

Private Property

No person shall park a vehicle on private property without the consent of the owner or other person in charge of the property. (\$50.00 fine)

Trailers

Unattached holiday trailers can only be parked on the street up to 24 hours for the purposes of loading and unloading. Trailers that are not holiday trailers can not be left unattached on a highway in the City of Medicine Hat. (\$50.00 fine)

Vehicles for Sale

It is prohibited to park any vehicle on a "highway" that has a "For Sale" displayed on it. (\$57.00 fine)

Other Prohibitions

It is prohibited to park:

- On a sidewalk or boulevard;
- On or within 5 metres of a crosswalk;
- Within 5 metres of a stop, yield sign or fire hydrant;
- On the roadside of another vehicle parked at the curb or edge of a roadway;
- An unattended vehicle on a jack;
- More than 500 mm from the right curb or edge of roadway (wrong side of road);
- In a manner that takes up more than one marked stall.
(\$57.00 fine)



When can a vehicle be towed?

A vehicle can be towed anytime a Police Officer or Bylaw Enforcement Officer/Community Peace Officer has reasonable and probable grounds to believe a parking offence has occurred.

Can my neighbour park on the street in front of my residence?

Yes. The street in front of your residence is not just for your parking. As long as the person parking the vehicle abides by all other rules of the road there is no offence for someone parking in front of your residence.

When and where can I pay for my parking ticket?

Parking tickets can be paid at the Police Service or at City Hall during normal business hours. There is also a drop box at the Police Service and City Hall for payment of your tickets outside normal hours. Exact change is required if using the drop box for payment.

Are parking ticket fines reducible?

There are some fines for offences under City of Medicine Hat Bylaw 2434 which are reducible for prompt payment. Fines for parking in a Handicapped zone, parking on private property, obstruction of another vehicle or fines under the Traffic Safety Act or its Regulations are not reducible at all.

Medicine Hat Police Service

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Information about Parking Offences

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Parking Laws



Parking in the City of Medicine Hat is regulated by both City of Medicine Hat Bylaws and the Traffic Safety Act of Alberta.

What is a Highway?

The City of Medicine Hat Traffic Bylaw and the Traffic Safety Act often refer to a “highway”. The definition of “highway” includes any thoroughfare, street, road, trail, avenue, driveway, lane, alley, bridge, sidewalk and ditch.

Who can enforce the laws?

All members of the Police Service as well as the Bylaw Enforcement Officers/Community Peace Officers have full powers to enforce all parking offences in the City of Medicine Hat, whether regulated by bylaws or Provincial statutes. The City of Medicine Hat also contracts out enforcement in some commercial and residential areas that have high volumes of traffic to enforce parking offences under the Traffic Bylaw. Private property owners can also contract or hire security

personal that can be authorized to enforce certain parking offences under City of Medicine Hat Bylaws.

Abandoned Vehicles

A vehicle may be considered abandoned if it is parked on a highway or on any public or private property for a continuous period exceeding 72 hours. (\$230.00 fine)

Alleys

A private passenger vehicle can park in an alley for up to 5 minutes and a commercial vehicle can park in an alley for up to 30 minutes provided they do not obstruct the passing of another vehicle or use of the alley by pedestrians. (\$50.00 fine)

Commercial Vehicles

Large commercial trucks with a GVW of over 6500 kgs, including semi tractors, are not allowed in a residential area unless they are picking up or delivering goods. Operators of these vehicles are prohibited from parking them on their property without a permit from the Planning Department. Parking or operation of these units off designated truck routes may also be a violation. (\$500.00 fine)

Driveways

No person shall park within 1.5 metres of a private driveway. (\$57.00 fine)



Expired License Plates

It is prohibited to park a vehicle on the highway that has expired or is displaying expired license plates. (\$230.00 fine)

Handicapped Parking Areas

No person shall stop or park a vehicle in a parking place designated for persons with a disability unless a handicapped permit is displayed on the vehicle and the vehicle is operated by, or is being used to transport, a person with a disability. (\$100.00 fine)

Loading Zones

A private passenger vehicle can park in a loading zone for up to 5 minutes to load and unload passengers. A commercial vehicle can park in a loading zone for up to 30 minutes for purposes of loading and unloading goods. (\$50.00 fine)

Obstruction

No person shall park in such a manner as to block, obstruct, impede or hinder the access or egress of any other vehicle. (\$50.00 fine)

Parking Contrary to Signs

Parking contrary to any sign indicating no parking or stopping, or over the time allowed is a violation. (\$50.00 or \$57.00 fine)