

BY-LAW NO. 1629
OF THE TOWN OF FORT MACLEOD
IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

Being a Bylaw of the Town of Fort Macleod to regulate Panhandling.

WHEREAS, the practice of panhandling has been identified as a significant social and safety concern;

AND WHEREAS, public awareness and outreach programs to promote alternative income generating or support options are available for panhandlers;

AND WHEREAS, a bylaw regulating panhandling is a required part of this coordinated approach to ameliorate the negative impact of panhandling activities;

NOW THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FORT MACLEOD ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. This bylaw may be cited as the "Panhandling Bylaw".
2. In this Bylaw:
 - a) "panhandling" means the personal, verbal and direct solicitation by a person of gratuitous donations of money, food or goods of any kind from any member of the public, but, does not include a solicitation allowed or authorized pursuant to the Charitable Fund Raising Act, S.A. 1995 c.4.5;
3. No person shall engage in panhandling within ten (10) metres of the following:
 - a) the entrance to a bank, credit union, trust company or other financial institution where cash can be withdrawn, or
 - b) an automated teller machine or other device from which cash can be electronically accessed, or
 - c) retail business, including grocery store, convenience store, liquor store.
4. No person shall engage in panhandling between the hours of 8:00p.m. and 8:00a.m.
5. No person shall engage in panhandling from any person who, at the time, is an occupant of a motor vehicle.
6. No person shall continue to engage in panhandling, otherwise permitted by this bylaw, with a person who has refused or declined the solicitation.
7. No person shall, while engaging in panhandling, move to obstruct the passage of, walk next to, or follow the person being solicited.
8. Any person who contravenes any provision of this bylaw is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine of not more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.), and in default of payment to imprisonment for a term not exceeding one (1) year.
9. By-Law No. 1534 of the Town of Fort Macleod is hereby rescinded.
10. This bylaw comes into force on the day it is passed.

READ A FIRST TIME THIS 22 DAY OF OCTOBER 2001 A.D.

MAYOR

MUNICIPAL MANAGER

READ A SECOND TIME THIS 22 DAY OF OCTOBER 2001 A.D.

MAYOR

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READ A THIRD TIME AND FINALLY DECLARED PASSED BY COUNCIL THIS 22

DAY OF OCTOBER 2001 A.D.

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