

City of Belleville

Report No: MBECS-2025-16

Meeting Date: June 23, 2025



To: Mayor and Members of Council
Department: Corporate Services
Staff Contact: Aggie Hill, Manager, By-Law Enforcement

Subject: Land Maintenance By-law - Set Fines

Recommendation:

That, pursuant to the Manager of By-law Enforcement's Report No. MBECS-2025-16, Land Maintenance By-law - Set Fines, Council approve the proposed set fines under the Provincial Offences Act for the Land Maintenance By-law.

And that the appropriate documentation be submitted to the Ministry of the Attorney General for approval.

Strategic Plan Alignment:

Community Health, Safety and Security

Background:

In conjunction with the adoption of the Land Maintenance By-law, set fines under the Provincial Offences Act are proposed to ensure enforceability and provide clear financial penalties for violations under the by-law. Short form wordings for various offences have been included, with a monetary fine that staff believe is costly enough to be considered a deterrent but is not high enough to be considered punitive.

Financial/Analysis:

The proposed set fines schedule is attached. The proposed fine schedule is designed to further support the costs of enforcement without significant impacts on current budget allocations. Revenue generated from fines will contribute to covering expenses and enhancing community educational initiatives. Provisions are in place to ensure fines are proportionate to the offence and in line with existing regional standards.

Over the past 5 years, no revenue has been generated from set fines under the Clean and Clear By-law and Littering By-law.

Set fines are not deployed as a mechanism for revenue generation. Instead, they serve as a critical tool to maintain compliance and uphold community standards when other measures are ineffective. Ultimately, preference will be given to remedial work with charges and fines reserved for multiple repeat violations. Based the identified approach, it is anticipated that revenue generation from set fines will be negligible.

The inclusion of a set fine schedule under the Provincial Offences Act will not be detrimental if the City transitions to an Administrative Monetary Penalty System (AMPS).

Conclusion:

By setting these predefined penalties, the City can ensure consistent enforcement, deter non-compliance, and promote a well-maintained community environment. Council approval of the fine schedule will aid in maintaining Belleville’s commitment to cleanliness and safety.

Attachments:

[DRAFT Land Maintenance Set Fines](#)

Reviewed by:

Brandon Ferguson, Director of Finance/Treasurer
Doug Irwin, City Clerk
Matt MacDonald, Chief Administrative Officer

Status:

Approved - 18 Jun 2025
Approved - 18 Jun 2025
Approved - 19 Jun 2025

City of Belleville
Part I Provincial Offences Act
By-law Number 2025-XXX: Land Maintenance By-law

Item	Short Form Wording	Provisions Creating or Defining Offence	Set Fine
1	Fail to Clear Land of Debris, Refuse, Waste	2.1	\$250
2	Create Health/Fire/Accident Hazard	2.2	\$350
3	Improper Composting: Unauthorized Container	2.3	\$150
4	Grass Exceeds 15cm	3.1	\$250
5	Permit Noxious Weeds	3.2	\$250
6	Naturalized Garden Exceeds 0.6m in Corner Sight Triangle	3.3	\$350
7	Fail to Maintain Naturalized Garden	3.4	\$250
9	Naturalized Garden Less Than 1m from Property Line	3.5	\$250
10	Vegetation Overhangs Public Property	3.6	\$300
11	Fail to Remove Standing Water	4.1	\$250
12	Park/Store Inoperable Vehicle	5.1	\$250
13	Throw/Dump/Place/Deposit Debris on Private Property	6.1	\$300
14	Throw/Dump/Place/Deposit Debris on City Property Without Consent	6.2	\$300
15	Fail to Remove Debris	6.3	\$150
16	Place Debris in Unauthorized Receptacle	6.4	\$150
17	Deliver/Place Unwanted Material	6.5	\$100
18	Obstruct an Officer	8.3	\$500

NOTE: The penalty provision for the offences indicated above is Section 10.4 of By-law 2025-XXX, a certified copy of which has been filed.