemed unsightly.
- Owners should also take care of the lawn area near sidewalks or curbs adjacent to their property.
- No new or replacement clotheslines can be installed in front of the main building's front wall.

Vacant Buildings:

- For vacant commercial buildings facing public areas, windows must be obscured with colored or patterned paper during interior renovations lasting more than two weeks.
- Vacant residential buildings must protect glass windows and doors with wooden shutters if vandalism is a concern.

Derelict Vehicles:

- Owners of derelict vehicles must remove them if they remain in a deteriorated state for more than two weeks.

Right of Access:

- The Administrator has the power to check for compliance with this By-law as per Section 348 of the Municipal Government Act.

Enforcement:

- The Administrator's powers for enforcing this By-law are outlined in Section 352 of the Municipal Government Act.

General Obligations:

- Property owners must still comply with other laws, regulations, or by-laws in addition to this By-law.

Penalties:

- Violating any provision of this By-law or failing to comply with permit conditions incurs a penalty of not less than \$500 and not more than \$10,000 per occurrence.
- If a violation persists after the specified time frame, each day is considered a new offense.

- In the case of a continuing violation, the Council may seek an injunction from the Supreme Court to stop the violation.