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# County of Wetaskiwin No. 10

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## **RE: Recreational Vehicle Use within Mulhurst Bay**

At the August 11, 2016 Council for Planning and Economic Development meeting, Council directed Administration to send out an informational letter to the residents of Mulhurst Bay about Recreational Vehicle Use within the County of Wetaskiwin.

The following information applies to the current zoning of your property **«ADDRESS»** which is zoned **Country Residential**. A copy of the Country Residential District has been attached for your reference.

At the April 28, 2015 General Council meeting, Council approved Bylaw 2015/10, which has the following amendments to Bylaw 95/54 to address Recreational Vehicles within the County. (Ref Resolution No. CG20150428.1032 & CG20150428.1033)

Land Use Bylaw 95/54 amended by By-law 2015/10 states the following on Recreational Vehicles:

### **1.2 DEFINITIONS:**

***Recreational Vehicle*** means a mobile unit meant for use as temporary accommodation and includes, but is not limited to, holiday trailers, tent trailers, fifth-wheel trailers, truck campers, motor homes and park model trailers that do not meet Part 9 of the Alberta Building Code (ABC).

***Recreational Vehicle Use*** means the intermittent use of land (upon which there is no permanent dwelling) for the parking of one (1) Recreational Vehicle that is used as temporary accommodation for users engaged in recreational or seasonal pursuits.

***Recreational Vehicle (R.V.) Storage*** means the storage, outdoors or inside a permanent structure, of Recreational Vehicles. The maximum numbers of Recreational Vehicles allowed on a parcel of land for Recreational Vehicle (R.V.) Storage are as follow:

- (a) A parcel of land under five (5) acres = One (1) Recreational Vehicle;
- (b) A parcel of land of five (5) acres or more but less than ten (10) acres = Two (2) Recreational Vehicles; or

*c) A parcel of land of ten (10) acres or more = Three (3) Recreational Vehicles*

**Short Term Camping** means the use of land for the parking of a Recreational Vehicle that is used for no more than fourteen (14) consecutive days as temporary accommodation for users engaged in recreational or seasonal pursuits as outlined in Section 3.31 Recreational Vehicles. The maximum numbers of Recreational Vehicles allowed on a parcel of land at one time for Short Term Camping are as follows:

*(a) A parcel of land under twenty (20) acres = One (1) Recreational Vehicle;*

*and*

*(b) Recreation Resort Holdings, Mixed Recreation Residential or a parcel of land twenty (20) acres or more = Three (3) Recreational Vehicles.*

## **RECREATIONAL VEHICLES**

*3.31 Where the use complies with the maximum number of Recreational Vehicles set out in the respective definition of the use, and the use otherwise complies with all other provisions of this Bylaw, (Recreational Vehicle is subject to a 5 metre (16.5 feet) setback distance from any road or street abutting the property exempting back alleys). Recreational Vehicles may be authorized as follows:*

*(a) Short Term Camping is exempt from the requirement for a development permit in the following land use districts (Recreational Vehicles are subject to a 5 metre (16.5 feet) setback distance from any road or street abutting the property exempting back alleys):*

*(iii) Country Residential (subject to an existing approved dwelling)*

*(b) Recreational Vehicle (RV) Storage is exempt from the requirement for a development permit in the following land use districts (Recreational Vehicles are subject to a 5 metre (16.5 feet) setback distance from any road or street abutting the property exempting back alleys):*

*(iii) Country Residential*

*(c) Where there is no permanent dwelling on a parcel of land, Recreational Vehicle Use is a discretionary use in the following land use districts. The Development Authority may issue a development permit for Recreational Vehicle Use for a maximum of three years. If the landowner wants the use to continue, they must reapply for the use prior to the expiry of the permit. The development permit lapses and the Recreational Vehicle use must be removed when a new application is received which changes the use of the land:*

*(i) Lakeshore Residential*

*(ii) Wizard Lake Watershed*

*(iii) Recreational (subject to Section 9.6 Residential Use)*

*(iv) Watershed Protection (greater than 80 acres only)*

*(v) Severed Agricultural (greater than 80 acres only)*

\*Note that Country Residential is **not** listed.

*(d) Where there is no permanent dwelling on a parcel of land, Recreational Vehicle Use is a permitted use in the following land use districts:*

*(i) Recreational Resort Holdings*

*(ii) Mixed Recreation Residential*

\*Note that Country Residential is **not** listed.

*The development permit lapses and the Recreational Vehicle use must be removed when a new application is received which changes the use of the land.*

*(e) In the Country Residential (CR) and Restricted Country Residential (RCR) districts where there is no permanent dwelling on a parcel of land, the Development Authority may include a condition that approves Recreational Vehicle Use as a time limited Accessory Use provided the approval is given concurrently with the approval of a development permit for a Detached dwelling on the land. The conditional approval shall only be for the months of April thru October and will lapse after 12 months of the issuance of the development permit. In the event that construction of the Detached dwelling is not completed by the time the conditional approval for the Recreational Vehicle Use expires, the Recreational Vehicle must be removed from the land unless the Development Authority has approved a new development permit approving the ongoing use of the Recreational Vehicle as an Accessory Use to the Detached dwelling. The maximum number of Recreational Vehicle Use approvals shall be two (2).*

*(f) A Recreational Vehicle may NOT be augmented by an attached canopy, deck, lean-to or any other attached accessory building. Non-attached accessory buildings require a development permit.*

*(g) Sewage and wastewater systems, including holding tanks and onsite treatment are subject to approval from a Provincially Accredited Safety Codes Agency.*

*(h) Utility hookups are subject to approval from a Provincially Accredited Safety Codes Agency.*

**In Summary, Recreational Vehicle (RV) Use for Country Residential lots:**

- Only **one (1)** RV is permitted for Short Term Camping subject to an existing dwelling and **one (1)** RV is permitted for Storage on the lot at one time.
- If the RV is not occupied for Short Term Camping it is then considered as Storage, and only **one (1)** RV is permitted on the lot at a time for storage.
- Where there is no permanent dwelling on a lot, the Development Authority may include a condition that approves Recreational Vehicle Use as a time limited Accessory Use provided the approval is given concurrently with the approval of a development permit for a Detached dwelling.

*\*As per Land use Bylaw 95/54 if your lot is over 5 acres and under 10 acres you are allowed two (2) RV's on site for Storage. If your lot is over 10 acres you are allowed three (3) RV's on site for Storage.*

To view the County of Wetaskiwin No. 10 Land Use Bylaw 95/54 in its entirety please visit:  
<http://www.county.wetaskiwin.ab.ca/348/Land-Use-Bylaw>

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

### **What requires a Development Permit?**

A Development Permit is necessary for the construction and/or location of a building, location of Recreation Vehicle Use or the change of land use on a given property. Exceptions to this would be an accessory building less than 50 Sq. ft. (4.6 sq. metres) or patios and decks less than two (2) feet in height. Note: even though a Development Permit would not be required for patios and decks less than two feet in height, Municipal Safety Codes may require a building inspection and approval for a deck for structural and safety requirements.

### **Who enforces Restrictive Covenants?**

These covenants and controls are written and typically registered as an encumbrance on title by the Developer of the development or subdivision. The County does not enforce the provisions of these encumbrances. The County's Land Use Bylaw supersedes any related regulations within these encumbrances. An example being, setback requirements under the Land Use Bylaw whereby the County's setbacks would apply over those that may be under a covenant or control.

If you have further questions, please contact the Planning and Development Department by phone or email.

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### **3. COUNTRY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT (CR)**

*(Amended by By-law 2008/08)*

#### **3.1 Purpose**

The purpose of the district is to allow for the subdivision and development on poor agricultural land of non-farm dwellings compatible with adjacent land uses.

#### **3.2 Permitted Uses**

- (a) Detached dwelling
- (b) Accessory building or use
- (c) New modular dwelling of a standard similar to a dwelling of conventional construction.

#### **3.3 Discretionary Uses**

- (a) Mobile or moved-in dwelling
- (b) Used modular dwelling
- (c) Home occupation
- (d) Bed and breakfast business
- (e) Public utility
- (f) Public park
- (g) Accessory building or use

#### **3.4 Parcel Size**

Maximum parcel size is 2.02 ha (5 acres).

Minimum parcel size is 0.40 ha (1 acre)

#### **3.5 Setbacks**

- (a) Front yard: see General Regulations, Section 9.
- (b) Side yard: 5 metres (16.5 ft.)
- (c) Rear yard: 10 metres (32.8 ft.)
- (d) No development can be located within 8 metres (26.2 ft.) of the property line adjacent to an internal subdivision road;
- (e) Obstructions to visibility are not allowed within 3 metres (9.8 ft) of the property line adjacent to an internal subdivision road.

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### 3.6 **Animal Restrictions**

See General Regulations, Section 2.

### 3.7 **Subdivision Standards**

- (a) Site suitability testing is required before subdivision approval and includes but is not limited to water supply, water table levels, percolation rates, contours, environmental impact assessment, etc.
- (b) Density restrictions shall be at the discretion of Council based on factors including but not limited to tests listed under section 3.7(a). Density greater than 24 parcels on a quarter section shall be considered as being of a higher density, and may be subject to requirements for infrastructure above the general County standard. Subdivision creating more than 2 lots per quarter section, or resubdivision of a previously developed quarter, may be subject to a requirement for the adoption of or amendment to an Area Structure Plan.
- (c) A proposal to subdivide an existing acreage lot(s) will be subject to County policy 6605 "resubdivision in multiple lot subdivisions" and amendments thereto.

### 3.8 **Recreational Vehicles**

Recreational Vehicles may be authorized as outlined in Section 3.31, Recreational Vehicles.

### 3.9 **Sewage and Wastewater**

Sewage and wastewater systems are authorized as outlined in Section 3.31 (g), Recreational Vehicles.

### 3.10 **Utility Hookups**

Utility hookups are authorized as outlined in Section 3.31 (h), Recreational Vehicles.

### 3.11 **Enforcement**

Offences and fines are outlined in Section 5, Contravention.