

NUISANCE ABATEMENT BYLAW
THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF BRITANNIA NO. 502
BYLAW NO. 19-2025

A BYLAW TO PROVIDE FOR THE ABATEMENT OF NUISANCES

The council for the Rural Municipality of Britannia No. 502 in the Province of Saskatchewan enacts as follows:

1. Citing

1.1 This Bylaw may be cited as the "The Rural Municipality of Britannia No. 502 - Nuisance Abatement Bylaw No.19-2025".

2. Purpose

2.1 The purpose of this Bylaw is to provide for the abatement of nuisances, including property, activities, or things that adversely affect:

- a) the safety, health or welfare of people in the neighbourhood;
- b) people's use and enjoyment of their property; or
- c) the amenity of a neighbourhood.

3. Definitions

3.1 In this Bylaw:

- a) "Designated Officer" means an employee or agent of the Municipality appointed by Council to act as a municipal inspector for the purposes of this Bylaw;
- b) "building" means a building within the meaning of *The Municipalities Act*;
- c) "Municipality" means the Rural Municipality of Britannia No. 502;
- d) "Council" means the Council of the Rural Municipality of Britannia No. 502;
- e) "junked vehicle" means any automobile, tractor, truck, trailer or other vehicle that either:
 - i) (1) has no valid license plates attached to it; or
(2) is in a rusted, wrecked, partly wrecked, dismantled, partly dismantled, inoperative or abandoned condition; and
 - ii) is located on private land, but that:
 - (1) is not within a structure erected in accordance with any Bylaw respecting the erection of buildings and structures in force within the Municipality; and
 - (2) does not form a part of a business enterprise lawfully being operated on that land;
- f) "nuisance" means a condition of property, or a thing, or an activity, that adversely affects or may adversely affect:
 - i) the safety, health or welfare of people in the neighbourhood;
 - ii) people's use and enjoyment of their property; or
 - iii) the amenity of a neighbourhood and includes:
 - (1) an incomplete building or structure;
 - (2) a building in a ruinous or dilapidated state of repair;
 - (3) an unoccupied building that is damaged and is an imminent danger to public safety;
 - (4) a building that is boarded or placarded for a period exceeding 90 calendar days;
 - (5) land that is overgrown with grass and weeds;
 - (6) untidy and unsightly property;
 - (7) junked vehicles; and
 - (8) open excavations on property;
- g) "occupant" means an occupant as defined in *The Municipalities Act*;
- h) "owner" means an owner as defined in *The Municipalities Act*;
- i) "property" means land or buildings or both;
- j) "sharp object" means any item, material, or object with an edge, point or surface capable of inflicting a wound, puncture, or cut, including but not limited to glass, metal, plastic, or ceramic items that have been discarded, abandoned, or left in a

manner that creates a safety risk to the public, property, or environment. This includes but is not limited to, broken glass, discarded needles, metal debris, plastic debris, razors, nails and other items that pose a threat to public safety.

- k) "structure" means anything erected or constructed, the use of which requires temporary or permanent location on, or support of, the soil, or attached to something having permanent location on the ground or soil; but not including pavements, curbs, walks or open-air surfaced areas.

4. Responsibility

- 4.1 Unless otherwise specified, the owner of a property, including land, buildings and structures, shall be responsible for carrying out the provisions of this Bylaw.

5. Nuisances Prohibited Generally

- 5.1 No person shall cause or permit a nuisance to occur on any property owned by that person.

6. Dilapidated Buildings

- 6.1 Notwithstanding the generality of section 5, no person shall cause or permit a building or structure to deteriorate into a ruinous or dilapidated state such that the building or structure:

- a) is dangerous to the public health or safety;
- b) substantially depreciates the value of other land or improvements in the neighbourhood; or
- c) is substantially detrimental to the amenities of the neighbourhood.

7. Unoccupied Buildings

- 7.1 Notwithstanding the generality of section 5, no person shall cause or permit an unoccupied building to become damaged or to deteriorate into a state of disrepair such that the building is an imminent danger to public safety.

8. Overgrown Grass and Weeds

- 8.1 Notwithstanding the generality of section 5, no owner or occupant of land shall cause or permit the land to be overgrown with grass or weeds.

- 8.2 For the purposes of this section 8 of this bylaw, "overgrown" means in excess of 0.20 metres in height.

- 8.3 Section 8 of this bylaw shall not apply to any growth which forms part of a natural garden that has been deliberately planted to produce ground cover, including one or more species of wildflowers, shrubs, perennials, grasses or combinations of them, whether native or non-native, consistent with a managed and natural landscape other than regularly mown grass.

9. Untidy and Unsightly Property

- 9.1 Notwithstanding the generality of section 5, no person shall cause or permit any land or buildings to become untidy and unsightly.

10. Junked Vehicles

- 10.1 Notwithstanding the generality of section 5, no person shall cause or permit any junked vehicles to be kept on any land owned by that person.

- 10.2 Temporary parking for repair or restoration may be allowed for repair or restoration provided the vehicle is not visible from public roadways or neighboring properties and is removed or restored within a reasonable timeline. Restrictions as per zoning areas shall be:

- 10.2.1 Hamlet: no more than 1 vehicle, must be a minimum of 3 metres from property line.

- 10.2.2 Country Residential 1 & Country Residential 2: no more than 1 vehicle.

- 10.2.3 Farm Residential: no more than 4 vehicles.

11. Open Excavations

11.1 Notwithstanding the generality of section 5, no person shall cause or permit any basement, excavation, drain, ditch, watercourse, pond, surface water, swimming pool or other structure to exist in or on any private land or in or about any building or structure which is dangerous to the public safety or health.

12. Maintenance of Yards

12.1 Notwithstanding the generality of section 5, no person shall cause or permit on any property owned by that person:

- a) an infestation of rodents, vermin or insects;
- b) any dead or hazardous trees; or
- c) any sharp or dangerous objects.

13. Outdoor Storage of Materials

13.1 Any building materials, lumber, scrap metal, boxes or similar items stored in a yard shall be neatly stacked in piles and elevated off the ground so as not to constitute a nuisance or harbourage for rodents, vermin and insects.

13.2 Materials referred to in section 15 shall be elevated at least 0.15 metres off the ground and shall be stacked at least 3.0 metres from the exterior walls of any building and at least 1.0 metre from the property line.

14. Refrigerators and Freezers

14.1 Any refrigerator or freezer left in a yard shall first have its hinges, latches, lid, door or doors removed.

15. Fences

15.1 Fences shall be maintained in a safe and reasonable state of repair.

15.1.1 Old or damaged fencing whether fully or partially erected, is to be removed.

15.1.2 In cases where fencing materials or sections are deemed dangerous or hazardous to the public, they must be removed immediately, or temporary barriers must be erected until such removal can occur.

15.1.3 Any discarded fencing materials, including broken or unused sections of fence, nails, screws, and other associated debris must be removed from the property. These materials shall not be left in a manner that obstructs walkways, roadways, or other public spaces.

16. Enforcement of Bylaw

16.1 The administration and enforcement of this bylaw is hereby delegated to the Administrator for the Rural Municipality of Britannia No. 502.

16.2 The Administrator of Rural Municipality of Britannia No. 502 is hereby authorized to further delegate the administration and enforcement of this bylaw.

17. Inspections

17.1 The inspection of property by the Municipality to determine if this bylaw is being complied with is hereby authorized.

17.2 Inspections under this Bylaw shall be carried out in accordance with section 362 of *The Municipalities Act*.

17.3 No person shall obstruct a Designated Officer who is authorized to conduct an inspection under this section, or a person who is assisting a Designated Officer.

18. Order to Remedy Contraventions

18.1 If a Designated Officer finds that a person is contravening this bylaw, the Designated Officer may, by written order, require the owner or occupant of the property to which the contravention relates to remedy the contravention.

18.2 Prior to performing any work to comply with an order, the owner must apply for and obtain, all permits and approvals required by law for the work.

18.3 All work necessary to comply with an order shall be carried out in good workman like manner in accordance with industry standards and good construction practices.

18.4 Orders given under this bylaw shall comply with section 364 of *The Municipalities Act*.

18.5 Orders given under this bylaw shall be served in accordance with section 390 of *The Municipalities Act*.

19. Registration of Notice of Order

19.1 If an order is issued pursuant to section 18, the Municipality may, in accordance with section 364 of *The Municipalities Act*, give notice of the existence of the order by registering an interest against the title to the land that is the subject of the order.

20. Appeal of Order to Remedy

20.1 A person may appeal an order made pursuant to section 18 in accordance with section 365 of *The Municipalities Act*.

21. Municipality Remedying Contraventions

21.1 The Municipality may, in accordance with section 366 of *The Municipalities Act*, take whatever actions or measures are necessary to remedy a contravention of this bylaw.

21.2 In an emergency, the Municipality may take whatever actions or measures are necessary to eliminate the emergency in accordance with the provisions of section 367 of *The Municipalities Act*.

22. Recovery of Unpaid Expenses and Costs

22.1 Any unpaid expenses and costs incurred by the Municipality in remedying a contravention of this bylaw may be recovered either:

- a) by civil action for debt in a court of competent jurisdiction in accordance with section 368 of *The Municipalities Act*; or
- b) by adding the amount to the taxes on the property on which the work is done in accordance with section 369 of *The Municipalities Act*.

23. Offences and Penalties

23.1 No person shall:

- a) fail to comply with an order made pursuant to this bylaw;
- b) obstruct or interfere with any Designated Officer or any other person acting under the authority of this bylaw; or
- c) fail to comply with any other provision of this bylaw; or
- d) remove, deface or destroy an order issued pursuant to *The Municipalities Act* and this Bylaw.

24. Notices of Violation

24.1 A Designated Officer who has reason to believe that a person has contravened any provision of this bylaw may serve on that person a Notice of Violation. The Notice of Violation shall indicate that the Municipality will accept voluntary payment in the sum as shown on Schedule "A", to be paid to the Municipality within 30 days.

- a) Where the Municipality receives voluntary payment of the amount prescribed under section 24 within the time specified, the person receiving the Notice of Violation shall not be liable to prosecution for the alleged contravention.
- b) Payment of any Notice of Violation does not exempt the person from enforcement of an order pursuant to section 18 of this bylaw.
- c) Every person who contravenes any provision of section 23 is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction:
 - i. a fine in the amount set out in Schedule "B"; or

ii. where a fine is not specified in Schedule “B”, to a fine in the amount provided for in *The Municipalities Act*.

25. Repeal of Former Bylaws

25.1 Nuisance Abatement Bylaw No. 16-2018 and all amendments thereto are hereby repealed.

26. Coming Into Force

26.1 This bylaw shall come into force on the day of its final passing.



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Administrator

Read a third time and adopted
this 13 day of August, 2025

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Administrator

SCHEDULE "A"
VOLUNTARY PAYMENT AMOUNTS
NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Bylaw Section	Contravention	1st Notice of Violation	2nd Notice of Violation	3rd and subsequent Notices of Violation
5	General Nuisance	\$150	\$200	\$250
6	Dilapidated Building	\$150	\$200	\$250
7	Unoccupied Building	\$150	\$200	\$250
8	Overgrown grass and weeds	\$150	\$200	\$250
9	Untidy and Unsightly property	\$150	\$200	\$250
10	Junked Vehicle	\$150	\$200	\$250
11	Open Excavation	\$150	\$200	\$250
12	Maintenance of Yard	\$150	\$200	\$250
13	Outdoor Storage	\$150	\$200	\$250
14	Fridges and Freezers	\$150	\$200	\$250
15	Fences	\$150	\$200	\$250
23 (a)	Failure to comply with an order	\$150	\$200	\$250
23 (d)	Deface, destroy or remove an order	\$150	\$200	\$250



SCHEDULE "B"
FINES ON CONVICTION

Bylaw Section	Contravention	Fine on 1st Conviction	Fine on 2nd Conviction	Fine on 3rd Conviction	Fine on 4th and Subsequent Convictions
5	General Nuisance	\$250	\$300	\$350	Established by the Court
6	Dilapidated Building	\$250	\$300	\$350	Established by the Court
7	Unoccupied Building	\$250	\$300	\$350	Established by the Court
8	Overgrown grass and weeds	\$250	\$300	\$350	Established by the Court
9	Untidy and Unsightly property	\$250	\$300	\$350	Established by the Court
10	Junked Vehicle	\$250	\$300	\$350	Established by the Court
11	Open Excavation	\$250	\$300	\$350	Established by the Court
12	Maintenance of Yard	\$250	\$300	\$350	Established by the Court
13	Outdoor Storage	\$250	\$300	\$350	Established by the Court
14	Fridges and Freezers	\$250	\$300	\$350	Established by the Court
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