

**VILLAGE OF COWLEY  
BYLAW # 411**

**A BYLAW OF THE VILLAGE OF COWLEY IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA  
TO REGULATE THE CONSUMPTION OF CANNABIS**

**WHEREAS** the Government of Canada has passed the *Cannabis Act* (Bill C-45, an Act respecting cannabis and to amend the *Controlled Drugs and Substances Act*, the Criminal code and other Acts, 1<sup>st</sup> Sess, 42<sup>nd</sup> Parl, 2017) which will permit persons to possess cannabis; and

**WHEREAS** the Province of Alberta has enacted an *Act to Control and Regulate Cannabis*, S.A. 2017, c. 21, which will place restrictions on the smoking or vaping of cannabis in public places; and

**WHEREAS** pursuant to the provision of the *Municipal Government Act (MGA)*, Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000, Chapter M-26 and amendments thereto, Council may pass a bylaw for municipal purposes respecting the safety, health and welfare of people and the protection of people and property, people activities and things in, on or near a public place or place that is open to the public; and

**WHEREAS** Council deems it prudent to impose additional restrictions on the smoking, vaping and other forms of consumption of cannabis in public places to prevent behaviours and conduct that may have a negative impact on the enjoyment of public places;

**NOW THEREFORE** the Council of the Village of Cowley in the Province of Alberta, duly assembled now, hereby enacts as follows:

**SHORT TITLE**

1. This Bylaw may be known as the “Cannabis Consumption Bylaw”.

**DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION**

2. (1) In this Bylaw:

- (a) “*cannabis*” has the meaning as defined in the *Cannabis Act*;
- (b) “*Cannabis Act*” means Bill C-45, an Act respecting cannabis and to amend the *Controlled Drugs and Substances Act*, the Criminal Code and other Acts;
- (c) “*Bylaw Enforcement Officer*” means
  - i. a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police,
  - ii. a Community Peace Officer,
  - iii. a bylaw Enforcement Officer as appointed by the Village to enforce bylaws of the Village;
- (d) “*Chief Administrative Officer*” means the person appointed by Village Council as its chief administrative officer or that person’s designate;
- (e) “*public place*” means any place to which the public has access as of right or by invitation, express or implied;
- (f) “*electronic smoking device*” means an electronic device that can be used to deliver a vapour, emission or aerosol to the person inhaling from the device, including but not limited to an electronic cigarette, cigar, cigarillo or pipe;

- (g) “*smoke*” or “*smoking*” means
  - i. inhaling or exhaling the smoke produced by burning or heating cannabis; or
  - ii. holding or otherwise having control of any device or thing containing lit or heated cannabis;
- (h) “*vape*” or “*vaping*” means
  - i. inhaling or exhaling the vapour, emissions or aerosol produced by an electronic smoking device or similar device containing cannabis; or
  - ii. holding or otherwise having control of an electronic smoking device that is producing vapour, emissions or aerosol from cannabis;
- (i) “*violation ticket*” means a ticket issued pursuant to Part 2 of the *Provincial Offences Procedures Act*, Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000, Chapter P-34 and any amendments or regulations thereto.

- (2) Schedule “A” attached to this Bylaw forms a part of this Bylaw and may, from time to time, be amended by Council.
- (3) Headings or sub-headings are inserted for ease of reference and guidance purposes only and do not form part of this Bylaw.
- (4) Where this Bylaw cites or refers to any act, regulation, code or other bylaw, the citation or reference is to the act, regulation, code or other bylaw as amended, whether amended before or after the commencement of this Bylaw, and includes reference to any act, regulation, code or other bylaw that may be substituted in its place.
- (5) Each provision of this Bylaw is independent of all other provisions and if any provision is declared invalid for any reason by a court of competent jurisdiction, all other provisions of this Bylaw remain valid and enforceable.
- (6) Nothing in this Bylaw relieves a person from complying with any provision of any federal, provincial or municipal law or regulation or any requirement of any lawful permit, order or licence.

## **PROHIBITION**

- 3. A person must not *smoke*, *vape* or consume *cannabis* in any *public place*.

## **MEDICAL CANNABIS**

- 4. (1) A person who is entitled to possess *cannabis* pursuant to a medical document issued pursuant to the *Access to Cannabis for Medical Purposes Regulations*, SOR/2016-230 is not subject to this Bylaw.
- (2) A person referred to in subsection (9.1) must, on demand of an *officer*, produce a copy of the person’s medical document.

**OFFENCES**

- 5. Any person who contravenes any provision of this Bylaw by doing any act or thing which the person is prohibited from doing, or by failing to do any act or thing the person is required to do, is guilty of an offence pursuant to the Bylaw.

**ENFORCEMENT**

- 6. (1) Where an *officer* believes that a person has contravened any provision of this Bylaw, the *officer* may commence proceedings against the person by issuing a violation ticket in accordance with the *Provincial Offences Procedure Act*, R.S.A. 2000, c. P-34.
- 7. (2) This section shall not prevent an *officer* from issuing a violation ticket requiring a court appearance of the defendant pursuant to the *Provincial Offences Procedures Act* or from laying an information instead of issuing a violation ticket.

**PENALTY**

- 7. (1) Where there is a specified penalty listed for an offence in Schedule A to this Bylaw, that amount is the specified penalty for the offence.  
(2) Where there is a minimum penalty listed for an offence in Schedule A to this Bylaw, that amount is the minimum penalty for the offence.  
(3) In this section, “specified penalty” means an amount that can be paid by a person whom is issued a violation ticket and is authorized to make a voluntary payment without a Court appearance.
- 8. This Bylaw comes into full force and effect upon third and final reading.

Read a first time this 26 day of November, 2018.

Read a second time this 26 day of November, 2018.

Read a third time and passed this 26 day of November, 2018.

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Mayor – Warren Mickels

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CAO – Cindy Cornish

**SCHEDULE A**  
**PENALTIES**

<b>Section</b>	<b>Description of Offence</b>	<b>Minimum Penalty</b>	<b>Specified Penalty</b>
3	smoke, vape or consume Cannabis in a public place	\$50	\$100