

Excerpts of Applicable Legislation – Unsightly Premises, Orders and Review

The City of Fort Saskatchewan relies on the following legislation to govern unsightly premises within our City.

1. The Municipal Government Act Sections 9 & 10 gives Municipalities authority to pass Bylaws.

9. The power to pass bylaws under this Division is stated in general terms to

(a) give broad authority to councils and to respect their right to govern municipalities in whatever way the councils consider appropriate, within the jurisdiction given to them under this or any other enactment, and

(b) enhance the ability of councils to respond to present and future issues in their municipalities.

10. (1) In this section, "specific bylaw passing power" means a municipality's power or duty to pass a bylaw that is set out in an enactment other than this Division, but does not include a municipality's natural person powers.

2. Our Community Standards Bylaw Section 7 Unsightly Premises outlines:

(a) Accumulation of Materials

(i) No Owner or Occupant of a Premises shall allow on the Premises the accumulation of yard material, animal remains, parts of animal remains, animal feces, any material that creates unpleasant odors or is likely to attract Pests, or disassembled machinery, equipment and appliances and parts thereof;

(ii) No Owner or Occupant of a Premises shall allow the open or exposed storage on the premises of any industrial fluid;

(iii) No Owner or Occupant of a Premises shall allow loose garbage, bottles, cans, boxes, packaging materials, household furniture or other household goods to accumulate on the Premises such that the accumulation is visible to a person viewing from outside the property.

The process to Appeal and Order is defined as:

Section 19. Appeals

(a) A Person who receives a written Order to comply with a Section pursuant to this Bylaw may by written notice within fourteen (14) days after the date the Order is received, request Council to review the Order.

(b) After reviewing the Order, Council may confirm, vary substitute or cancel the Order.