

BY-LAW NUMBER 216

A BY-LAW OF THE SUMMER VILLAGE OF GOLDEN DAYS IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA TO REGULATE AND CONTROL THE USE AND OPERATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL RESERVE LANDS WITHIN THE SUMMER VILLAGE OF GOLDEN DAYS

WHEREAS the Council of the Summer Village of Golden Days considers it appropriate to regulate and control the use and operation of Environmental Reserve Lands within the Summer Village of Golden Days in order to ensure public safety and natural preservation;

NOW THEREFORE, the council of the Summer Village of Golden Days, in the Province of Alberta, duly assembled, enacts as follows:

1. This bylaw may be cited as the Environmental Reserve Bylaw.
2. In this bylaw:
 - a) "Environmental Reserve" means an environmental reserve, as defined under the Municipal Government Act, R.S.A. 2000, c. M-26, and amendments thereto;
 - b) "Off-highway Vehicle" means an off-highway vehicle as defined in the Off-highway Vehicle Act, R.S.A. 2000, Chapter 0-5, and amendments thereto;
 - c) "Peace Officer" means a peace officer as defined in the Traffic Safety Act and includes a Community Peace Officer.
 - d) "Person" means any person, individual, owner, public body, society, firm or partnership.
 - e) "Service Vehicle" means a vehicle, as defined in this by-law, used for the purpose of servicing lots within the various subdivisions, with such commodities as fuel, boat gas, propane, firewood, etc. Service Vehicle also means a fire truck, ambulance, water truck, delivery vehicle, etc., and a vehicle used to pump out sewage holding tanks and septic tanks.
 - f) "Summer Village," means the Summer Village of Golden Days;
 - g) "Vehicle" means vehicle as defined in the Traffic Safety Act.
3. No person shall deface or in any way disrupt the natural growth of any tree or plant life within an environmental reserve, except by hand-pulling weeds as identified in the Weed Control Act, R.S.A. 2000, Chapter W-5 and amendments thereto.
4. The cutting of brush or trees, or the damaging of natural growth is prohibited in or on any environmental reserve unless authorized in writing by the Summer Village.
5. Any action in or on any environmental reserve or in the opinion of the Summer Village of Golden Days, that is obnoxious, or in the opinion of the Summer Village of Golden Days, is a nuisance or prejudicial to the Summer Village or Summer Village residents is prohibited.
6. No person shall allow livestock in their possession to graze vegetation in any environmental reserve.
7. No signage shall be placed on, altered, or removed from environmental reserves, except through written authorization from the Summer Village.

8. No person in an environmental reserve shall tease, molest or injure any amphibian, reptile, bird, or mammal or throw any substance at or near such animals in such a way as causes, or is likely to cause, injury to any such animal.
9. No person shall transport any goods or property (chattels) over, or place and leave property upon, any environmental reserve without written authorization from the Summer Village; and further, any goods and property used for personal recreational purposes shall be removed from an environmental reserve prior to 11:00 p.m. and shall not be left within an environmental reserve overnight.
10. No structures or excavations, including tree houses and fences, but not limited to these structures, shall be placed in or on any environmental reserve.
11. No Person shall deposit waste of any nature or kind or store any personal property including vehicles or boats in or on any environmental reserve except as provided by Section 17.
12. No fires of any type are permitted in or on any environmental reserve.
13. No person, firm, agency or corporation shall advertise, promote or carry on commercial or rental sales within any environmental reserve.
14. The holding of any and all commercial amusements, entertainments, parades and spectator events is prohibited within an environmental reserve without first obtaining written authorization from the Summer Village.
15. No person shall operate, drive or abandon a vehicle, an off-highway vehicle, or a service vehicle within or upon any environmental reserve unless it is (i) a service vehicle responding to an emergency, (ii) a service vehicle for which there is no other reasonable access to the subdivision lot that requires the respective service and that necessary access is conducted in the most direct and least damaging manner, or (iii) any type of vehicle that is, from time to time, crossing directly across the environmental reserve from a private lot to the lakeward side of the environmental reserve and its crossing is conducted in the most direct and least damaging manner.
16. No person shall conduct any digging, excavation, or building operations within or upon any environmental reserve unless they have written authorization from the Summer Village.
17. Boat lifts, docks and associated equipment may be stored in an unobtrusive manner on environmental reserves subject to the following conditions:
 - (a) Storage must be done on grassed areas in such a manner as public access to the lake is not blocked or impaired.
 - (b) Vegetation including brush or trees must not be damaged to clear areas for such storage.
 - (c) All lifts and docks must be clearly marked with the owner's residential street address for identification. Any unmarked equipment may be considered abandoned and will be removed and disposed.
 - (d) All stored lifts and docks must be removed during the period of June 15th and September 1st of each year.
 - (e) Long term storage is prohibited in or on an environmental reserve.
18. Boat and trailer permanent storage is prohibited at all times in or on an Environmental Reserve.
19. The provisions of this Bylaw do not apply to actions and operations of the Summer Village or persons acting upon the instructions of the Summer Village in respect to any activities within environmental reserves.

20. Enforcement:

Any person who contravenes any provision of this Bylaw either by doing something which he is prohibited from doing or failing to do something which he is required to do is guilty of an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding \$5,000.00, exclusive of costs; or in default of payment of the fine and costs of the committal, to imprisonment for a period not exceeding six months or until such time as the fine and costs of restoration works or other ordered activities are sooner completed.

21. This Bylaw comes into force on the third and final reading.

Read a first time this 14^h day of November, 2013.

Read a second time this 19th day of February, 2014.

Read a third time and finally passed this 19th day of June, 2014.



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Summer Village of Golden Days



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