

## Please consult the following bylaws for further information:

### The Calgary Traffic Bylaw (CTB) Section 14(2) (a) (b) Penalty: Impoundment plus fine

Derelict vehicles are vehicles not properly equipped, not roadworthy or may be missing parts. This includes vehicles that are missing components such as windshields, doors, bumpers, fenders or wheels.

### The Calgary Parking Bylaw (CPB) Section 8(1) (a) (b) Penalty: Impoundment plus fine

- Vehicles abandoned on a highway or public or private property create a public safety risk.
- 72-hour notices are issued to unattended vehicles that meet the criteria for possible abandonment. If an unattended vehicle is found to be obstructing traffic, it will be removed and impounded immediately.
- Vehicles shall not be parked on public or private property without the consent of the owner or person in lawful possession or control of the property.

### Who to call

# Calgary Parking Authority Parking Enforcement Division Phone: 403-537-7100

Call for questions or complaints regarding derelict vehicles parked on public streets or alleys, and to report abandoned vehicles on a major thoroughfare or highway.

Municipal Impound Lot 400 39th Avenue S.E. Phone: 403-537-7111

#### Hours of operation

7 a.m. – 11 p.m. weekdays

9 a.m. – 4 p.m. weekends and statutory holidays. Closed on Christmas Day.

Call or visit to claim impounded vehicles.

### Calgary Police Service Phone: 403-266-1234 (24 hours)

Call with questions or complaints about people driving stolen, unregistered or uninsured vehicles.

Created under City bylaw in 1968, the Calgary Parking Authority encourages compliance with parking regulations through public education and information.

CALGARY PARKING AUTHORITY 620 – 9th Ave. S.W., Calgary, AB T2P 1L5



## **DERELICT VEHICLE**

### PARKING POINTERS

Important information for owners of derelict vehicles.



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# What is a derelict vehicle?

#### A DERELICT VEHICLE IS:

- Abandoned by its owner and left parked on a city street or alley.
- Non-roadworthy or not properly licensed or equipped for use on public streets.

#### THE PROBLEM...

Derelict vehicles stored on public streets can cause public safety concerns to area pedestrians and children. For example, they are often left on wheel jacks or have exposed sharp metal and broken glass. Such vehicles also encourage vandalism.

Derelict vehicles on public streets are not in keeping with community standards, create an unpleasant atmosphere, and can decrease property values. From an environmental perspective, they leak fuels, oils, antifreeze and other fluids that are both fatal to animals and hazardous to the environment.

Derelict vehicles also take up parking spaces needed by others in the community, and obstruct garbage collection, street and alley maintenance, utility servicing and emergency vehicles.

## Q: Can I park a derelict vehicle on city streets and alleys?

**A:** Derelict vehicles are not permitted to be parked on city streets and alleys. Such illegally parked vehicles reported to the Calgary Parking Authority (CPA) are impounded.

## Q: Can I park my unused vehicle adjacent to my own home?

**A:** Yes. If your vehicle is roadworthy, registered, insured and legally parked in a residential area, it will normally not be a cause of concern. However, public streets and alleys are not intended for long-term storage of unused vehicles.

## Q: How are derelict vehicles enforced and by whom?

**A:** The CPA acts to remove derelict vehicles only upon receipt of a complaint call from a concerned area resident. The Calgary Police Service (CPS) may also take actions they feel are necessary. Responsible vehicle owners, who are considerate of neighbourhood needs, will not experience problems with enforcement agencies.

### Q: Can vehicles with expired licence plates or no licence plates be parked on public streets and alleys?

**A:** Any vehicle parked on a public street or alley with expired or missing plates will be impounded.

## Q: What can I do if I receive an orange notice sticker on my vehicle?

**A:** A fluorescent orange sticker may be applied when there is some question regarding the status of your vehicle. If you find a notice on your vehicle, call the CPA at 403-537-7100 for a full explanation and steps to avoid impoundment.

## Q: How can I dispose of a derelict vehicle which I do not wish to keep?

**A:** You can contact any vehicle disposal company in the Yellow Pages (see 'Auto Wreckers') to properly dispose of your vehicle. Another option is to donate it – at no cost to you – to the charity of your choice. Do not store your vehicle on a public street or alley with an expired or missing licence plate while you are waiting for it to be picked up.

## Q: How can I claim an impounded vehicle from the Municipal Impound Lot?

A: To claim an impounded vehicle, you must first provide proof of ownership and pay all towing and storage fees. Uninsured and unregistered vehicles may not be driven out of the impound lot. All unclaimed vehicles are sold at public auction or recycled. For additional information go online to calgaryparking.com/impoundlot.

### **TIPS**

- Public streets and alleys are not intended for the long-term storage of any vehicle. Avoid vehicle fines and impoundment by keeping derelict vehicles off public streets.
- Storage of derelict vehicles on public streets is not in keeping with acceptable community standards. Help keep your neighbourhood safe and pleasant (and avoid ongoing insurance fees) by getting rid of unused vehicles.
- To dispose of non-roadworthy vehicles, do so properly through a disposal company or donate it to the charity of your choice and receive a tax-deductable charitable donation receipt. Do not store your vehicle on a public street or alley with an expired or missing licence plate while you are waiting for it to be picked up.
- If you wish to keep or restore a derelict vehicle, store it in your garage or a paid storage facility.
- To avoid fines and impoundment, always keep your address, licence plates, insurance and all other vehicle registration information current with your local Motor Vehicle Registry office.
- When unclaimed vehicles are disposed of and the proceeds of disposal do not cover costs, a claim is made to Alberta Justice. Alberta Justice may pursue recovery of these claim amounts from the last registered owner of the vehicle.