

Bylaw No. 7200, The Traffic Bylaw Update – Schedule No. 2 No Stopping

ISSUE

Bylaw No. 7200, The Traffic Bylaw, Clause 12 of Schedule No. 2, No Stopping states that drivers cannot stop “On any median”. A bylaw update is required to clarify that drivers should also not stop along any medians.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Standing Policy Committee on Transportation recommend to City Council:

1. That Schedule No. 2 in Bylaw No. 7200, The Traffic Bylaw be amended to clarify that drivers should not stop along any medians.
2. That the City Solicitor be requested to prepare the appropriate amendment to Bylaw No. 7200, The Traffic Bylaw.

BACKGROUND

The following sections of Bylaw No. 7200, The Traffic Bylaw are relevant.

Part IV – Stopping and Parking states:

“Method of Parking

10. (1) Subject to Subsections 10(2), 10(3) and 10(4), the operator of a vehicle shall not stop, or park the vehicle on any street other than parallel with the curb, and with the right hand wheels of the vehicle within 300mm of the edge of the curb and face the vehicle in the direction of the going traffic.
- (4) Upon one-way streets, the operator of a vehicle may park with the left side of the vehicle towards the curb on the left-hand side of the street providing the left-hand wheels of the vehicle are within 300mm of the edge of the curb.”

Schedule No. 2 states:

“No Stopping

12. On any median.”

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS

Street widths are designed to consider:

- travel lane widths to accommodate traffic flow;
- parking lanes depending on adjacent land use and street function; and
- medians to physically separate the opposing directions of traffic.

When vehicles are parked along a median, the street width is compromised from the intended design, affecting the operations of the street. It can also cause access issues for emergency and service vehicles.

Parking enforcement has had difficulty enforcing parking restrictions adjacent to medians under the current bylaw. Parking enforcement receives numerous requests for enforcement when drivers park along a median across from another parked vehicle, making the street too narrow for other drivers to get through.

To address the operational and enforcement issues, and to align with Section 10, Method of Parking of the Traffic Bylaw, the following amendment to Schedule No. 2 is recommended:

“No Stopping

12. On, or along any median, other than along a median in a cul-de-sac in areas designated as parking areas.”

A review of other jurisdictions is provided in Appendix 1. Other jurisdictions such as Regina, SK; Ottawa, ON; Toronto, ON; and Vancouver, BC have similar requirements in their bylaws.

The proposed recommendation has been discussed with Parking Services. Parking Services is supportive of the proposed update.

OTHER IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial, privacy, legal, social, or environmental implications identified.

NEXT STEPS

No actions or follow up is required.

APPENDICES

1. Review of Other Jurisdictions

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