

CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF PETROLIA
BY-LAW NUMBER 20-2025

**A By-Law of the Corporation of the Town of Petrolia to provide for regulation of
Traffic & Parking in the Town of Petrolia.**

WHEREAS the Corporation of the Town of Petrolia has previously provided regulation for Traffic and Parking regulation through Chapter 826 of the Petrolia Municipal Code as adopted on 13th day of July, 1997 through By-Law 47-1992, as amended; and

WHEREAS Part III, the *Municipal Act*, S.O. 2001 Chapter 25, as amended provides for specific municipal powers in relation to highways; and

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Petrolia deems it expedient to rescind in whole Chapter 826 of the Petrolia Municipal Code By-law 47- 1992 and to pass a new By-law regulating traffic and the parking of motor vehicles within the limits and municipal highways of the Town of Petrolia; and

WHEREAS the *Municipal Act*, S.O. 2001 Chapter 25, as amended, Sec 11 refers to spheres of jurisdiction respecting matters on Highways, including parking and traffic on highways and parking on public or private property. Permitting By-Laws to prohibit the parking or leaving of motor vehicles on private or municipal property without consent;

WHEREAS by Part IV, Section 55 of *The Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019*, S.O. 2019 c. 1, schedule 1, as amended; A municipality may appoint persons to enforce the by-laws of the municipality. Municipal by-law enforcement officers appointed under this section are peace officers for the purpose of enforcing municipal by-laws.

NOW THEREFORE the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Petrolia enacts as follows:

DEFINITIONS

1. In this By-Law,
 - a) **"ATV"** means an all-terrain vehicle and for the purpose of this By-Law includes all off-road motorized vehicles (ORV);
 - b) **"Boulevard"** means that portion of every highway between the boundaries of the highway and the roadway, excluding sidewalks and driveways;
 - c) **"Bus"** means a motor vehicle designed for carrying ten or more passengers and used for the transportation of persons;
 - d) **"By-law Enforcement Officer"** means a duly appointed By-law Enforcement Officer for the Town of Petrolia and includes a police officer;
 - e) **"Commercial motor vehicle"** means a motor vehicle having attached thereto a truck or delivery body and includes ambulances, hearses, casket wagons, fire apparatus, buses, and tractors used for hauling purposes on the highway;
 - f) **"Corner"** means the point of intersection of curbs or edges of the portion of the highway used for vehicular traffic;
 - g) **"Council"** means the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Petrolia;

- h) **"Dangerous goods"** means any product, substance or organism included by its nature or by the regulations in any of the classes listed in the schedule to the Dangerous Goods Transportation Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chap. D.1 as amended from time to time;
- i) **"Derelict vehicle"** means any inoperable vehicle or one that has an improper or expired vehicle license plate;
- j) **"Driveway"** means an ingress and egress point of access for vehicles from the roadway onto a private property;
- k) **"Front yard"** means the open area of a parcel of land between a building and a highway;
- l) **"Gross weight"** means the combined weight of vehicle and load;
- m) **"Heavy traffic"** means the use of a highway by a vehicle, object or contrivance for moving loads having a gross weight, including the vehicle, object or contrivance, in excess of five tons;
- n) **"Highway"** means a publicly designated road allowance, including but not limited to a common and public highway, street, alley, avenue parkway, driveway, square, place, bridge, viaduct or trestle, designed and intended for or used by the general public for the passage of pedestrians and vehicles;
- o) **"Intersection"** means the area embraced within the prolongation or connection of the lateral curb lines, or, if none, then of the lateral boundary lines of two or more highways that joint one another at an angle, whether or not one highway crosses the other;
- p) **"Park or parking"** when prohibited, means the standing of a vehicle, whether occupied or not, except when standing temporarily for the purpose of and while actually engaged in loading or unloading merchandise or passengers;
- q) **"Pedestrian"** means any person going on foot including a person in a wheelchair or stroller;
- r) **"Police officer"** means a member of a police force of the Ontario Provincial Police;
- s) **"Roadway"** means the part of the highway that is improved, designed or ordinarily used for vehicular traffic but does not include the shoulder, and where a highway includes two or more separate roadways, the term "roadway" refers to any one roadway separately and not to all of the roadways collectively;
- t) **"Sidewalk"** means that portion of a highway between the curb lines, or the lateral lines of a roadway and the adjacent property lines, intended for the use of pedestrians;
- u) **"Stand or standing"** when prohibited means the halting of a vehicle, whether occupied or not, except for the purpose of and while actually engaged in receiving or discharging passengers;
- v) **"Stop or stopping,"** when prohibited, means a complete cessation of movement, even momentarily, whether occupied or not, except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with the directions of a constable or other police officer or of a traffic control sign or signal;
- w) **"Street"** means a Highway;

- x) **"Through highway"** means a highway or part of a highway designated as such by the Minister of Transportation or by by-law of the Council; every such highway shall be marked by a stop sign or yield right-of-way sign in compliance with the regulations of the Ministry of Transportation;
- y) **"Town"** means the Corporation of the Town of Petrolia.
- z) **"Traffic"** includes pedestrians, ridden or herded animals, vehicles and other conveyances, either singly or together while using any street for the purpose of travel;
- aa) **"Traffic control device"** means any sign or roadway, curb or sidewalk marking, or other device erected or placed under the authority of the Municipal Council for the purpose of guiding or directing traffic;
- bb) **"Traffic signal"** means any device manually, electrically or mechanically operated for the regulation of traffic;
- cc) **"Trailer"** means a vehicle that is at any time drawn upon a highway by a motor vehicle, except an implement of husbandry, a mobile home, another motor vehicle or any device or apparatus not designed to transport persons or property, temporarily drawn, propelled or moved upon such highway, and except a sidecar attached to a motorcycle and shall be considered a separate vehicle and not part of the motor vehicle by which it is drawn;
- dd) **"U-turn"** means to turn a vehicle within a roadway so as to proceed in the opposite direction;
- ee) **"Vehicle"** includes a motor vehicle, trailer, traction engine, farm tractor, roadbuilding machine and any vehicle drawn, propelled or driven by any kind of power, including muscular power, but does not include a motorized snow vehicle or the cars of electric or steam railways running only upon rails;

OBEDIENCE TO TRAFFIC REGULATIONS

- 2. By-law Enforcement Officer to Enforce By-law
 - a) The By-law Enforcement Officer of the Town of Petrolia shall enforce this By-law and may engage the Ontario Provincial Police for aid and advice.
- 3. Obedience of Traffic Signs and Signals
 - b) Every person shall promptly obey all signals given either by a Police Officer, By-law Enforcement Officer, or by a traffic control device or a traffic signal.

PARKING RESTRICTIONS

- 4. Method of Parking
 - a) Parallel - No person shall be permitted to park a vehicle on any street unless
 - i. Parking on the right-hand side of the street, in the direction in which the vehicle had been proceeding; and
 - ii. unless the right front and right rear wheels or runners are parallel to and distant respectively not more than fifteen centimetres from the edge of the roadway; and
 - iii. provided that this provision shall not apply where angle parking is specifically permitted in this By-law, and
 - iv. appropriate signs have been erected and are on display;

- b) Angle - Where angle parking is permitted, no person shall park a vehicle except at an angle of forty-five degrees to the edge of the roadway with the front end of the vehicle at the edge of the roadway.
 - c) Wrong Direction – No person shall be permitted to park a vehicle in a direction that goes against the flow of traffic.
5. Parking without Consent
- a) If official signs are erected specifying conditions or regulating or prohibiting the parking of a vehicle, no person shall park or leave a contrary to such signage.
 - b) If there are pavement markings specifying where a vehicle may be parked or left, no person shall park or leave a vehicle contrary to those pavement markings.

6. Parking Prohibited – Vehicles

No Parking in Unposted Locations:

- a) No person shall park a vehicle in any of the following places:
 - i. On a sidewalk or on any road, boulevard or driveway so as to obstruct a sidewalk;
 - ii. In front of a public or private driveway;
 - iii. Within an intersection;
 - iv. Within 30 metres approaching and 30 meter preceding a light controlled crosswalk;
 - v. Within 3.1 metres of a point on the curb or edge of the roadway nearest any fire hydrant;
 - vi. On any street in such a manner as to obstruct traffic;
 - vii. In such a position as will prevent the convenient removal of any vehicle previously parked or left standing;
 - viii. On any boulevard.
 - ix. On any paved shoulder intended to be used as a recreational trail or multi-use path;
 - x. In contravention of an official sign, temporarily or permanently posted, including one indicating "no parking," or where heavy trucks are prohibited;
 - xi. Within eight (8) metres of the entrance to a Fire hall, or in a fire route;
 - xii. In an area marked as being an accessible zone;
 - xiii. In the front yard of any residential property that is not designated as a driveway.
 - xiv. No person shall leave any vehicle parked on a highway for a period of more than forty-eight (48) consecutive hours.
 - xv. No person shall park a vehicle facing the opposite direction of the legal flow of traffic for that side of the highway.
 - xvi. No person shall park a vehicle on top of a crosswalk marking.

In Specified Times:

- b) To not impede with the clearing of snow or any winter control operation by or on behalf of The Corporation of the Town of Petrolia:
 - i. No person shall park or leave a vehicle on a highway during the hours of 11:00 p.m. through to 5:00 a.m. from November 15 to April 1 each year.
 - ii. In the event of a predicted snowfall event outside of November 15 to April 1 each year, where the anticipated snow fall is greater than 5.08 cm, residents shall remove their vehicles from all highways, the Town of Petrolia will make best efforts to remind residents of this policy by providing notice through social media, and the Town website when a snow storm is predicted
 - iii. Should an event arise where it is deemed unsafe ie: consumption of alcohol, to move a parked vehicle during the times noted in 6 a) i & ii, a person may contact

by-law enforcement at inspect@county-lambton.on.ca to advise. It is recommended that should a resident be hosting an event where this may be likely, that the resident contact the Clerks Department in advance to advise.

- c) Petrolia Line (County Rd 4)
 - i. No person shall park on Petrolia Line between the intersection of Oil Heritage Road (County Rd 21) and Oozloffsky Street for any period of time longer than four (4) hours.
 - ii. No person shall park or leave a vehicle on Petrolia Line during the hours of 11:00 p.m. through to 5:00 a.m.

Petrolia Farmers' Market

- d) To not impede the operation of the Petrolia Farmers Market:
 - i. No person shall park or leave a vehicle in the Municipal Parking Lot at the Farmers' Market located behind the Petrolia Library between Fletcher and Station Streets between 11:00 p.m. on any given Friday to 11:00 pm on any given Saturday from the 2nd Friday in May to the 3rd Saturday in October, and the 1st Friday and Saturday in December.
 - ii. Or otherwise posted.

7. Parking Prohibited - Commercial Motor Vehicles

- a) No person shall park a commercial vehicle more than 6.1 metres in length on any municipal road allowance or upon any lands owned or leased by the Corporation of the Town of Petrolia except for the following;

- i. Commercial motor vehicles greater than 6.1 meters shall be permitted to park on James Street between the Eureka Street intersection to the Centre Street intersection at any time up to a maximum two-hour time limit.
- ii. Commercial motor vehicles greater than 6.1 meters shall be permitted to park within areas designated and signed as commercial loading zones at any time up to a maximum two-hour time limit provided, they are delivering or picking up from adjacent businesses.

- b) No person shall park a commercial motor vehicle that carries dangerous goods on any municipal road allowance or upon any lands owned or leased by the Corporation of the Town of Petrolia. Should there be a requirement for an exception a person may apply forty-eight (48) hour in advance to the Municipal Clerk for consideration.

8. Parking Prohibited - Derelict Vehicles

- a) No person shall at any time park a derelict vehicle on any highway in the Town of Petrolia.

9. Parking Prohibited – Marine Vehicles, Commercial Trailer, Recreational Trailer

- a) No person shall park a marine vehicle, commercial trailer, camping trailer or other recreational trailer on a Town or County highway at any time, when not attached to a legally parked licensed vehicle.

OPERATION OF VEHICLES

10. Funeral and Other Processions

- a) No person shall intersect a funeral or other properly authorized procession while it is in motion, except under the direction of a police officer;
- b) The driver of a vehicle in a funeral or other procession shall drive as near to the right-hand

edge of the roadway as practicable and follow the vehicle ahead as close as is practicable and safe.

11. Detours and Closed Roads

- a) No person shall operate a vehicle on streets under construction or reconstruction where appropriate signage has been erected and are on display indicating the road is closed to traffic.

12. ATV's

- a) ATV's and all off-road motorized vehicles (ORV) are prohibited from all Municipal Road allowances, highways, Municipal Parks and public property.

HEAVY TRUCK TRAFFIC

13. Heavy truck traffic is prohibited on all highways, when signage indicating such has been erected and on display.

- a) The provisions of this Part shall not extend to use of the said highway or parts of highway(s) for:
 - i. deliveries to, or removals from, any premises abutting thereon;
 - ii. Ambulances, police or fire department vehicles;
 - iii. A privately owned vehicle driven to or from the owner's residence abutting thereon;
 - iv. Tradesmen or other general contractors engaged in their business or trade tentatively at the premises;
 - v. Vehicles engaged in works undertaken for or on behalf of the Corporation of the Town of Petrolia.

PARKING RESTRICTIONS IN MUNICIPAL PARKS

14. No vehicle, marine vehicle, commercial trailer, camping trailer or other recreational trailer shall be parked at any Town of Petrolia Park between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. EST.

SIGNAGE

15. Placement and Management of Official Signs

- a) Where reference is made in this By-law to signage, the posting of such signs is hereby authorized to be completed by the Director of Operations;
- b) No person shall move, remove, interfere with or deface any signage;
- c) No person shall erect or maintain any sign or facsimile thereof which may conflict or be confused with an official sign;
- d) No person shall erect or maintain any unauthorized sign marking or other device attempting or purporting to control or regulate traffic or parking.

16. Placement and Management of Stop Signs

- a) The Director of Operations shall establish where new stop signs shall be erected within new subdivisions.
- b) Where there is an existing intersection the Director of Operations shall be responsible for maintaining current stop signs as erected and establish should any additions to an existing controlled intersection be required i.e.: establishing a four-way stop.

17. Requesting a sign

- a) A member of the public wishing to request the erection of an official or stop sign may do so by completing a signage request form and providing to the Director of Operations. The Director of Operations shall have final authority and decision.

18. No Stopping

- a) No person shall stop a vehicle or any part of a vehicle where an official "No Stopping" sign has been erected.
- b)

ENFORCEMENT

19. General Penalty

- a) This By-law may be enforced by any enforcement officer;
- b) Enforcement officers are hereby authorized to enforce the provisions of this by-law on the highways within the municipality that are under the jurisdiction and control of the Town of Petrolia;
- c) Except as otherwise expressly provided by this By-law or the Highway Traffic Act, every person is guilty of an offense and is subject to the provisions of the Provincial Offences Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapt. P. 33, as amended if they:

- i. contravene any provision of this By-law; or
- ii. are the owner of a vehicle that is parked or stopped in contravention of this By-law;

20. Illegally Parked Vehicles

- a) Where a vehicle has been parked or stopped in contravention of this By-law, the owner of the vehicle, notwithstanding that they were not the driver of the vehicle at the time of the contravention of this By-law, is guilty of an offence and is liable to the fine prescribed unless, at the time of the offence, the vehicle was in possession of some other person without the owner's consent, the proof of which rests on the owner of the vehicle.

21. Parking Infraction Notice

- a) Where a vehicle is found parked in contravention of the provisions of this By-law, the By-law Enforcement Officer finding the vehicle, shall serve a parking infraction notice as provided for in the Provincial Offences Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapt. P. 33, as amended.
- b) The parking infraction notice shall allow for the addition of an administration fee.

22. Tow Away Provisions, Impounding of objects, vehicles on highway

- a) Under Sec 63 (1) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended, a municipality that has passed a by-law for prohibiting or regulating the placing, stopping, standing or parking of an object or vehicle on or near a highway, may provide for the removal and impounding or restraining and immobilizing of any object or vehicle placed, stopped, standing or parked on or near a highway in contravention of the by-law.
- b) Subsection 170 (15) of the *Highway Traffic Act* may also apply.
- c) In addition to any other penalties provided for in this By-law, any By-law Enforcement Officer, upon discovering a vehicle parked or stopped in contravention of this By-law, may cause it to be moved or taken to and placed or stored in a suitable place.

- i. Any and all costs and charges for removing, care and storage thereof, if any, are a lien upon the vehicle, which may be enforced in the manner provided by the Repair and Storage Liens Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter. R. 25, as amended,
- ii. No person, except under the authority of a By-law Enforcement Officer, shall move or take a motor vehicle from its place of storage or impoundment until all costs and charges constituting a lien upon the motor vehicle under this By-law have been paid.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

23. Deviation from Forms

- a) Where a form and or words or expressions are prescribed in any schedule to this By-law, deviations therefrom not affecting the substance or calculated to mislead shall not invalidate such forms, words, or expressions or any parking infraction notice in which they appear.

24. Conflict with Highway Traffic Act

In the event of conflict between the provisions of this By-law and the *Highway Traffic Act*, the provisions of the *Highway Traffic Act* prevail.

TITLE, INTERPRETATION AND SEVERABILITY

25. INTERPRETATION:

- a) Wherever a word is used in this By-law with its first letter capitalized, the term is being used as it is defined in Part I of this By-law. Where any word appears in ordinary case, the commonly applied English language meaning is intended.
- b) Wherever a word defined in Part I of this By-law is used in the form of a noun, verb, adverb or adjective, it shall be interpreted as having a corresponding defined meaning even if it is in ordinary case.
- c) All words importing the singular shall include the plural, and words importing the masculine gender shall include the feminine, and the converse of the foregoing also applies, unless the context of the By-law requires otherwise.

26. SEVERABILITY:

- a) If any section or portion of this By-Law and/or schedules is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, it is the intend of Council for the Corporation of the Town of Petrolia that all remaining sections and portions of this By- Law and/or schedules continue in force and effect;

27. EXEMPTIONS:

- a) This By-Law shall not apply to:
 - i. The Municipality and its employees, agents or contractors carrying out their duties on behalf of the Municipality; and
 - ii. Any Police Officer, carrying out police activities.

28. EFFECTIVE DATE:

- a) That this by-law shall come into force and effect upon approval of the set fines affixed hereto as Schedule "A", from the Ontario Court of Justice (Provincial Division).

29. REPEAL:

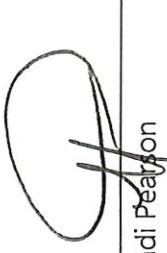
- a) All By-Laws and motions of Council found to be inconsistent with the Provisions found in this By-Law shall be and are Hereby Repealed, including Chapter 826 of By-Law 47-1992 "The Municipal Code".

30. THAT schedule "A" attached hereto form part of this by-law; and

By-Law read a First and Second Time this 9th day of June 2025
By-Law read a Third Time and Finally Passed this 9th day of June 2025



R. Brad Loosley
Mayor



Mandi Pearson
Director of Legislative Services, Clerk |
Deputy Operations

I, Mandi Pearson, Director of Legislative Services | Clerk |
Deputy Operations of the TOWN OF PETROLIA, hereby certify
the foregoing to be a true copy of

By-law 20-2025 passed by the
Council of the Town of Petrolia on the
9th day of June, 2025



Director of Legislative Services | Clerk | Deputy Operations

**By-Law 20-2025
Schedule "A"
Town of Petrolia - Traffic & Parking**

Part II Provincial Offences Act
SET FINE SCHEDULE

Item	COLUMN 1 Short form wording	COLUMN 2 Provisions creating or defining the offence	COLUMN 1 Set Fine
1	Park vehicle on an improper angle	4 b)	\$30.00
2	Park vehicle in the wrong direction	4) c)	\$30.00
3	Park on sidewalk or on any road, boulevard or driveway so as to obstruct a sidewalk	6 a) i)	\$30.00
4	Park in front of public or private driveway	6 a) ii)	\$30.00
5	Park within an intersection	6 a) iii)	\$30.00
6	Park at intersection within 30 metres approaching and 30 metres preceding a light controlled crosswalk	6 a) iv)	\$30.00
7	Park within 3.1 metres of fire hydrant	6 a) v)	\$100.00
8	Park obstructing traffic	6 a) vi)	\$30.00
9	Park preventing the removal of another vehicle	6 a) vi)	\$30.00
10	Park on any boulevard	6 a) viii)	\$30.00
11	Park prohibited by posted sign	6 a) x)	\$30.00
12	Park - Heavy Truck prohibited	6 a) x)	\$50.00
13	Park in space temporarily posted "no parking"	6 a) x)	\$30.00
14	Park within 8 metres of entrance to fire hall	6 a) xi)	\$100.00
15	Park in a fire route	6 a) xi)	\$30.00
16	Park in accessible zone	6 a) xii)	\$30.00
17	Park beyond 48 consecutive hours	6 a) xiv)	\$40.00
19	Park overtop of a marked crosswalk	6 a) xvi)	\$30.00
19	Park on any paved shoulder intended to be used as a recreational trail or multi-use path	6 a) ix)	\$30.00
20	Park on any highway from November 15 – April 1 between the hours of 11:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. EST	6 b) i)	\$40.00
21	Park on any highway during a predicted snowfall April 2 to November 14, between the hours of 11:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. EST	6 b) ii)	\$40.00

22	Park in excess of 4 consecutive hours on Petrolia Line	6 c) i)	\$40.00
23	Park overnight between the hours of 11:00 p.m. – 5:00 a.m. EST	6 c) ii	\$40.00
24	Park on Petrolia Line between the hours of 11:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. EST	6 c) ii)	\$40.00
25	Park in the Petrolia Farmer's Market lot outside of permitted hours	6 d) i)	\$40.00
26	Park commercial vehicle in excess of 6.1 metres	7 a)	\$30.00
27	Park in any commercial loading zone over the two-hour time limit or for any purpose other than delivering or picking up from adjacent businesses	7 a) i)	\$30.00
28	Park a commercial vehicle carrying dangerous goods	7 b)	\$100.00
29	Park a trailer not attached to a vehicle	9 a)	\$30.00
30	Operate an ATV or ORV on a municipal or County highway	12 a)	\$50.00
31	Park in any Municipal Park between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. EST	14)	\$30.00
32	Administrative Fee	21 b)	\$20.00

Note: the general penalty provision for the offences listed above is section 61 of the Provincial Offences Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P. 33, as amended

I, Mandi Pearson, Director of Legislative Services I Clerk I
Deputy Operations of the TOWN OF PETROLIA, hereby certify
the foregoing to be a true copy of
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Director of Legislative Services I Clerk I Deputy Operations