

THE CITY OF VAUGHAN

BY-LAW

BY-LAW NUMBER 181-2026

A By-law to amend Dumping By-law 103-2020 to introduce specific requirements with respect to Commercial Parking Lot Owners, Contractors, and owners and drivers of Commercial Vehicles.

WHEREAS subsection 8(1) of the *Municipal Act, 2001* S.O. 2001, c.25 (the “Municipal Act”), provides that the powers of a municipality under the Municipal Act be interpreted broadly so as to confer broad authority on municipalities to enable municipalities to govern their affairs, as they consider appropriate, and enhance their ability to respond to municipal issues;

AND WHEREAS section 11 of the Municipal Act provides for a municipality to pass by-laws respecting the health, safety and well-being of persons, the protection of persons and property, and the economic, social and environmental well-being of the municipality;

AND WHEREAS section 127 of the Municipal Act provides for a municipality to (a) require the owner or occupant of land to clean and clear the land, not including buildings, or to clear refuse or debris from the land, not including buildings; (b) regulate when and how matters required under clause (a) shall be done; and (c) prohibit the depositing of refuse or debris on land without the consent of the owner or occupant of the land.

AND WHEREAS section 128 of the Municipal Act provides that a local municipality may prohibit and regulate with respect to public nuisances, including matters that, in the opinion of Council are or could become or cause public nuisances;

AND WHEREAS sections 444 and 445 of the Municipal Act provide for a municipality to make an order to discontinue a contravening activity or correct a contravention, with either order setting out particulars of the contravention and the date by which compliance must be achieved;

AND WHEREAS the opinion of Council of The Corporation of the City of Vaughan is that unauthorized dumping of waste and littering is a public nuisance that can adversely affect the health, safety and well-being of persons as well as have a detrimental impact on both the natural and built environment;

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

1. Amend Dumping By-law 103-2020, section 3.0(4) by adding in alphabetical order the following definitions:

“Commercial Vehicle” means any motor vehicle designed, equipped, or ordinarily used for the transportation or hauling of goods, materials, waste, or equipment, and includes, without limitation, a dump truck, tractor trailer, straight truck, utility trailer, or any vehicle equipped for hauling.

“Commercial Parking Lot” means lands used in whole or in part to park, store or stage *Commercial Vehicles* but does not include an *Impound Lot*.

“Contractor” means a *Person* who is hired to perform certain tasks for a construction, erection, demolition, repair or maintenance project.

“Impound Lot” means lands that provide “vehicle storage services” as defined in *Towing and Storage Safety and Enforcement Act, 2021*, S.O. 2021, c. 26, Sched. 3, as amended.

2. Amend Dumping By-law 103-2020, by adding the following section:

5.1 Special Duties to Prevent Dumping

- (1) No *Owner* of a *Commercial Parking Lot* shall permit or allow the parking, storage, or staging of any *Commercial Vehicle* on his or her property, if the *City* has previously provided such *Owner* with a notice that the *Commercial Vehicle* has contravened this By-law.
- (2) Every *Owner* of a *Commercial Parking Lot* shall:
 - (a) implement and maintain reasonable monitoring, management, or oversight practices to prevent *Dumping* associated with *Commercial Vehicles* entering or leaving the *Commercial Parking Lot*;
 - (b) implement and maintain reasonable monitoring, management, or oversight practices to prevent *Dumping* on any *Property* or *Public Lands* associated with *Commercial Vehicles* entering or leaving the *Commercial Parking Lot*;
 - (c) establish and enforce policies or rules for drivers and tenants prohibiting *Dumping* on any *Property* or *Public Lands*;
 - (d) take reasonable steps to investigate and address any suspected *Dumping* on

any *Property* or *Public Lands* associated with vehicles using the *Commercial Parking Lot*.

- (3) Every *Owner* of a *Commercial Parking Lot* shall, upon request, provide the *City*, to the satisfaction of the *Director* and in accordance with section 7.0 of this By-law, anything that sets out and confirms the manner and methods employed to comply with section 5.1(2).
- (4) No *Contractor* shall cause, permit or allow, whether directly or indirectly, any *Dumping* on any *Property* or *Public Lands* in connection with the operations of said *Contractor*.
- (5) When requested, every *Contractor* shall:
 - (a) prepare and maintain a waste management plan that is appropriate to the nature and scale of their operations and satisfactory to the *Director*;
 - (b) ensure that all employees, subcontractors, and agents are informed of and comply with this By-law;
 - (c) take reasonable steps to prevent *Dumping*, including through supervision, training, and operational controls;
 - (d) take reasonable steps to prevent *Dumping* on any *Property* or *Public Lands*, including through supervision, training, and operational controls;
 - (e) ensure that all *Waste*, fill, or materials are transported to and disposed of at authorized facilities.
- (6) For clarity, the prohibition in section 4.0(1) includes an owner and driver of a *Commercial Vehicle*.
- (7) Every owner and driver of a *Commercial Vehicle* shall:
 - (a) ensure that all materials transported are delivered only to authorized locations;
 - (b) take reasonable steps to secure loads and prevent inadvertent discharge of material;
 - (c) comply with all applicable laws respecting transportation and disposal of waste and materials.
- (8) For the purposes of this section, a *Person* shall be deemed to have permitted an activity if the *Person* knew or reasonably ought to have known of the activity and failed to take reasonable steps to prevent or stop it.

3. Amend Dumping By-law 103-2020 by adding section 10.0(3.1), as follows:
(3.1) Despite section 10.0(3), the amount of the administrative penalty for a first breach under section 5.1 of this By-law is \$2,500.00.
4. Amend Dumping By-law 103-2020 by adding section 10.0(6.1), as follows:
(6.1) Despite section 10.0(6), the amount of the administrative penalty for a second and any subsequent breach under section 5.1 of this By-law is \$5,000.
5. Amend By-law 103-2020 by adding section 7.0(3), as follows:
(3) No *Person* shall hinder or obstruct or attempt to hinder or obstruct the City or its *Municipal By-law Enforcement Officers* or any other person in the exercise of a power or performance of a duty under the *Municipal Act, 2001* S.O. 2001, c.25. or this By-law.
6. Amend Dumping By-law 103-2020, by adding section 2.0 (4), as follows:
(4) The enforcement of this By-law against any *Person* or *Property* is no way to be construed as an explicit or tacit approval of any other action or activities being taken by the *Person* or at the *Property*, or as exempting any other action or activities being taken by the *Person* or at the *Property* from the applicability of any other City By-law or legislation.

Voted in favour by City of Vaughan Council this 23rd day of June, 2026.

Steven Del Duca, Mayor

Todd Coles, City Clerk

Authorized by Item No. 34 of Report No. 29 of the Committee of the Whole.
Report adopted by Vaughan City Council on June 23, 2026.
City Council voted in favour of this by-law on June 23, 2026.
Approved by Mayoral Decision MDC 008-2026 dated June 23, 2026.
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