

CITY OF MERRITT

BYLAW 2424

A BYLAW RESPECTING THE ENFORCEMENT OF BYLAW NOTICES PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT BYLAW NOTICE ENFORCEMENT ACT.

The Council for the City of Merritt in open meeting assembled enacts the following:

Citation

1. This Bylaw shall be cited as the “**Bylaw Notice Enforcement Bylaw No. 2424, 2026**”.

Definitions

2. In this Bylaw:
 - a) Act means the *Local Government Bylaw Notice Enforcement Act*;
 - b) City means the City of Merritt;
 - c) Registry means the City of Merritt Bylaw Notice Adjudication Registry established pursuant to section 8 of this Bylaw.

Terms

3. Terms in this Bylaw have the same meaning as the terms defined in the Act.

Bylaw Contraventions

4. The Bylaws and bylaw contraventions designated in Schedule A may be enforced by bylaw notice.

Period for Paying or Seeking Dispute Adjudication

5. A person who receives or is presumed to have received a bylaw notice must, within 14 days of the date on which the person received or is presumed to have received the bylaw notice,
 - a. Pay the penalty in accordance with the bylaw notice; or,
 - b. Request dispute adjudication in respect of the allegation made in the bylaw notice in accordance with the instructions on the bylaw notice.

Seeking Dispute Adjudication

6. A person who wishes to seek dispute adjudication in relation to a bylaw notice must complete the appropriate portion of the bylaw notice and deliver it, either in person, by email, or by mail

to the Municipality, within 14 days of the date on which the person received or is presumed to have received the bylaw notice.

Penalty

7. The penalty for a contravention referred to in Section 4 is as follows:
 - a. subject to paragraphs b. to d., is the Penalty amount set out in Column A1 of Schedule A;
 - b. if received by the City within 14 days of the person receiving or being presumed to have received the notice, is the Early Payment Penalty set out in column A2 of Schedule A;
 - c. if more than 28 days after the person received or is presumed to have received the bylaw notice, is subject to a late payment surcharge in addition to the penalty under paragraph a., and is the Late Payment Penalty set out in column A3 of Schedule A; or,
 - d. if paid under a compliance agreement, may be reduced as provided under column A5 of Schedule A.

Bylaw Notice Dispute Adjudication Registry

8. The Registry is established as a bylaw notice dispute adjudication system in accordance with the Act to resolve disputes in relation to bylaw notices and to monitor and administer bylaw notices, compliance agreements and requests for adjudication of bylaw notices.
9. The address of the Registry is: PO Box 189, 2185 Voght Street, Merritt, BC V1K 1B8
10. Every person who is unsuccessful in a dispute adjudication in relation to a bylaw notice or a compliance agreement under the dispute adjudication system established under this bylaw must pay the Municipality an additional fee of \$25.00 for the purpose of the Municipality recovering the costs of the Registry.

Screening Officers

11. The position of screening officer is established.
12. The following are designated classes of persons that may be appointed as screening officers:
 - a. Director of Corporate Services
 - b. Deputy Corporate Officer
 - c. Committee Clerk
 - d. Clerk Typist
 - e. Development Services Clerk

Powers, Duties and Functions of Screening Officers

13. The powers, duties and functions of screening officers include the following:

- a. to communicate information respecting the nature of the contraventions, the provision of the bylaw contravened, the facts on which the contravention allegation is based, the penalty for a contravention, the opportunity, if any, to enter into a compliance agreement, the opportunity to proceed to the bylaw notice dispute adjudication system and the fee or fees payable in relation to the bylaw notice enforcement process;
- b. to communicate with any or all of the following for the purposes of performing their functions under this bylaw or the Act:
 - i) the person against whom a contravention is alleged or their representative;
 - ii) the officer issuing the notice;
 - iii) the complainant or their representative;
 - iv) the Municipality's staff;
 - v) any roster organization or adjudicator.
- c. to prepare and enter into compliance agreements, where permitted pursuant to section 14, with persons who dispute bylaw notices, including to establish terms and conditions for compliance that the Screening Officer considers necessary or advisable, including time periods for payment of penalties and compliance with the bylaw;
- d. to cancel bylaw notices in accordance with the Act or the Municipality's policies and guidelines.

Compliance Agreements

- 14. The bylaw contraventions in relation to which a Screening Officer may enter into a compliance agreement are indicated in column A4 of Schedule A.
- 15. The maximum duration of a compliance agreement is one year.

Bylaw Enforcement Officers

- 16. Persons acting as any of the following are designated as bylaw enforcement officers for the purposes of this bylaw and the Act:
 - a. Sworn members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police;
 - b. Director of Corporate Services;
 - c. Deputy Corporate Officer;
 - d. Bylaw Enforcement Officers;
 - e. Building Inspectors;
 - f. Local assistants to the fire commissioner under section 6 of the *Fire Safety Act*; and,
 - g. Any other person acting in another capacity on behalf of the City for the purpose of enforcement of one or more of its bylaws.

Other Methods of Enforcement

- 17. Nothing herein shall limit the City from enforcing any of the bylaws referred to herein in any other manner authorized by law.

Form of Bylaw Notice

18. The City may from time to time provide for the form or forms of the bylaw notice, provided the bylaw notice complies with the Act.

Severability

19. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or schedule of this bylaw is for any reason held to be invalid by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, the invalid portion shall be severed, and the decision shall not affect the validity of the remainder of this bylaw.

Schedule

20. The following schedule is attached to and forms part of this bylaw:

Schedule A – Designated Bylaw Contraventions and Penalties

READ A FIRST TIME this	7 th day of July 2026
READ A SECOND TIME this	7 th day of July 2026
READ A THIRD TIME this	7 th day of July 2026
ADOPTED this	21 st day of July, 2026

Michael Goetz
Mayor

Linda Brick
Corporate Officer

Schedule A to Bylaw No. 2424

	Bylaw Section	A1 Penalty	A2 Discounted Penalty within 14 days	A3 Late Payment: After 28 days	A4 Compliance Agreement Available
Animal Control Bylaw No. 2241, 2018					
Dog or other animal found at large	6	\$100.00	\$50.00	\$125.00	No
Animal in prohibited playground or sports field	7	\$100.00	\$50.00	\$125.00	No
Failure to dispose of excrement in a sanitary manner	8	\$50.00	\$25.00	\$75.00	No
Keeping animal or cat suffering from any infectious or contagious disease	9	\$300.00	\$225.00	\$375.00	No
Keeping an animal or cat in a vehicle or enclosure without sufficient ventilation and adequate measures	10	\$450.00	\$375.00	\$500.00	No
Harbouring more than 2 dogs	11	\$200.00	\$150.00	\$250.00	No
Harbouring more than 2 cats	12	\$200.00	\$150.00	\$250.00	No
Harboring a prohibited animal	13	\$200.00	\$150.00	\$250.00	No
Not providing basic care	14	\$300.00	\$225.00	\$375.00	No
No dog licence	15	\$200.00	\$150.00	\$250.00	No
Failure to renew dog licence	16	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$125.00	No
Failure to attach dog licence tag	17	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$125.00	No
Failure to replace a lost, destroyed or mutilated dog licence tag	19	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$125.00	No
Failure of a dog owner to notify of a change of address	21	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$125.00	No
Failure to ensure a tied, secured, or tethered dog has adequate freedom or access to shelter and water	23	\$300.00	\$225.00	\$375.00	No
Unattended tethering	24a	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$125.00	No
Choke or Pinch Collar	24b	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$125.00	No
Pet in Extreme Weather	24c	\$450.00	\$375.00	\$500.00	No
Removal of an animal from the animal control facility without the consent of a bylaw officer	48	\$450.00	\$375.00	\$500.00	No
Failure to keep hens within the listed provisions	50a,50b , 50c	\$200.00	\$150.00	\$250.00	No
Failure to maintain sanitary conditions	51a	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$125.00	No
Keeping diseased hens	51b	\$200.00	\$150.00	\$250.00	No
Unauthorized slaughtering	51c	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$125.00	No
Illegal sale of eggs	51d	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$125.00	No
Neglect in care	51e	\$200.00	\$150.00	\$250.00	No
Hen Enclosure Violation	52a, 52b, 52c,	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$125.00	No

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	52d, 52e				
Failure to possess a valid beekeeping permit	53	\$200.00	\$150.00	\$250.00	No
Failure to adhere to bee regulations	57,58a,58b,58c	\$200.00	\$150.00	\$250.00	No
Release of Pigeons	59 i, 59 ii	\$400.00	\$350.00	\$500.00	No
	Bylaw Section	A1 Penalty	A2 Discounted Penalty within 14 days	A3 Late Payment: After 28 days	A4 Compliance Agreement Available
Business Licence Bylaw No. 2268, 2019					
Operating without a business licence	4.1	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$150.00	Yes
Conducting business within an area outside of where the Bylaw permits	5.1	\$75.00	\$50.00	\$100.00	No
Exhibit, sell, or display goods beyond one (1) meter of the retail premise	5.3	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$125.00	No
Exhibit, sell or display goods in a way that impedes pedestrian traffic	5.3	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$125.00	No
Calling at a residence between 8:00pm and 9:00am without a previous appointment	5.6	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$125.00	No
Failure to maintain required comprehensive general liability insurance for a public market	6.2a	Invalidates Business License			No
Failure to display or have a business licence on their person	11.1	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$125.00	No
	Bylaw Section	A1 Penalty	A2 Discounted Penalty within 14 days	A3 Late Payment: After 28 days	A4 Compliance Agreement Available
Good Neighbour Bylaw No. 2387, 2024					
Obstruct or interfere with a Bylaw Services Officer	4.1 or 20.2	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	No
Cause or permit noise or sound	7.1a	\$200.00	\$150.00	\$250.00	No
Allow or permit noise or sound	7.1b	\$200.00	\$150.00	\$250.00	No
Allow an animal or bird to cry or make sounds	7.2b	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$125.00	No
Operate a public address system without a permit	7.2c	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$125.00	No
Make construction noise outside of permitted hours	8.1	\$200.00	\$150.00	\$250.00	No
Make construction noise without approval outside of permitted hours	8.2	\$200.00	\$150.00	\$250.00	No
Cause or permit an unsightly property	10.1	\$100.00 for 1 st offence \$250.00 for 2 nd offence \$450.00 for	\$75.00 for 1 st offence \$200.00 for 2 nd offence \$375.00 for	\$125.00 for 1 st offence \$300.00 for 2 nd	Yes

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		3 rd offence	3 rd offence	offence \$500.00 for 3 rd offence	
Cause or permit unsanitary, offensive or unwholesome substances or objects	10.2a	\$100.00 for 1 st offence \$250.00 for 2 nd offence \$450.00 for 3 rd offence	\$75.00 for 1 st offence \$200.00 for 2 nd offence \$375.00 for 3 rd offence	\$125.00 for 1 st offence \$300.00 for 2 nd offence \$500.00 for 3 rd offence	Yes
Accumulate standing water	10.2b	\$100.00 for 1 st offence \$250.00 for 2 nd offence \$450.00 for 3 rd offence	\$75.00 for 1 st offence \$200.00 for 2 nd offence \$375.00 for 3 rd offence	\$125.00 for 1 st offence \$300.00 for 2 nd offence \$500.00 for 3 rd offence	Yes
Accumulate noxious weeds	10.2c	\$100.00 for 1 st offence \$250.00 for 2 nd offence \$450.00 for 3 rd offence	\$75.00 for 1 st offence \$200.00 for 2 nd offence \$375.00 for 3 rd offence	\$125.00 for 1 st offence \$300.00 for 2 nd offence \$500.00 for 3 rd offence	Yes
Permit Graffiti	10.2d	\$100.00 for 1 st offence \$250.00 for 2 nd offence \$450.00 for 3 rd offence	\$75.00 for 1 st offence \$200.00 for 2 nd offence \$375.00 for 3 rd offence	\$125.00 for 1 st offence \$300.00 for 2 nd offence \$500.00 for 3 rd offence	Yes
Storage of more than 2 unlicensed motor vehicles	10.2e	\$100.00 for 1 st offence \$250.00 for 2 nd offence \$450.00 for 3 rd offence	\$75.00 for 1 st offence \$200.00 for 2 nd offence \$375.00 for 3 rd offence	\$125.00 for 1 st offence \$300.00 for 2 nd offence \$500.00	Yes

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Accumulation of motor vehicle or mechanical parts	10.2f	\$100.00 for 1 st offence \$250.00 for 2 nd offence \$450.00 for 3 rd offence	\$75.00 for 1 st offence \$200.00 for 2 nd offence \$375.00 for 3 rd offence	\$125.00 for 1 st offence \$300.00 for 2 nd offence \$500.00 for 3 rd offence	Yes
More than one recreational vehicle	10.2g	\$100.00 for 1 st offence \$250.00 for 2 nd offence \$450.00 for 3 rd offence	\$75.00 for 1 st offence \$200.00 for 2 nd offence \$375.00 for 3 rd offence	\$125.00 for 1 st offence \$300.00 for 2 nd offence \$500.00 for 3 rd offence	Yes
Permit infestation of insects or rodents	10.2h	\$100.00 for 1 st offence \$250.00 for 2 nd offence \$450.00 for 3 rd offence	\$75.00 for 1 st offence \$200.00 for 2 nd offence \$375.00 for 3 rd offence	\$125.00 for 1 st offence \$300.00 for 2 nd offence \$500.00 for 3 rd offence	Yes
Failure to remove snow or ice from a residence	11.1	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$125.00	No
Failure to remove snow, ice or rubbish from roof	11.2	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$125.00	No
Failure to remove snow or ice from a commercial or industrial location	11.3	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$125.00	No
Deposit snow, ice or rubbish on City highway	11.4	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$125.00	No
Failure to maintain boulevard or laneway	12.1	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$125.00	No
Failure to maintain groundcover or plants	12.1a	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$125.00	No
Failure to keep property clear	12.1b	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$125.00	No
Deposit, cause, suffer or permit garden or vegetation waste	12.1c	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$125.00	No
Failure to remove rubbish	13.1	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$125.00	No
Hedge or tree encroachment	14.1	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$125.00	No
	Bylaw Section	A1 Penalty	A2 Discounted Penalty within 14 days	A3 Late Payment: After 28 days	A4 Compliance Agreement

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					Available
Traffic Bylaw 1930, 2006					
Obey Commands	304	\$100.00	\$50.00	\$110.00	No
Damage to Devices	303	\$250.00	\$225.00	\$500.00	No
Damage to Sidewalks	308	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$125.00	No
Blocking Intersections	309	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$125.00	No
Vehicle Wheels Violation	310	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$125.00	No
Truck Route Violation	311	\$200.00	\$150.00	\$250.00	No
Load Limit Violation	312	\$200.00	\$150.00	\$250.00	No
Vehicle Size Violation	313	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$125.00	No
Traffic and Load Restriction Violation	314	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$125.00	No
Cycle Violation	316	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$125.00	No
Driving on Bikeway violation	317	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$125.00	No
Skating on Sidewalks	326	\$100.00	\$50.00	\$125.00	No
Time Limit Violation	502	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$125.00	No
Controlled Parking Violation	503	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$125.00	No
Parking Gap Violation	504	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$125.00	No
Lane Parking Violation	505	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$125.00	No
Prohibited Parking	506	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$125.00	No
Limited Parking Area Violation	507	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$125.00	No
Parking Distance Violation	508	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$125.00	No
Double Parking	509	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$125.00	No
Trailer Parking Violation	510	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$125.00	No
School and Playground Zone Violation	511	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$125.00	No
Loading Zone Violation	512	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$125.00	No
Bus Stop Zone Violation	513	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$125.00	No
Physically Disabled Parking Violation	514	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$125.00	No
Weight Restrictions Violation	516	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$125.00	No
Unauthorized Vehicle Violation	517	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$125.00	No
Failure to Provide Physically Disabled Parking	518	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$125.00	No
Drainage Violation	601	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$125.00	No
Littering	602	\$100.00	\$50.00	\$125.00	No
Construction on Highway Violation	603	\$200.00	\$150.00	\$250.00	No
Impeding Traffic Damage to Highways	604	\$200.00	\$150.00	\$250.00	No
Noise and Advertising Violation	605	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$125.00	No
Trees Over Highway	606	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$125.00	No
Structures over Highways	607	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$125.00	No
Property Access Violation	610	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$125.00	No
	Bylaw Section	A1 Penalty	A2 Discounted Penalty within 14 days	A3 Late Payment: After 28 days	A4 Compliance Agreement Available
City of Merritt Solid Waste Collection, Disposal and Control Bylaw No. 2183, 2015					
Solid Waste Receptacle Regulation Violation	5.2, 5.3, 5.4, 5.5,	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$125.00	No

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	5.9, 5.10, 5.11, 5.12				
Curbside Collection Regulation Violation	6.4, 6.5, 6.6, 6.7	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$125.00	No
Disposal of Waste Violation	10.1, 10.2	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$125.00	No
	Bylaw Section	A1 Penalty	A2 Discounted Penalty within 14 days	A3 Late Payment: After 28 days	A4 Compliance Agreement Available
Waterworks Bylaw 2412, 2025					
Unapproved Water Service	7	\$450.00	\$375.00	\$500.00	No
Disturbing water main or hydrant	8	\$450.00	\$375.00	\$500.00	No
Illegal cooling system	12	\$450.00	\$375.00	\$500.00	No
Unauthorized water turn on/ turn off	41	\$450.00	\$375.00	\$500.00	No
Tamper with water meter	55	\$450.00	\$375.00	\$500.00	No
Watering Violation	62	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$125.00	No
Improper transfer or disposal of water	63	\$450.00	\$375.00	\$500.00	No
Illegal use of temporary water connection	64a, 64b, 64c	\$450.00	\$375.00	\$500.00	No
Illegal cross connection	66	\$450.00	\$375.00	\$500.00	No
Contamination of water system	67	\$450.00	\$375.00	\$500.00	No