

THE CITY OF VAUGHAN

BY-LAW

BY-LAW NUMBER 149-2025

A By-law to amend Parks By-law 134-95, as amended, to designate it under Administrative Penalties By-law 240-2024, address formatting issues, prohibit the release of lanterns and other similar objects in parks, and clarify enforcement provisions.

WHEREAS section 11(2)(6) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, c. 25 (the “*Municipal Act*”) enables lower-tier municipalities to enact by-laws to protect the health, safety and well-being of persons;

AND WHEREAS section 11(3)(5) of the *Municipal Act* enables municipalities to pass by-laws with respect to parks;

AND WHEREAS the Council of The Corporation of the City of Vaughan deems it necessary to amend Parks By-law 134-95, as amended, to designate it under its administrative penalties system, address formatting issues, prohibit the release of lanterns and other similar objects in parks, and clarify enforcement provisions;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of The Corporation of the *City* of Vaughan ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. To amend Parks By-law 134-95, as amended, as follows:

(a) add the following definition to Part 1. in alphabetical order:

“Administrative Penalties By-law” means the *City’s* Administrative Penalties By-law 240-2024, as amended or its successor by-law;

(b) delete and replace section 7.(e) with the following:

(e) release into the air any balloons, lanterns or similar objects.

(c) delete and replace Part 21. with the following:

21. Model Aircraft and Rockets

While in any park, no person shall operate any remote-controlled or other powered devices, including but not limited to powered models of aircraft, rockets, watercraft, drones or vehicles unless authorized by permit.

- (d) to delete and replace the text in Part 25 with the following:

While in any park, no person shall obstruct, inconvenience or endanger other users of the park while operating or utilizing traditional or in-line roller skates, skate boards or like conveyances.

- (e) delete and replace Part 32. with the following:

32. Trucks and Commercial Vehicles

No person shall, unless authorized by permit, drive, operate, pull or ride in any park:

- (a) any heavy machinery or equipment of any description and whatever the mode of power; or
 - (b) any truck, trailer or bus whatsoever, except a vehicle that is being used for the purpose of making a delivery to a point within the limits of the park while it is proceeding to or from such point of delivery, or operated for personal, recreational, or non-commercial use.
- (f) add the following after section 45.(2)(c):
- and the person(s) who has been issued the order shall comply with it.
- (g) delete and replace section 46.(1) with the following:
- (1) Any person contravening any of the provisions of this by-law, other than clause 33(a) resulting from the operation of a motor vehicle, or fails to comply with an order issued under this by-law, is guilty of an offence and on conviction is liable to a fine in such amount provided by the *Provincial Offences Act*, R.S.O. 1990 c.P.33, as may be amended from time to time.
- (h) add **Part 46.1 Administrative Penalties** as follows:

46.1 Administrative Penalties

- (1) Instead of laying a charge under the *Provincial Offences Act*, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter P.33, for a contravention of any provisions of this By-law, a *Municipal By-law Enforcement Officer* may issue an administrative penalty to the person who has contravened the By-law, as per the *Administrative Penalties By-law*.

- (2) If a person is required to pay an administrative penalty under subsection 46.1(1), no charge shall be laid against the same person for the same contravention.
 - (3) The amount of the administrative penalty for a contravention under this By-law is listed in Schedule “B” to this By-law.
 - (4) Every person who contravenes this By-law, may be subject to an administrative penalty on each subsequent day in which the contravention continues.
 - (5) If an order has been issued under this By-law and the order has not been complied with, the person to whom the order was issued to may be subject to an administrative penalty on each day the order is not complied with.
 - (6) A person who is issued an administrative penalty shall be subject to the procedures provided for in the *Administrative Penalties By-law*.
- (i) add **Schedule “B” Offences and Corresponding Administrative Penalties** as follows:

Schedule “B” Offences and Corresponding Administrative Penalties

Section	Description	Fine Amount
2.(a)	Enter into areas posted to prohibit or restrict admission of the public.	\$250.00
2.(b)	Enter into or remain in any park between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 5:59 a.m.	\$250.00
3.(a)	Indulge in any riotous, boisterous, violent, threatening, or illegal conduct or use profane or abusive language.	\$400.00
3.(b)	Cast, throw or in any way propel any object in such manner as may or does endanger or cause injury or damage to any person or property.	\$250.00
3.(c)	Create a nuisance by loitering, spying, accosting, frightening, annoying or otherwise disturbing other persons.	\$250.00
3.(d)	Create a nuisance or in any way interfere with the use and enjoyment of the park by other persons.	\$250.00
3.(e)	Move or use any structure, facility or equipment, other than for its intended use.	\$250.00
3.(f)	Carry or possess any glass container or other breakable container while in playground areas.	\$250.00
4.	Be in possession of or use any firearm, air gun, bow and arrow, axe or offensive weapon of any kind unless authorized by permit.	\$400.00
6.(a)	Climb any building, structure or equipment, unless it is equipment designed for climbing.	\$250.00
6.(b)	Break, injure, deface or remove the whole or any part of any flowers, plant material, trees or other vegetation or any building, structure, equipment or other property of the municipality.	\$250.00
6.(c)	Climb or remove the whole or any part of rocks, boulders, rock faces or remove any soil, sand, wood or mulch without a permit.	\$250.00
6.(d)	Disturb ground which is under repair, prepared for planting, has been newly seeded or sodded or is in an area posted to that effect.	\$250.00
6.(e)	Drive, park or walk in an area posted to prohibit same.	\$250.00
7.(e)	Release into the air any balloons, lanterns or similar objects.	\$250.00
9.(b)	Alter any park fence, including the addition of gates, or otherwise creating access points to a park through a fence.	\$500.00
10.(a)	Possess an unsealed container of an alcoholic beverage.	\$450.00
10.(b)	Consume an alcoholic beverage.	\$450.00
10.(c)	Serve and sell an alcoholic beverage.	\$450.00
11.(a)	Light, build or stoke an open fire or bonfire unless in a designated area and authorized by permits from Recreation and Culture and the Fire Department;	\$450.00
11.(b)	Use any barbecues unless authorized by permit.	\$450.00
11.(d)	Leave a barbecue or campfire without extinguishing the fire and ensuring that the embers are cold.	\$450.00
12.(a)	Hold a picnic, organized gathering or event for more than twenty-five persons without a permit.	\$250.00
12.(b)	Interfere with a picnic, organized gathering or event authorized by permit.	\$325.00
13.	Operate loud speakers or amplifying equipment in any park without a permit.	\$300.00
14.	Dwell or lodge in any park without a permit.	\$350.00
15.	Place, install or erect any temporary or permanent tent or structure in any park without a permit.	\$350.00

16.(a)	Enter any public swimming pool, except at times designated for swimming.	\$500.00
16.(b)	Fail to abide by posted signs or to obey the instructions of any lifeguard or other authorized person in or adjacent to any swimming pool.	\$350.00
16.(c)	Swim, bathe or wade in any fountain, pond, lake or stream, except in a designated area.	\$350.00
16.(d)	Utilize facilities without being properly attired including appropriate swim wear or beach clothing.	\$350.00
17.	Enter any portion of any washroom, bathhouse, or change room in any park set apart for the opposite sex.	\$350.00
18.(1)(a)	Arrange or engage in an organized sport or activity without a permit.	\$375.00
18.(1)(b)	Interfere with an organized sport or activity authorized by permit.	\$450.00
18.(2)	Utilize a designated area without a permit where same is posted to prohibit or restrict such use.	\$500.00
19.	Fish in an area posted to prohibit same.	\$300.00
20.(1)	Play or practice golf or strike a golf ball except on a golf course or in a designated area.	\$300.00
21.	Operate any remote-controlled or other powered devices, including but not limited to powered models of aircraft, rockets, watercraft, drones or vehicles without a permit.	\$500.00
22.	Tether, launch or land any hot air balloon, hang glider, ultra-light aircraft, parachutes or similar conveyance.	\$400.00
23.(a)	Use speed skates without a permit or in a posted area in accordance with posted conditions on any natural or artificial ice surface located in any park.	\$500.00
23.(b)	Skate in such a manner as to interfere with and/or endanger any other person using the surface on any natural or artificial ice surface located in any park.	\$500.00
23.(c)	Use a stick of any kind except in accordance with posted conditions on any natural or artificial ice surface located in any park.	\$500.00
24.	Ski, toboggan, snowboard, skibob or sled in any park posted to prohibit same.	\$200.00
25.	Obstruct, inconvenience or endanger other users of the park while operating or utilizing traditional or in-line roller skates, skate boards or like conveyances.	\$350.00
26.	Enter, walk, or play upon a designated area for tennis in any park, except in accordance with the posted rules and regulations.	\$350.00
27.(2)	Drive, operate, pull or ride any vehicle except on a roadway or parking area without a permit.	\$500.00
28.(a)	Park or leave a vehicle except in a designated area for parking.	\$150.00
29.(a)	Make use of any roadway or parking lot in any park for washing, cleaning, servicing, maintaining or, except in the event of an emergency, the repair of any vehicle.	\$250.00
29.(b)	Make use of any roadway or parking lot in any park for instructing, teaching or coaching any person in the driving or operation of a motor vehicle.	\$350.00
30.(a)	Ride or operate any bicycle where posted to prohibit same.	\$250.00
30.(b)	Obstruct, inconvenience or endanger other users of the park while riding or operating a bicycle.	\$300.00
31.	Ride, drive, park or be in possession or control of a motorized recreational vehicle in any park except in a designated area.	\$600.00
31.1	Operate, ride, drive, or park an Electric-Kick Scooter or Power-Assisted Bicycle in any park.	\$300.00

32.(a)	Drive, operate, pull or ride in any park any heavy machinery or equipment of any description and whatever the mode of power without a permit.	\$600.00
32.(b)	Drive, operate, pull or ride in any park any truck, trailer or bus without a permit.	\$600.00
34.(1)	Being an owner or person having control of any horse, permit the horse to enter or remain in a park without a permit.	\$250.00
34.(2)	Obstruct, inconvenience or endanger other users of the park while riding or having control of a horse.	\$300.00
36.	Being an owner or person having the control of any animal, bring into or permit such animal to enter any park if it may or does constitute a danger to other park users.	\$250.00
37.	Place, operate, drive, ride or moor any watercraft in any park in any area posted so as to prohibit or restrict the type and allowable uses of watercraft.	\$250.00
38.(1)(a)	Sell or offer or display for sale any food, drink or refreshment without a permit.	\$350.00
38.(1)(b)	Sell or offer or display for sale any goods, wares, merchandise or articles including promotional materials, souvenirs and novelties without a permit.	\$350.00
38.(1)(c)	Sell or offer or display for sale any art, skill, service or work without a permit.	\$350.00
38.(2)	Practice, carry on, conduct or solicit for any trade, occupation, business or profession.	\$350.00
38.(3)	Use any park or its facilities for commercial or business purposes, whether or not for profit.	\$350.00
39.	Take or permit to be taken for remuneration any film, photograph, video tape or television broadcast unless authorized by permit.	\$400.00
40.(a)	Distribute, discard, or display any handbill, notice, or other circular, bill or advertisement without a permit.	\$400.00
40.(b)	Post, nail, attach, stencil or otherwise fasten or erect any poster, sign, notice, placard or other circular, bill, advertisement or paper to any park property, including trees without a permit.	\$400.00

Voted in favour by City of Vaughan Council this 24th day of June, 2025.

Steven Del Duca, Mayor

Todd Coles, City Clerk

Authorized by Item No. 13 of Report No. 23 of the Committee of the Whole.
Report adopted by Vaughan City Council on June 24, 2025.
City Council voted in favour of this by-law on June 24, 2025.
Approved by Mayoral Decision MDC 010-2025 dated June 24, 2025.
Effective Date of By-Law: June 24, 2025