

BYLAW NUMBER 65M2021

**BEING A BYLAW OF THE CITY OF CALGARY
TO REQUIRE PARTICIPATION IN THE
PROVINCIAL RESTRICTIONS EXEMPTION
PROGRAM**

WHEREAS on March 11, 2020 the World Health Organization declared a global pandemic related to the spread of the COVID-19 virus and the COVID-19 pandemic remains a health risk;

AND WHEREAS the spread of COVID-19 in the city of Calgary continues and the number of active cases is currently increasing;

AND WHEREAS a state of public health emergency was declared in the province of Alberta on September 15, 2021;

AND WHEREAS the Chief Medical Officer of Health for Alberta has issued CMOH Order 42-2021 and Order 43-2021 which (1) impose certain restrictions on various businesses and entities and (2) establish the Restrictions Exemption Program (REP) whereby certain businesses and entities can choose to participate the REP in which case the restrictions do not apply;

AND WHEREAS Council believes the fourth wave COVID-19 situation that has arisen in Calgary over the last two weeks has created dire circumstances that require immediate measures to protect the health and wellness of the City's citizens and therefore Council requires businesses within the City to participate in the proof of vaccination program created by the Province;

AND WHEREAS pursuant to section 7 of the Municipal Government Act, R.S.A. 2000, c. M-16 a council of a municipality may pass bylaws respecting;

- (a) the safety, health and welfare of people and the protection of people and property;
- (b) people, activities and things in, on or near a public place or place that is open to the public; and
- (c) businesses, business activities and persons engaged in business;

AND WHEREAS Council considers that in order to combat the 4th wave of COVID-19, all eligible businesses must enter the Province's Restrictions Exemption Program;

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CALGARY ENACTS AS
FOLLOWS:**

SHORT TITLE

1. This Bylaw may be cited as the “Vaccine Passport Bylaw”.

DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

2. (1) In this Bylaw:
 - (a) “*COVID-19 test*” means a Health Canada approved rapid screening test or a lab based PCR test approved by Health Canada or the lab accreditation body of the jurisdiction in which the test is performed which:
 - (i) a person has taken with the last 72 hours;
 - (ii) clearly outlines the laboratory that completed the test, the type of test, time of sample collection and a clear indication of a negative result;
 - (iii) is not sourced from the Alberta Health Services public COVID-19 testing system;
 - (b) “*eligible business*” means:
 - (i) a restaurant, bar or pub;
 - (ii) a nightclub;
 - (iii) a casino, bingo hall or VLT lounge;
 - (iv) an entertainment or rec center including a bowling alley, racing entertainment facility, arcade, billiard hall and other similar establishments;
 - (v) a museum or art gallery;
 - (vi) a movie theatre;
 - (vii) a recreation facility for physical activity, performance activity or recreational activity;
 - (viii) a conference hall or other meeting space;
 - (ix) a rented space (excluding dwelling units);
 - (x) a public facility where weddings or funerals are held where the facility maintains responsibility for adherence to this Bylaw;
 - (xi) a professional sport event;
 - (xii) a professional performance event;

- (xiii) a public facility where a private social event is held where the facility maintains responsibility for adherence to this Bylaw;
- (xiv) a facility at which an adult sport activity is held;
- (xv) a facility at which a recreational activity class is held;
- (c) “*officer*” means a Bylaw Enforcement Officer appointed pursuant to Bylaw 60M86, a peace officer appointed pursuant to the Peace Officer Act, S.A. 2006, c. P-3.5, or a police officer appointed pursuant to the Police Act, R.S.A. 2000, c. P-17;
- (d) “*operator*” includes the person responsible for the day to day operations of an *eligible business*;
- (e) “*personal identification*” means a valid:
 - (i) birth certificate issued by a government of a province of Canada;
 - (ii) citizenship card;
 - (iii) driver’s licence issued by a government of a province of Canada which includes a photograph of the holder;
 - (iv) government (Alberta or other) issued identification card, including health card;
 - (v) certificate of Indian status;
 - (vi) Métis Nation of Alberta Association citizenship and identification card;
 - (vii) Inuit Status card;
 - (viii) passport attesting to citizenship or other national status, issued by a government of any jurisdiction and including a photograph of the holder;
 - (ix) Permanent Resident Card; or
 - (x) any other form of identification recognized by the Chief Medical Officer of Health;
- (f) “*proof of vaccination*” means:
 - (i) for a resident of Canada:
 - A. a picture or paper record of a valid Alberta Health Services, MyHealth Records, pharmacy, First Nations, or physician immunization record prominently displaying the name, type of vaccine and date of administration;

- B. valid Government of Alberta vaccination QR code;
 - C. an immunization record from another Canadian province or territory displaying the name, type of vaccine and date of administration; or
 - D. Canadian armed forces immunization record, displaying the name, type of vaccine and date of administration;
- (ii) for a non-resident of Canada, an ArriveCan app and a valid international travel identity document; or
 - (iii) such other type of proof of vaccination recognized by the Chief Medical Officer of Health;
- (g) “*proprietor*” means the person who ultimately controls, governs or directs the activity carried on within any *eligible business* referred to in this Bylaw and includes the person usually in charge thereof;
- (h) “*vaccine medical exception letter*” means written confirmation provided to a person by a health professional which:
- (i) verifies there is a medical contraindication to vaccination that prevents the person from being vaccinated; and
 - (ii) complies with the requirements of sections 5.6 and 5.7 of CMOH Order 43-2021;
- (2) All schedules attached to this Bylaw form part of this Bylaw.
- (3) Headings or sub-headings are inserted for ease of reference and guidance purposes only and do not form part of this Bylaw.
- (4) Where this Bylaw cites or refers to any act, regulation, code or other bylaw, the citation or reference is to the act, regulation, code or other bylaw as amended, whether amended before or after the commencement of this Bylaw, and includes reference to any act, regulation, code or other bylaw that may be substituted in its place.
- (5) Each provision of this Bylaw is independent of all other provisions and if any provision is declared invalid for any reason by a court of competent jurisdiction, all other provisions of this Bylaw remain valid and enforceable.
- (6) Nothing in this Bylaw relieves a person from complying with any provision of any federal, provincial or municipal law or regulation or any requirement of any lawful permit, order or licence.

PROOF OF VACCINATION

3. (1) A person must not enter or remain in the premises of an *eligible business*, unless the person provides *personal identification* and one of the following:
 - (a) *proof of vaccination*;
 - (b) proof of a negative *COVID-19 test* result from a sample that is taken within the prior 72 hours; or
 - (c) an original *vaccine medical exception letter*;
 to the *operator* or *proprietor* of the *eligible business*.
- (2) Subsection (1) does not apply to a:
 - (a) a person under the age of 12;
 - (b) an *employee* of an *eligible business*;
 - (c) a person:
 - (i) under the age of 18 participating in a school curriculum based activity;
 - (ii) participating in a faith service at a place of worship;
 - (iii) receiving health services;
 - (iv) receiving wellness services; or
 - (v) receiving personal services;
 located at an *eligible business*.
4. (1) An *operator* or *proprietor* of an *eligible business* must not permit a person to enter or remain in the premises of the *eligible business* without having obtained *personal identification* for the person and:
 - (a) *proof of vaccination*;
 - (b) proof of a negative *COVID-19 test* result from a sample that is taken within the prior 72 hours; or
 - (c) an original *vaccine medical exception letter*;
 from the person.

- (2) An operator or proprietor of an *eligible business* is not required to obtain the things set out in subsection (1) from:
- (a) a person under the age of 12;
 - (b) an *employee* of the *eligible business*;
 - (c) a person:
 - (i) under the age of 18 participating in a school curriculum based activity;
 - (ii) participating in a faith service at a place of worship;
 - (iii) receiving health services;
 - (iv) receiving wellness services; or
 - (v) receiving personal services;located at an *eligible business*.

SIGNAGE

5. An operator or proprietor of an *eligible business* must prominently display a sign
- (a) in the form and containing the content; or
 - (b) with substantially the same form and content;
- as set out in Schedule A, in a location that is visible to a person immediately upon entering the *eligible business*.

ELECTIONS

6. For clarity, this Bylaw does not apply to a location used as a voting station for an election held pursuant to the Local Authorities Elections Act (RSA 2000, c. L-21) or the Elections Act (RSA 2000, c. E-21).

TAKE-OUT, DELIVERY AND DRIVE-THROUGH RESTAURANTS

7. This Bylaw does not apply to a restaurant that only offers take-out, delivery or drive-through services.

OFFENCES

8. Any person who contravenes any provision of this Bylaw by doing any act or thing which the person is prohibited from doing, or by failing to do any act or thing the person is required to do, is guilty of an offence pursuant to this Bylaw.

ENFORCEMENT

9. (1) Where an *officer* believes that a person has contravened any provision of this Bylaw, the *officer* may commence proceedings against the person by issuing a violation ticket in accordance with the Provincial Offences Procedure Act, R.S.A. 2000, c. P-34.
- (2) This section shall not prevent an *officer* from issuing a violation ticket requiring a court appearance of the defendant pursuant to the Provincial Offences Procedures Act or from laying an information instead of issuing a violation ticket.

PENALTY

10. (1) Where there is a specified penalty listed for an offence in Schedule B to this Bylaw, that amount is the specified penalty for the offence.
- (2) Upon conviction, if the totality of the circumstances surrounding any contravention of this bylaw indicate a marked endangerment or increased risk of endangering public health the Justice may deviate from the specified penalty when determining the appropriate fine amount.
- (3) In this section, “specified penalty” means an amount that can be paid by a person who is issued a violation ticket and is authorized to make a voluntary payment without a Court appearance.
- (4) Despite subsection (1):
- (a) where any person has been convicted of a contravention of the same provision of this Bylaw twice within one twelve month period, the specified penalty payable in respect of the second conviction is double the amount shown in Schedule B of this Bylaw in respect of that provision, and
- (b) where any person has been convicted of a contravention of the same provision of this Bylaw three or more times within one twelve month period, the specified penalty payable in respect of the third or subsequent conviction is triple the amount shown in Schedule B of this Bylaw in respect of that provision.

COMING INTO FORCE

11. This Bylaw comes into force on September 23, 2021.

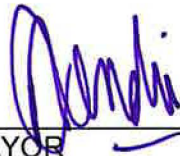
REPEAL

12. This Bylaw ceases to have effect when the Restrictions Exemption Program is ended by the Chief Medical Officer of Health.

READ A FIRST TIME ON SEPTEMBER 22, 2021

READ A SECOND TIME ON SEPTEMBER 22, 2021

READ A THIRD TIME ON SEPTEMBER 22, 2021



MAYOR



SIGNED ON SEPTEMBER 22, 2021



CITY CLERK


SIGNED ON SEPTEMBER 22, 2021

SCHEDULE A




Required under Bylaw 65M2021

We welcome all patrons age 12 and up who can provide the following:



Proof of COVID-19 vaccination

OR



Negative COVID-19 test (within 72 hours)

Or show a vaccine medical exemption letter.

Have your ID and proof of vaccination ready.

Please
Be kind to all staff and business owners
as they help ensure our safety.

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SCHEDULE B

PENALTIES

Section	Description of Offence	Specified Penalty
3	Fail to provide <i>proof of vaccination</i> , negative COVID-19 test or <i>vaccine medical exception letter</i>	\$500
4	Permit person to enter or remain without <i>proof of vaccination</i> , negative COVID-19 test or <i>vaccine medical exception letter</i>	\$500
5	Fail to display prescribed signage	\$200

Effective 2021-Sep-23 to 2021-Nov-14