

CITY OF VANCOUVER BRITISH COLUMBIA



TRAILER COURTS BY-LAW NO. 3644

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**Being a By-law to Regulate the Location
and the Sanitary Maintenance of Trailers
and House-cars used as Living or Sleeping
Quarters within the City of Vancouver**

**[Consolidated for convenience only,
amended to include By-law No. 10642,
effective January 29, 2013]**

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VANCOUVER in open meeting assembled, enacts
as follows:

1. This By-law may be cited as the "Trailer Court By-law".
2. In this By-law unless the context otherwise requires:
 - (1) "Trailer Court" shall mean any site upon which two or more occupied trailers, house-cars or dependent trailers or dependent house-cars are located;
 - (2) "House-car" shall include any self-propelled conveyance on wheels which is used or equipped to be used as living or sleeping quarters;
 - (3) "Trailer" shall include any conveyance used or equipped to be used as living or sleeping quarters and which is not self-propelled;
 - (4) "Dependent" when qualifying "trailer" or house-car" shall mean that such trailer or house-car lacks the installation therein either of a water closet or of a bathing unit or both.
3.
 - (1) It shall be unlawful for any person while any trailer or house-car is occupied as living or sleeping quarters to place, stand, park, or locate the same anywhere in the City except within the boundaries of a Trailer Court.
 - (2) The Council may, upon the recommendation of the Medical Health Officer, permit trailers and house-cars to be occupied as living or sleeping quarters in areas other than those within the boundaries of a trailer court for a specified period of time. Such permission shall not be granted in respect of individual trailer or house-car units but shall be limited to groups comprising ten or more of such units.
 - (3) If sanitary facilities and a supply of water are available in an area adjacent to where any such group of trailers or house-car units is parked, it shall be lawful for such group, with the approval of the Medical Health Officer, to make special arrangements for the use of such sanitary facilities and water supply.

4. Within the boundaries of any Trailer Court
 - (1) No greater number of trailers or house-cars, or a combination thereof, shall be permitted than the number obtained by dividing 1350 into the number of square feet contained in the site area of such Trailer Court;
 - (2) There shall be not less than 15 feet between the sides of any two parked trailers or house-cars;
 - (3) There shall be not less than 10 feet between the ends of any two parked trailers or house-car;
 - (4) Yards, minimum site area and landscaping requirements shall be those set out in the Zoning and Development By-law.
5.
 - (1) No water closet, bath, shower, hand basin or sink installed in a trailer or house-car shall be used while such trailer or house-car is placed, standing, parked or located in a Trailer Court, or elsewhere, unless each such plumbing fixture is connected to a sewage disposal system approved by the Medical Health Officer and unless such fixture is also connected with the public water supply. Plumbing and water connections shall conform to the requirements of all relevant City by-laws;
 - (2) For each eight dependent trailers or dependent house-cars at least one water closet, one bath or shower and one wash basin shall be provided for each sex. Such facilities shall be located at no greater distance than 300 feet from any trailer or house-car using such facilities;
 - (3) In every Trailer Court adequate facilities for laundry and for waste disposal shall be provided. (By-law No. 3668, Dec. 3/57) (By-law No. 3986, May 23/62)
6. The licensed operator of every Trailer Court shall at all times maintain the whole site area including trailer and house-car parking spaces in a sanitary condition to the satisfaction of the Medical Health Officer. The Medical Health Officer may direct the licensed operator of any Trailer Court to rectify any unsatisfactory sanitary condition and any person refusing or neglecting to carry out the orders of the Medical Health Officer in this regard shall be guilty of a contravention of this By-law.
7. The licensed operator of every Trailer Court on providing parking space for any trailer or house-car shall enter in a register kept for such purpose alone the following information which shall be available to the Medical Health Officer and the Chief Constable at all times:
 - (1) The license number of every automobile, trailer or house-car;
 - (2) The names and permanent address of every occupant of a trailer or house-car;
 - (3) The date of arrival of every such occupant;
 - (4) The date of departure of every such occupant.

8. This section repealed by By-law No. 4453, January 1, 1970.
9. The licensed operator of every Trailer Court shall
 - (1) Whenever any child under the age of 18 years becomes a guest in such Trailer Court unaccompanied by a parent or guardian, forthwith make and furnish to the Chief Constable a report showing the Christian name and surname, the permanent address and a complete description of such child;
 - (2) Once in every twenty-four hours satisfy himself that every guest in his Trailer Court is alive and able to call for medical aid if required and shall immediately report to the Medical Health Officer should he become aware of any case of infectious or contagious disease in the said Trailer Court or suspect any guest or person within the same to be suffering from an infectious or contagious disease. In making such report the licensed operator shall state the name and address of the person having or believed to have such disease if known to him and his own name and address.
10. This section repealed by By-law No. 3949, November 6, 1961.
11. Every person who offends against any of the provisions of this by-law, or who suffers or permits any act or thing to be done in contravention or in violation of any of the provisions of this by-law, or who neglects to do or refrains from doing anything required to be done by any of the provisions of this by-law, or who does any act or thing which violates any of the provisions of this by-law, shall be deemed to be guilty of an infraction of this by-law, and shall be liable to the penalties hereby imposed. For each day that a violation is permitted to exist, it shall constitute a separate offence.
12.
 - (1) Every person who commits an offence against this by-law is liable to a fine and penalty of not more than \$10,000.00 and not less than \$250.00 for each offence, and in default of payment thereof or, in the alternative, to imprisonment for any period not exceeding two months.
(By-law No. 5294, November 20, 1979)
 - (2) Every person who commits an offence of a continuing nature against this By-law is liable to a fine not less than \$250.00 and not more than \$10,000.00 for each day such offence continues.
13. By-law No. 2465 is hereby repealed.

14. This by-law shall come into force and take effect on and after the date of the final passing hereof.

DONE AND PASSED in open Council this 16th day of July, 1957.

Mayor

City Clerk