

BYLAW 1742-25: Golf Cart Bylaw

BYLAW No. 1742-25 of the County of Stettler No. 6 in the Province of Alberta, being a Bylaw for the purpose of regulating golf carts on select public roads on a trial basis.

WHEREAS pursuant to Section 13 of the *Traffic Safety Act, R.S.A. 2000, c. T-6* and amendments thereto, a council may pass bylaws governing the use of highways;

WHEREAS pursuant to Section 7(i) of the *Municipal Government Act*, a council may pass bylaws respecting the enforcement of bylaws made under the Act or any other enactment including any or all of the matters listed therein;

WHEREAS pursuant to Section 4 of the *Pilot Project (Golf Cart) Regulation AR 114/2024*, a council may in a bylaw regulate golf cart use on highways within the municipality;

WHEREAS the Council of the County of Stettler No. 6 considers it desirable and in the best interest of the public to pass a bylaw to permit, regulate and licence golf carts on certain roads within the County;

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the County of Stettler No. 6, duly assembled, enacts as follows:

1. Bylaw Title

1.1. This Bylaw may be cited as the “Golf Cart Bylaw”.

2. Application

2.1. This Bylaw applies to all golf carts operated on designated highways within the County of Stettler.

3. Definitions

3.1. Words defined in the Pilot Project (Golf Carts) Regulation and Traffic Safety Act shall have the same meaning in this Bylaw, except where specified below.

3.2. For the purposes of this Bylaw, the following definitions shall apply:

- a) “**Act**” means the Traffic Safety Act, RSA 2000, c. T-6
- b) “**CAO**” means the Chief Administrative Officer of the County or their designate;
- c) “**Council**” means the Council of the County;
- d) “**County**” means the County of Stettler No. 06;
- e) “**Designated Highway**” means a roadway or highway authorized for Golf Cart operations as identified by the County in Schedules B and C and approved by the Registrar.
- f) “**Driver**” means a person who is driving or is in actual physical control of a vehicle;
- g) “**Golf Cart**” means a 4-wheel motor vehicle that
 - (i) is designed by a manufacturer primarily for use on golf courses or paved surfaces,
 - (ii) cannot attain a speed of more than 40 km/h on a paved level surface,
 - (iii) has a structure that
 - (A) partially or fully encloses its operator and passengers, and
 - (B) is not less than 1.2 m above the ground,

- and
- (iv) has a gross vehicle weight rating of less than 1361 kg;
- h) **“Manufacturer”** means a person engaged in the business of
 - (i) designing golf carts, and
 - (ii) building golf carts or producing kits to build golf carts;
- i) **“MGA”** means the Municipal Government Act, RSA 2000 c. M-26
- j) **“Nighttime”** means the period commencing one hour after sunset and ending one hour before the following sunrise;
- k) **“Operator’s Licence”** means an operator’s licence or a driver’s licence that is issued under the Act and includes a document or information and other data contained in an electronic form that is recognized under the Act as an operator’s licence or a driver’s licence;
- l) **“Owner”** means the person who owns a vehicle or having the exclusive use of a vehicle and includes a person who is identified in a Golf Cart Permit.
- m) **“Peace Officer”** means
 - (i) a police officer under the Police Act;
 - (ii) a member of a police service under the Police Act;
 - (iii) a peace officer appointed under the Peace Officer Act for the purposes of this Act;
 - (iv) a Bylaw Officer appointed under the MGA;
- n) **“Permit”** means a written authorization in any form that
 - (i) is issued by the County, and
 - (ii) authorizes the operation of a golf cart on Designated Highways in the County;
- o) **“Registrar”** means the Registrar of Motor Vehicle Services and includes any person who, on the directions of the Registrar, is acting on behalf of the Registrar of Motor Vehicle Services;
- p) **“Regulation”** means any regulation under the Act which authorises the County to pass a Bylaw to allow the use of Golf Carts on Designated Roads, including AR 114/2024 as amended or replaced.

4. Operation of Golf Carts

4.1. No person shall operate a golf cart:

- a) In a manner contrary to the Act, its regulations, or this bylaw;
- b) On a highway which is not a Designated Highway;
- c) On a highway without a Permit or contrary to the terms of a Permit;
- d) On a highway if they are less than 14 years old;
- e) On a highway during nighttime;
- f) Without exercising due care and attention;
- g) Without being the holder of a valid Operators License
- h) Without reasonable consideration for other persons in the area or who might reasonably be expected to be in the area;

- i) With more passengers than passenger seats;
- j) To tow vehicles or equipment;
- k) On pedestrian trails and sidewalks.

4.2. Every operator of a Golf Cart shall:

- a) When approaching an oncoming vehicle, pass the vehicle on the right;
- b) Yield the right of way to vehicles approaching from their right;
- c) When overtaking another vehicle, pass that vehicle on the left;
- d) Yield the right of way to all pedestrians;
- e) Except when overtaking another vehicle, maintain a safe following distance behind any other vehicle;
- f) Operate in accordance with the rules of the road - unless excluded from such rules in the Regulation.

5. Designated Highways

5.1. Council hereby designates those highways included in Schedule "B" as Designated Highways for the purpose of this bylaw.

6. Permits

6.1. Council hereby authorizes the CAO to issue Permits, with or without conditions, and to charge a fee as defined in the Fee Bylaw to regulate and control Golf Carts within the County.

6.2. Council hereby authorizes the CAO to enter into an agreement with one or more parties to:

- a) issue Permits on behalf of the County of Stettler
- b) collect associated fees
- c) submit all necessary reporting to Alberta Transportation as required by the applicable approvals and provide copies to the County of Stettler.

6.3. Each Permit shall include:

- a) The Owner's name and Operator's License information;
- b) Proof of liability insurance which will cover damages caused by the operation of the Golf Cart for an amount no less than \$2,000,000 per incident;
- c) The make, model, and serial number of the golf cart;
- d) Conditions of the Permit;
- e) Any other information required by the Registrar;

6.4. The County shall provide information collected under this Bylaw to the Registrar at the times and in the form and manner as may be specified by the Registrar from time to time.

6.5. Permits shall be valid for a period of one-year from the date of issuance.

6.6. The CAO may revoke a Permit or refuse to issue a Permit where the Owner has contravened this Bylaw within the prior 24-months.

- 6.7. Proof of a Permit, in the form prescribed by the CAO, shall be affixed to the Golf Cart in a clear legible location as designated in the permit and is visible from a distance of 10 meters.

7. Reports

- 7.1. A person operating a Golf Cart shall forthwith report to the County a collision resulting in property damage of any amount, or an injury or fatality in the form and manner specified by the County.
- 7.2. If the operator is incapable of making the report required by Section 7.1 and there is a passenger of the Golf Cart capable of making the report, the passenger shall make the report forthwith.
- 7.3. If a report has not been made under Sections 7.1 or 7.2 and the operator or passenger is not the Owner of the Golf Cart, the Owner shall make the report forthwith after learning of the collision.

8. Enforcement

- 8.1. A Peace Officer may, for the purpose of administering and enforcing this bylaw:
 - a) Signal or direct a Driver of a Golf Cart to stop the Golf Cart, and
 - b) Request Information from the Driver of the Golf Cart.
- 8.2. When signaled or directed to stop by a Peace Officer, the Driver of a Golf Cart shall:
 - a) Bring the Golf Cart to a stop;
 - b) Furnish to the Peace Officer any other information respecting the Driver or the Vehicle that the Peace Officer requests;
 - c) Remain stopped until permitted by the Peace Officer to leave.

9. Offences

- 9.1. A person who contravenes any provision of this Bylaw is guilty of an offence.
- 9.2. A person who is guilty of an offence is liable to a fine in an amount not less than that established in Schedule A and not exceeding \$10,000.00.
- 9.3. Notwithstanding the above, any person who:
 - a) commits a second offence under this Bylaw within 24 months of a conviction for same offence, is liable on summary conviction to a fine not less than the increased amount set out for the offence in Schedule A to this Bylaw; and
 - b) commits a third or subsequent offence under this Bylaw within 24 months of two convictions for the same offence, is liable on summary conviction to a fine not less than the increased amount set out for the offence in Schedule A to this Bylaw.
- 9.4. In the case of an offence that is of a continuing nature, a contravention constitutes a separate offence in respect of each day, or part of a day, on which it continues and a person guilty of such an offence is liable to a fine in an amount not less than that established by this Bylaw for each such day.
- 9.5. The County is not required to enforce this Bylaw. In deciding whether to enforce this Bylaw, the County may take into account any practical concerns including available municipal budget and personnel resources.

10. MUNICIPAL TAGS

10.1. A Bylaw Enforcement Officer is hereby authorized and empowered to issue a Municipal Tag to any person whom the Officer has reasonable and probable grounds to believe has contravened any provision of this Bylaw.

10.2. The Municipal Tag may be served:

- a) in the case of an individual,
 - (i) personally to the individual;
 - (ii) by registered mail to the individual at their apparent place of residence or at any address for the individual on the tax roll of the County or at the Land Titles registry; or
 - (iii) by leaving it for the individual at their apparent place of residence with someone who appears to be at least 18 years of age.
- b) in the case of a corporate entity,
 - (i) personally to any director or officer of the corporate entity;
 - (ii) personally to a person apparently in charge of an office of the corporate entity at an address held out by the corporate entity to be its address; or
 - (iii) by registered mail addressed to the registered office of the corporate entity.

10.3. The Municipal Tag shall be in a form approved by the CAO and shall state at minimum:

- a) the name of the person to whom the Municipal Tag is issued;
- b) the particulars of the contravention under this Bylaw;
- c) the penalty imposed for the offence as specified in Schedule "A" of this Bylaw;
- d) that the penalty must be paid within thirty clear days of the issuance of the Municipal Tag in order to avoid prosecution; and
- e) any other information as may be required by the CAO.

10.4. Where a Municipal Tag has been issued pursuant to this Bylaw, the person to whom the Municipal Tag has been Issued may, in lieu of being prosecuted for the offence, pay to the County the monetary penalty specified on the Municipal Tag.

11. VIOLATION TICKETS AND PENALTIES

11.1. If a Municipal Tag has been issued and the penalty not paid within the prescribed time, a Bylaw Enforcement Officer may issue a Violation Ticket pursuant to the *Provincial Offences Procedure Act* to the person to whom the Municipal Tag was issued.

11.2. Nothing in this Bylaw shall prevent a Bylaw Enforcement Officer from immediately issuing a Violation Ticket to any person whom the Bylaw Enforcement Officer has reasonable and probable grounds to believe has contravened any provision of this Bylaw.

11.3. If a Violation Ticket is issued in respect of an offence, the Violation Ticket may:

- a) specify the fine amount established by this Bylaw for the offence; or
- b) require a person to appear in court without the alternative of making a voluntary payment.

11.4. A person who commits an offence may:

- a) if a Violation Ticket is issued in respect of the offence; and
- b) if the Violation Ticket specifies the fine amount established by this Bylaw for the offence;

make a voluntary payment by submitting to a Clerk of the Court of Justice, on or before the initial appearance date indicated on the Violation Ticket, the specified penalty set out on the Violation Ticket.

12. ACTIONS BY AN OFFICER

12.1. No Person shall obstruct, hinder or impede any Bylaw Enforcement Officer, Designated Officer, or County employee, contractor or agent in the exercise of any of their powers or duties under this Bylaw.

13. Severability

13.1. If any provision of this Bylaw is held to be invalid by a decision of a court of competent jurisdiction, that decision will not affect the validity of the remaining portions.

14. Transition

14.1. This Bylaw shall come into force and effect upon the final passing, signing, installation of signs, and approval by the Registrar.

READ A FIRST TIME THIS 27th day of March 2025 A.D. on a motion of Councillor Stevens.

Carried

READ A SECOND TIME THIS 28th day of May 2025 A.D. on a motion of Councillor Stevens.

Carried Unanimously

APPROVED BY THE [*the Minister responsible for Alberta Transportation and Economics Corridors, or delegated representative*]

THIS 7th day of August, 2025.

Original Signed
(Signature)

READ A THIRD TIME THIS 13th day of August, 2025 A.D. on a motion of Councillor Gendre.

Carried

DATED this THIS 13th day of August, 2025 A.D.

Original Signed
Reeve

Original Signed
Chief Administrative Officer

FINE SCHEDULE

SECTION	OFFENCE	SPECIFIED PENALTY		
		First Offence	Second Offence Within 24 Months of Conviction	Third or Subsequent Offence Within 24 Months of Conviction
4.1	Unlawfully operate a golf cart	\$250	\$500	\$750
6.6	Operate a Golf Cart without proof of Permit	\$250	\$500	\$750
8.2 (a)	Fail to stop for a Peace Officer	\$500	\$1,000	\$1,500
8.2 (b)	Fail to produce documents for inspection	\$250	\$500	\$750
8.2 (c)	Failing to remain stopped for a Peace Officer	\$500	\$1,000	\$1,500

Designated Highways Schedule

Scenic Sands

MacDonald Drive

Buffalo Drive

View Place

Poplar Drive

Whitetail Place

Range Road 21-1A within the NW-14-40-21-4

Buffalo Sands

Buffalo Lane

Aspen Crescent

Sunset Lane

Park Ridge Way

Buffalo Lake Meadows

St Georges Way

St. Georges Road

Vincent Way

Tim's Lane

Hill Close

Rochon Sands Estates

Buffalo Way

Pony Drive

Whitetail Close

Rochon Sands Heights

Choke Cherry Lane

Bay View Street

Marina Crescent

Marina Place

Marina View Close

Island View Close

Range Road 20-4 north of Bay View Street and South of Township Road 40-4

