PARKING (OFF-STREET) REGULATION

BYLAW NO. 7403

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CITY OF RICHMOND

PARKING (OFF-STREET) REGULATION
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The Council of the City of Richmond enacts as follows:

PART ONE: GENERAL APPLICATION

1.1 The provisions of this bylaw, regulating the parking of vehicles apply only:

(a) to the City properties; and

(b) City EV parking stalls

1.2 Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 1.1, the regulation of parking in the spaces designated for "Mayor" and "Police Vehicles" is effective at all times.

1.3 Where, in this bylaw, an area is subject to two or more parking limitations, the more restrictive regulation applies.

PART TWO: DESIGNATED AND RESERVED PARKING SPACES

2.1 Authorization for, and Parking Prohibitions In, Designated and Reserved Parking Spaces

2.1.1 The General Manager, Engineering & Public Works is authorized to establish designated or reserved parking spaces, on any City properties, under any of the following categories:

(a) “Mayor” – No person other than the Mayor or Acting Mayor of the City is permitted to park a vehicle in a space so designated.

(b) “Councillor” – No person other than a Councillor of the City is permitted to park a vehicle in a space so designated.

(c) “Staff Parking” – No person is permitted to park in a space so designated, unless a temporary parking permit or staff parking permit has been issued, and the person to whom such permit is issued complies with the provisions of subsection 6.2.1.

(d) “City Vehicles” – No person is permitted to park a vehicle in a space so designated unless the vehicle is owned or leased by the City.

(e) “Police Vehicles” – No person is permitted to park a vehicle in a space so designated unless the vehicle is operated by a member of the RCMP, while on duty.
(f) “Reserved Parking” – No person is permitted to park a vehicle in a space so designated unless that person has been issued a parking permit authorizing the person to park in that space.

(g) “Loading Zone” – No person is permitted to park a vehicle in a space so designated, except:

(i) when actively loading or unloading passengers, for a period of time not exceeding 5 minutes; or
(ii) for the purposes of loading or unloading materials for a period of time not exceeding 30 minutes,

for, or on behalf of, the City.

(h) “Parking for Persons with Disabilities” – No person shall stop a vehicle in any parking space designated or reserved by a traffic control device for persons with disabilities unless the vehicle displays an accessible parking permit indicating that the vehicle is operated by or transporting a disabled person.

(i) “Time Limited Parking” – No person is permitted to park a vehicle in a space so designated, for any greater consecutive period of time than that indicated, unless that person has been issued either a temporary parking permit or visitor parking permit.

2.2 [DELETED]

PART THREE: TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES

3.1 Authorization for Traffic Control Devices

3.1.1. The General Manager, Engineering & Public Works is authorized to place traffic control devices which:

(a) regulate the movement, speed or manner of operation of vehicles; and

(b) establish parking and stopping restrictions

on all City properties.

3.1.2. The existence of a traffic control device which regulates parking or otherwise controls traffic, is prima facie evidence that such device was duly erected and maintained by the General Manager, Engineering & Public Works.
3.2 Traffic Control Devices - Prohibitions

3.2.1 A person must not:

(a) move, remove, deface or alter, or obstruct the view of, or otherwise interfere with any traffic control device;

(b) drive, walk on or over, any newly painted lines which are indicated by flags, traffic cones or other warning devices;

(c) stop, stand or park a vehicle anywhere in contravention of a traffic control device which indicates that stopping, standing or parking is prohibited or restricted, except where otherwise directed by a bylaw enforcement officer, a police officer, or a traffic enforcement agent; or

(d) park a vehicle anywhere on a parking lot, other than between the lines or markings indicating the limits of a single parking stall, where parking stalls have been marked on such parking lot, except where a vehicle is larger than a parking stall, in which case such vehicle must not occupy nor encroach on more than two parking stalls.

3.2.2 Every person must obey the instructions, regulations, or prohibitions contained in or upon any traffic control device erected or placed under the provisions of the Motor Vehicle Act (BC), the Motor Vehicle Act Regulations, or this Bylaw.

3.3 Miscellaneous Parking Prohibitions

3.3.1 A person must not:

(a) while a vehicle remains in an area subject to a posted limit, remove, obliterate or otherwise interfere with any markings made by a bylaw enforcement officer or a traffic enforcement agent to determine the length of time that vehicle remains parked in that location;

(b) stop, stand or park a vehicle:

(i) in an area that is not designated a parking space by a traffic control device; or

(ii) on any City property, without valid licence plates.

3.3.2 With respect to any City properties, the posted limit for parking applies to prohibit a vehicle from remaining in any of the parking spaces within that area after the limit has expired.

3.3.3 No person shall park a trailer on any City property without the motive power unit attached.
3.4 Idling

3.4.1 No person shall cause or permit a vehicle to idle at any one time:
   (a) for more than three minutes; or
   (b) while unattended.

3.4.2 Subsection 3.4.1 does not apply to a vehicle:
   (a) in the course of the performance of police, fire, ambulance or other emergency duties including training activities;
   (b) assisting in an emergency activity;
   (c) contracted or owned by the City or the province of British Columbia while conducting public utility services;
   (d) of a public utility corporation while conducting service on related utilities;
   (e) operating as a tow truck;
   (f) contracted or owned by the City while conducting bylaw enforcement;
   (g) for which idling is required as part of a repair or regular pre-check maintenance process;
   (h) engaged in a parade or race or other event approved by the City;
   (i) idling while passengers are in the course of embarking or disembarking where such actions may take more than three minutes;
   (j) used to transport money or valuables in a secure manner and in which a person remains to guard the contents in the course of the loading or unloading of the money or valuables;
   (k) required to use heating or refrigeration systems powered by the motor or engine for the preservation of perishable cargo; or
   (l) while being used as a mobile workshop.

3.5 City EV Parking Stalls

3.5.1 A person must not stop, stand or park a vehicle, other than an electric vehicle, in a City EV parking stall.

3.5.2 A person may only park an electric vehicle in any of the City EV parking stalls for the duration of a charging session, and must pay the applicable parking rates to the City through the EV Supply Equipment payment system.

3.5.3 The parking rates payable for parking and charging an electric vehicle in a City EV parking stall are set out in the City’s Consolidated Fees Bylaw No. 8636.
PART FOUR: OVERNIGHT PARKING

4.1 Exceptions to General Overnight Parking Prohibition

4.1.1. Overnight parking of privately-owned vehicles is prohibited on all City properties, with the following exceptions:

(a) a vehicle operated by:

   (i) a police officer, or
   (ii) a civilian staff member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police

   who is on duty;

(b) a vehicle which is in a space designated as “Staff Parking” in accordance with clause (c) of sub-section 2.1.1, provided such vehicle is operated by:

   (i) a police officer, or
   (ii) a staff member of the City

   who is on duty;

(c) a vehicle, the parking of which is specifically authorized by the Manager, Community Bylaws; or

(d) a vehicle which is parked in a parking lot designated for “Public Parking”, in which overnight parking is authorized and which has signs specifically permitting overnight parking.

PART FIVE: PAY PARKING AT CITY lots

5.1 Pay Parking Lots

5.1.1. The properties or portions of the properties identified in Schedule C, which is attached and forms part of this Bylaw, are designated as pay parking lots.

5.1.2 Subject to section 5.2, a person may only park a vehicle in any of the pay parking lots, as identified in Schedule C, if:

(a) (i) a time period has been selected and payment has been accepted by the parking lot meter and a parking receipt has been obtained and placed face-up inside the windshield of the vehicle, with the amount paid, time and date of purchase and time and date of expiration clearly visible from outside the vehicle and the purchased time period remains valid or;

   (ii) a stall number has been entered and payment has been accepted by the parking lot meter and the purchased time period remains valid or
(iii) a number plate has been entered and payment has been accepted by the parking lot meter and the purchased time period remains valid.

(b) (i) payment for a pre-determined period of time has been made through a designated cellular payment system based on the number plate of the parked vehicle; and

(ii) the time period for which a fee has been paid, as indicated by the number plate on the cellular enforcement system, has not expired; or

(c) (i) payment pursuant to subsection 6.1.1 has been made to the City of Richmond for a permit decal indicating the expiry date of the relative parking permit; and

(ii) the permit decal has been securely affixed to the face of the parking permit in the proper location; and

(iii) the parking permit has been placed inside the windshield of the vehicle so that both the parking permit and permit decal are clearly visible from outside the vehicle.

5.1.3 The fees payable for parking in designated pay parking lots in the City are set out in the City’s Consolidated Fees Bylaw No. 8636.

5.1.4 A person must not insert a slug or any object other than an accepted form of payment into any parking lot meter.

5.2 Pay Parking Exceptions

5.2.1 The provisions of subsection 5.1.2 apply to privately-owned vehicles, except vehicles displaying:

(a) an accessible parking permit together with an accessible parking validation decal; or

(b) a valid parking permit issued pursuant to Part Six.

5.2.2 The provisions of subsections 5.1.2(a) and 5.1.2(b) do not apply to any vehicle which:

(a) displays British Columbia veterans’ specialty licence plates, and

(b) displays a veterans’ decal.
PART SIX: PARKING PERMITS

6.1 Authorization to Issue Parking Permits

6.1.1. The Manager, Community Bylaws is authorized:

(a) to issue parking permits or permit decals under such conditions as considered necessary for the proper and orderly administration of parking; and

(b) to revoke or reinstate parking permits or permit decals issued under this Part.

6.1.2 A person applying for a parking permit or permit decal must pay the applicable fees as set out in the City’s Consolidated Fees Bylaw No. 8636.

6.2 Parking Permit Requirements and Restrictions

6.2.1. A person to whom a parking permit has been issued must:

(a) comply with any conditions established for that parking permit; and

(b) where the parking permit is in the form of an identification card, attach such card to the rear-view mirror of the vehicle; or

(c) where the parking permit is in the form of a decal, prominently display such decal on the dash or front windshield of the vehicle.

6.2.2. Failure to comply with any conditions established for a parking permit renders such permit subject to immediate revocation without notice.

6.2.3 No refunds shall be issued for fees paid in respect of parking permits or permit decals.

PART SEVEN: IMPOUNDMENT

7.1 Any vehicle unlawfully occupying any portion of street, City property, or other public space, may upon order of any Police Officer, the General Manager, Engineering & Public Works, the Fire Chief, any Bylaw Enforcement Officer, or their designates, or any traffic enforcement agent, be removed to an impoundment in such a place as directed by the person issuing the order and kept there at the owner’s risk and expense.

7.2 A vehicle removed to an impoundment will not be released to its owner until the impounding charges are paid.

7.3 If such impounded vehicle is not claimed by its owner within 14 days of the giving of the notice of the impounding of the vehicle, such vehicle may be sold at public auction and any monies received on its sale shall be applied, firstly, to the cost of the sale; secondly, to the impounding charges; and thirdly, to the recovery of any monies owed for any outstanding fines levied against the owner under this Bylaw. The surplus, if
any, shall be sent by registered mail to the registered owner of the vehicle at the address shown for such owner in the records of the Superintendent of Motor Vehicles.

7.4 Notice shall be given to the owner of every vehicle impounded under this Part 7 of the intention to sell such vehicle on the date set out in the notice by mailing the notice by registered mail to the registered owner of the vehicle at the address shown for such owner in the records of the Superintendent of Motor Vehicles as of the date of impoundment.

7.5 The owner of a vehicle shall incur the penalties provided for any violation of this Bylaw with respect to any vehicle owned by them unless at the time of such violation the vehicle was in the possession of some person other than the owner without the owner’s consent; but nothing in this section shall relieve the operator of a vehicle, not being the owner, from incurring penalties provided for such violation.

PART EIGHT: INTERPRETATION

8.1 In this bylaw, unless the context otherwise requires:

**ACCESSIBLE PARKING PERMIT**
means a valid hanger or decal issued:
(a) pursuant to the Motor Vehicle Act & Regulations, by the Social Planning and Review Council of British Columbia (SPARC); or
(b) pursuant to the Motor Vehicle Act & Regulations, by the Richmond Centre for Disability (RCD); or
(c) by another province or foreign jurisdiction with respect to the parking of vehicles owned or operated by persons with disabilities.

**ACCESSIBLE PARKING VALIDATION DECAL**
means a uniquely-coloured decal issued by the Richmond Centre for Disability (RCD) only to a resident of the City who possesses an accessible parking permit and affixed to the lower, passenger side of the windshield of a motor vehicle displaying an accessible parking permit.

**BYLAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER**
means an employee of the City, appointed to the job position or title of bylaw enforcement officer or licence inspector, or acting in another capacity, on behalf of the City for the purpose of the enforcement of one or more of the City bylaws.

**CELLULAR ENFORCEMENT SYSTEM**
means a cellular communication system for confirming that the required parking fee has been paid based on the number plate of a parked vehicle.
vehicle and confirming that the period of time purchased has not expired.

**CELLULAR PAYMENT SYSTEM** means a cellular communication system for accepting the payment of the required parking fee for a pre-determined period of time based on the number plate of a parked vehicle.

**CHARGING SESSION** means the period of time an electric vehicle is connected to the EV supply equipment, commencing once the owner or occupant of the electric vehicle has authorized payment of the City’s applicable parking rates through the EV supply equipment payment system, and terminating once the elector is no longer connected to the EV supply equipment.

**CITY** means the City of Richmond.

**CITY EV PARKING STALL** means an EV parking stall located on land owned, leased, or licensed by the City, and/or fitted with with EV supply equipment owned or leased by the City.

**CITY PROPERTY** means a lot or parcel of land owned or leased by the City, and any lands subject to a statutory right of way in favour of the City for the purposes of use as a City parking lot or City operated public parking lot.

**COUNCIL** means the Council of the City.

**ELECTRIC VEHICLE** means a vehicle that uses electricity for propulsion, and that can use an external source of electricity to charge the vehicle’s batteries.

**EV PARKING STALL** means a parking stall or portion of a street marked as “EV Only” and featuring EV supply equipment capable of providing charging services to an electric vehicle.

**EV SUPPLY EQUIPMENT** means a complete assembly consisting of conductors, connectors, devices, apparatus, and fittings installed specifically for the purpose of power transfer and information exchange between a branch electric circuit and an electric vehicle, including the ability to collect authorized payments of the applicable parking rates.
FIRE CHIEF means the Fire Chief of the Richmond Fire Department.

GENERAL MANAGER, ENGINEERING & PUBLIC WORKS means the person appointed by Council to the position of General Manager of Engineering and Public Works and includes a person designated as an alternate.

IDLE, IDLING means the operation of the engine of a vehicle while the vehicle is not in motion.

IMPOUND includes the seizure, towing, removal and detention of any vehicle, whether being driven or not, and any other chattel, which is unlawfully placed, left, kept or driven upon a street, City property, or other public space.

IMPOUNDING CHARGES means all expenses of removal and detention or impounding of a vehicle, and all related towing, storage and other charges.

MANAGER, COMMUNITY BYLAWS means the Manager, Community Bylaws in the Community Safety Division of the City, and includes a person designated as an alternate.

MOBILE WORKSHOP means a vehicle:
(a) containing workshop equipment powered by the motor or engine of the vehicle and that must be operated inside or in association with the vehicle; or
(b) serving as a facility for taking measurements or making observations or conducting maintenance or construction and operated by or on behalf of a municipality, public utility or police, fire or emergency service.

NUMBER PLATES means number plates as defined in the Motor Vehicle Act (BC), as may be amended or replaced from time to time.

OVERNIGHT PARKING means the standing of a vehicle, for a period of three (3) hours or more, between 2300 hours and 500 hours each day, whether the vehicle is occupied or not.

OVER-TIME PARKING means parking for a longer period of time than indicated on any traffic control device for the space in which the vehicle in question is parked.
OWNER as applied to a vehicle, means:

(a) the person who holds the legal title to the vehicle, and in whose name the vehicle is registered; or

(b) a person who is a lessee or a mortgagor, and is entitled to be, and is, in possession of a vehicle.

PARK/PARKED/PARKING means the standing of a vehicle, whether occupied or not, other than up to 5 minutes for the purpose of, and while actually engaged in, loading or unloading of property, goods, or the discharging or taking on of passengers, or in compliance with the directions of:

(a) a police officer, a bylaw enforcement officer, or a traffic enforcement agent, or

(b) a traffic control device.

PARKING LOT METER means an automatic, electronic or mechanical device installed to regulate and control the parking of vehicles in a pay parking lot as designated in Schedule C by accepting payment and issuing a parking receipt.

PARKING PERMIT means a time-limited identification issued under the direction of the Manager, Community Bylaws which authorizes parking within a pay parking lot.

PARKING RECEIPT means a paper receipt issued by a parking lot meter showing the date and time of purchase, the fee paid and the date and time when the purchased period expires.

PARKING STALL means a portion of a parking lot indicated by markings, as a parking place for one vehicle.

PAY PARKING LOT means any property or portion of a property as designated in Schedule C in which a parking lot meter, a cellular payment system or a parking permit program will be used to collect a fee for the use or occupation of a parking stall for vehicles.
PERMIT DECAL means a colour-coded plastic sticker which is attached to a parking permit in a designated manner in order to validate the parking permit and to indicate the last month for which the fees have been paid.

POLICE OFFICER means a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

PRIVATELY-OWNED VEHICLE means any vehicle except the following:
(a) City or provincial utility service vehicles;
(b) service vehicles of a public utility corporation;
(c) tow trucks;
(d) parking enforcement vehicles; and
(e) police and emergency vehicles while being used for their intended purpose.

RECREATIONAL VEHICLE means a vehicle designed to provide temporary living accommodation for travel, vacation or recreational use, and designed to be driven, towed or transported.

STALL NUMBER means the number assigned to a parking stall.

STOP or STAND means:
(a) when required, a complete cessation from movement, and
(b) when prohibited, the stopping or standing of a vehicle, whether occupied or not, except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with the directions of:
   (i) a police officer, a bylaw enforcement officer, or a traffic enforcement agent; or
   (ii) a traffic control device.
STREET has the meaning ascribed to in the City’s Traffic Bylaw No. 5870.

TIME PERIOD means the amount of time purchased through a parking lot meter or cellular payment system, as indicated by a purchase time and date and an expiration time and date.

TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICE means a sign, signal, line, meter, marking, space, barrier or device installed by authority of the General Manager, Engineering & Public Works.

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT AGENT means a person employed to enforce parking regulations by a contractor with whom the City has contracted to provide traffic enforcement services.

TRAILER means every vehicle without motive power designed for carrying persons or property, and for being drawn by a motor vehicle, and includes a semi-trailer as defined in the Commercial Transport Act.

VEHICLE means the interpretation given in the Motor Vehicle Act and includes motor vehicle and motorcycle, as defined in that Act.

VETERANS’ DECAL means a uniquely-coloured decal issued by the City only to a resident of the City possessing British Columbia veterans’ specialty licence plates and affixed to the lower, passenger side of the windshield of a motor vehicle owned by the same resident and displaying British Columbia veterans’ specialty licence plates.

VETERANS’ SPECIALTY LICENCE PLATES means uniquely-designed vehicle licence plates issued under the Motor Vehicle Act to designated members or former members of the Canadian Armed Forces, the RCMP or Municipal Police.

PART NINE: VIOLATIONS & PENALTIES

9.1 Liability of Vehicle Owner

9.1.1 The owner of a vehicle is liable for any violation of the regulations in this bylaw, notwithstanding that, at the time of the violation, the vehicle is unattended or in the possession of another person.

9.1.2 Upon notification of a violation to the owner of a vehicle, the burden of proving:
(a) that the person in charge of the vehicle was not a person entrusted with the possession of that vehicle by the owner; or

(b) that the legal registered owner is not the owner;

is on the owner.

9.2 Violations and Penalties

9.2.1 A violation of any of the provisions identified in this bylaw shall result in liability for penalties and late payment amounts established in Schedule A of the Notice of Bylaw Violation Dispute Adjudication Bylaw No. 8122; and

9.2.2 A violation of any of the provisions identified in this bylaw shall be subject to the procedures, restrictions, limits, obligations and rights established in the Notice of Bylaw Violation Dispute Adjudication Bylaw No. 8122 in accordance with the Local Government Bylaw Notice Enforcement Act, SBC 2003, c. 60.

9.3 Tampering with Markings

No person may remove, obliterate, or otherwise interfere with any markings made by a police officer, bylaw enforcement officer, or traffic enforcement agent to determine the length of time a vehicle remains parked in one location.

9.4 Tampering with Notice of Bylaw Violation

9.4.1 No person other than the owner or operator of a vehicle is permitted to remove any notice placed on, or affixed to, such vehicle by a bylaw enforcement officer, a police officer, or a traffic enforcement agent, who is enforcing or administering this bylaw.

9.4.2 Once any notice has been placed on, or affixed to, a vehicle by a bylaw enforcement officer, a police officer, or a traffic enforcement agent, it is unlawful for any person to alter such notice in any manner that it may be used or acted upon by any person as if the alteration was genuine.

9.5 Offence Act Procedures

Any person who:

9.5.1 violates or contravenes any provision of this bylaw, or who causes or allows any provision of this bylaw to be violated or contravened;

9.5.2 fails to comply with any of the provisions of this bylaw;

9.5.3 neglects or refrains from doing anything required under the provisions of this bylaw; or

9.5.4 makes any false or misleading statement to a bylaw enforcement officer respecting compliance with this bylaw,
commits an offence and upon conviction shall be liable to a fine of not more than Ten Thousand Dollars ($10,000.00), in addition to the costs of the prosecution, and where the offence is a continuing one, each day that the offence is continued shall constitute a separate offence.

PART TEN: PREVIOUS BYLAW REPEAL

10.1 Parking (Off-Street) Regulation Bylaw No. 7094 (adopted April 25th, 2000) and Amendment Bylaw No. 7322 (adopted February 11th, 2002), are repealed.

PART ELEVEN: SEVERABILITY AND CITATION

11.1 If any part, section, subsection, clause or sub-clause of this bylaw is, for any reason, held to be invalid by the decision of a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision does not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this bylaw.

11.2 This bylaw is cited as "Parking (Off-Street) Regulation Bylaw No. 7403".

PART TWELVE: FEES BYLAW

12.1 The Consolidated Fees Bylaw No. 8636, as may be amended from time to time, applies to this bylaw.
SCHEDULE A to BYLAW NO. 7403

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