



**VILLAGE OF VETERAN
BYLAW NO. 568-26
RESIDENTIAL SURVEILLANCE AND PRIVACY BYLAW**

BEING A BYLAW of the Village of Veteran in the Province of Alberta to regulate residential surveillance and protect the privacy of residents.

WHEREAS pursuant to the provisions of the Municipal Government Act, RSA 2000, c. M-26, as amended, a municipality may pass bylaws for the safety, health, and welfare of people and the protection of people and property;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Village of Veteran deems it desirable to regulate the use of residential surveillance equipment to ensure the privacy and enjoyment of neighbouring properties;

AND WHEREAS the collection, use, and disclosure of personal information is governed in part by the Personal Information Protection Act, SA 2003, c. P-6.5, as amended;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Village of Veteran, in the Province of Alberta, duly assembled, hereby enacts as follows:

1. TITLE

This Bylaw may be cited as the “Residential Surveillance and Privacy Bylaw.”

2. DEFINITIONS

(a) **“Surveillance Equipment”** means any camera, video device, or system capable of capturing images or audio recordings;

(b) **“Private Residential Area”** means any dwelling, backyard, deck, patio, or other area where a person has a reasonable expectation of privacy;

(c) **“Development Authority”** means the authority appointed by the Village of Veteran to administer land use and development matters;

(d) **“Owner”** means the registered owner or occupant of the property;

(e) **“Personal Information”** has the same meaning as defined in the *Personal Information Protection Act* (Alberta).

3. GENERAL PROVISIONS

- (a) A person may install and operate surveillance equipment for the purpose of monitoring their own property;
 - (b) Surveillance equipment shall be installed and operated in a manner that respects the privacy of neighbouring properties;
 - (c) All surveillance equipment shall be used in compliance with the *Personal Information Protection Act* (Alberta), as amended;
 - (d) Where surveillance equipment captures areas accessible to others, reasonable notice of such surveillance shall be provided.
-

4. DIRECTION OF CAMERAS

- (a) No person shall install or operate surveillance equipment that is primarily directed beyond the boundaries of their property;
 - (b) No person shall intentionally direct surveillance equipment toward:
 - (i) a neighbouring dwelling;
 - (ii) windows or doors of another residence;
 - (iii) enclosed backyards or other private residential areas;
 - (c) Surveillance equipment shall be positioned such that the majority of its field of view is directed at the owner's property.
-

5. INCIDENTAL CAPTURE

Surveillance equipment may capture portions of neighbouring property only where such capture is incidental and unavoidable.

6. MOUNTING AND HEIGHT RESTRICTIONS

- (a) No person shall install or operate surveillance equipment mounted above the roofline of a residential building;
- (b) No person shall install surveillance equipment on a mast, pole, or structure that extends above the roofline;

(c) Notwithstanding subsections (a) and (b), a Development Permit may be issued at the discretion of the Development Authority where:

- (i) the installation is required for legitimate security purposes; and
 - (ii) the equipment is demonstrably directed only at the owner's property.
-

7. PROHIBITED USE

No person shall use surveillance equipment to:

- (a) harass or intimidate another person;
 - (b) continuously monitor a neighbouring property;
 - (c) record private conversations to which they are not a party.
-

8. ENFORCEMENT

(a) A Bylaw Enforcement Officer or the Development Authority may investigate any complaint under this Bylaw;

(b) Where a violation is found, the Officer may order:

- (i) repositioning of the equipment;
 - (ii) installation of privacy masking;
 - (iii) removal of the equipment.
-

9. OFFENCE AND PENALTY

(a) Any person who contravenes any provision of this Bylaw is guilty of an offence;

(b) A person who commits an offence is liable upon summary conviction to a fine as set out by Council in "Scheule A".

10. SEVERABILITY

If any portion of this Bylaw is declared invalid, the remainder shall remain in force.

11. ENACTMENT

This Bylaw shall come into force upon third and final reading and is signed.

READ a first time this 21st day of April, 2026

READ a second time this 21st day of April, 2026

READ a third time and finally passed this 21st day of April 2026

Jerry Wipf
Mayor

Nichole Grocock
Chief Administrative Officer

SCHEDULE “A”

FINES

- **First Offence: \$100**
- **Second Offence (within one year): \$250**
- **Third Offence (within one year of second offence): \$500**