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- A boulevard permit must be issued to a property owner prior to commencing any planting, soil excavation, or other work on the municipal boulevard.
- Depositing any debris or used items on a Saanich boulevard is prohibited.

More information regarding parking can be found in the Streets and Traffic Regulation Bylaw.



Regulation of Animals

Call CRD Animal Care Services 250-478-0624.

Does my dog require a licence and where can I purchase a Saanich dog licence?

- Licences are required for all dogs over the age of four months.
- Dog licences can be purchased or renewed online, purchased from the Cashier at the Saanich Municipal Hall, CRD Animal Care Services 250-478-0624, or from the CRD Animal Shelter.
- **Are dogs required to be leashed while on school grounds?**
- Yes, at all times.

Where are dogs prohibited in Saanich?

- Dogs are prohibited from the following areas year round: Swan Lake Christmas Hill Nature Sanctuary, Quick's Bottom.
- Dogs are prohibited from the following areas May-August inclusive: Cadboro Bay-Gyro Park and the public beach (except before 9 a.m. on any day), Whitehead Park, Cordova Bay Beach, Mount Douglas Park Beach.
- Dogs are prohibited in a fenced baseball field during the months of March to October inclusive.

More information regarding animals can be found in the Animals Bylaw.



Accessory Buildings

- Buildings or structures 10 m² (107.6 ft²) or greater require a building permit.
- The Zoning Bylaw identifies location, height, and lot coverage requirements for accessory buildings and structures specific to your property zone.
- Any building or structure in the rear yard of an RS zoned property that is less than 3 m² in area and less than 1.8 m (5.9 ft) in height are not subject to zoning/siting requirements.
- Contact the Planning Department prior to purchasing and erecting a portable shelter for permit and location requirements.

More information regarding accessory buildings can be found in the Zoning Bylaw.

WHO SHOULD YOU CALL?

Call Bylaw Enforcement 250-475-5456

Noise, noxious weeds, fence / hedge height, or siting vehicle storage / # of vehicles

Call Bylaw Enforcement (Parking Enforcement Division) 250-475-5431 parking@saanich.ca

(Hours: 06:00 am - 8:00 pm 7 days a week)

Streets & traffic / vehicles parking on street

Call the Planning Dept. 250-475-5471

Shed siting / property setbacks / secondary suites / garden suites

Call the Engineering Dept. 250-475-5575

Boulevard dumping / signs / maintenance

CRD Animal Care Services 250-478-0624



Saanich Bylaw Enforcement reserves the right to enforce all Municipal Bylaws in the best interest of public safety, quality and enjoyment of a neighbourhood and the community.



Frequently Asked Questions ABOUT BYLAW ENFORCEMENT



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Noise Suppression

What types of noises are prohibited by the Noise Suppression Bylaw?

- Any noise which disturbs the quiet of the neighbourhood including noises from animals or loud parties.
- Dogs barking or howling for more than 10 minutes.
- Boat motors with no muffling system.
- Noise from heat pumps or water pumps in a residential area - 50 decibels (7 a.m. - 10 p.m.) 45 decibels (10 p.m. - 7 a.m.)

What types of noises are exempt under the bylaw?

- Noises from construction activities between 7 a.m. and 9 p.m., Monday through Saturday.
- Noises from deliveries or collections in commercial or industrial zones between 6 p.m. and 9 p.m., Monday through Saturday and between 7 a.m. and 9 p.m. in all other zones.
- Noises from farming activities between 7 a.m. and 9 p.m. on any day.
- Noises from lawn mowers between 8 a.m. and 9 p.m. on any day.
- Noises caused by blasting or the operation of drills, compressors, etc. used to prepare land for blasting between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m, Monday through Saturday.

More information regarding noise abatement can be found in the Noise Suppression Bylaw.



Noxious Weeds

What are “Noxious Weeds” in Saanich?

- Wild Mustard (*Brassica spp.*)
- Canada Thistle (*Cirsium arvense*)
- Ox-Eye Daisy (*Leucanthemum vulgare*)
- Bindweed/Morning Glory (*Convolvulus and Calystegia spp.*)
- Wild Carrot (*Daucus carota*)
- Couchgrass/Quackgrass (*Elymus repens*)

More information regarding noxious weeds can be found in the Noxious Weeds Bylaw.

- Purple Loosestrife (*Lythrum salicaria*)
- Giant Hogweed (*Heracleum mantegazzianum*)
- Poison Hemlock (*Conium maculatum*)
- Garlic Mustard (*Alliaria petiolata*)
- Blessed Milk Thistle (*Silybum marianum*)
- Knotweeds (*Fallopia spp. and Polygonum spp.*)



Fences

- Generally, the maximum fence height of 1.9 m (6.2 ft) is permitted in a rear yard, with a maximum of 1.5 m (4.9 ft) in a front yard.
- Maximum fence height of 1 m (3.3 ft) for 9 m (29.53 ft) from the point of intersection is permitted in a front yard, on a corner lot.
- There is no restriction regarding the height of trees or hedges providing the trees or hedge do not cause a visual obstruction for vehicle or pedestrian traffic.
- Plantings, hedges and fences must not be located on municipal road allowance unless a permit has been issued by the Saanich Engineering Department.

More information regarding fencing can be found in the Zoning Bylaw.



Vehicle Storage

- No more than one unlicensed vehicle is permitted in a rear or side yard unless the vehicle is in a permitted garage or carport.
- No unlicensed vehicles are permitted in a front yard or on a vacant lot.
- All vehicle parts are to be stored inside a permitted garage or building.
- The parking or storage of a commercial vehicle which exceeds a gross vehicle weight of 4,200 kg (9,259 lbs) is not permitted to be stored on a residential property.

More information regarding the storage of unlicensed vehicles, vehicle parts and overweight commercial vehicles on private property can be found in the Zoning Bylaw.



Secondary Suites

- A maximum of six (6) unrelated persons are permitted to occupy a single family dwelling in Saanich.
- The use of a tent, trailer, motor vehicle, recreational vehicle, or accessory or agricultural building for lodging, sleeping, accommodation, or a residence is not permitted.
- Enforcement staff will investigate alleged illegal suites upon receipt of two (2) complaints from two (2) independent residents/owners within 100 m (328 ft) of the alleged suite.

More information regarding secondary suites can be found in the Zoning Bylaw.



Garden Suites

- The lot must be in an RS Zone.
- The lot must be in the Garden Suite Area (Sewer Service Area)
- The lot must be a minimum size of 400 m².
- The lot must be a minimum width of 12 m.
- The principal building on the lot must be a single family dwelling.
- There cannot be a secondary suite on the property.
- There is a two-step permit approval process with both the Planning and Inspections Departments before building work commences.

More information regarding garden suites can be found in the Zoning Bylaw and Garden Suite Development Permit Guidelines.



Parking

Parking Enforcement

If you would like to make a parking complaint, please contact the Parking Enforcement Division by phone at 250-475-5431 or by email at parking@saanich.ca. Parking Enforcement Officers are scheduled to be available between the hours of 6 a.m. and 8 p.m. every day of the week (Parking Enforcement Officers