

**Implementation Dashboard: City of Calgary Charter, 2018 Regulation**

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Category	Charter Change	Location in Regulation	Description	Process Required	Status Q4 2018	Links	
Empowering Environmental Stewardship	Environment as a matter to pass bylaws	s. 4(2)(a)	Enable The City to pass bylaws for the well-being of the environment.	Bylaw with public hearing	Not Implemented	<input type="radio"/>	
	Clean Energy loans	s. 4(11)	Enable The City to give loans or guarantees to individuals to fund energy efficient or renewable energy upgrades to their property.	Bylaw with public hearing	Not Implemented	<input type="radio"/>	
	Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation Plans	s. 4(30)	Require The City to develop climate change adaptation and mitigation plans.	Compulsory requirement of charter. Plans must be adopted by council resolution.	Implemented	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<a href="#">Climate Resilience Strategy</a>
	Include environment in Planning and Development part of the MGA	s. 4(32)	Expand the purpose of Part 17 of the MGA to include the promotion of environmental sustainability and stewardship.	No bylaw required	Not Implemented	<input type="radio"/>	
	Additional Authority under the Safety Codes Act	s.7(2), s.8(2)	Enable The City to pass a bylaw relating to environmental matters, that is consistent with existing regulations and codes. This authority is broad, but was contemplated to encourage greater energy efficiency in building construction and major renovations.	Bylaw with public hearing	Not Implemented	<input type="radio"/>	
	Weed Control Authority	s.7(4)	Exempts The City from section 26(3) of the Weed Control Act.	No bylaw required	Implemented	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	
	Weed Designation Authority	s.8(4)	Exempts The City from section 9(4) of the Weed Control Regulation.	No bylaw required	Not Implemented	<input type="radio"/>	
Supporting Community Wellbeing	Affordable housing loans	s. 4(11)	Enable The City to offer loans to individuals and to developers specifically for affordable housing projects.	Bylaw with public hearing	Not Implemented	<input type="radio"/>	
	Inclusionary Housing	s. 4(31), (35.5), (36.1), (37.5), (37.6), (38.1)	Enable The City to establish an inclusionary housing program to meet affordable housing needs.	Bylaw with public hearing	Not Implemented	<input type="radio"/>	
	Housing agreements to follow title	s. 4(36)	Enable The City to implement affordable housing agreements that can ensure commitments follow title and can be enforced against subsequent title holders for the life of the agreement.	No bylaw required	Underway	<input type="radio"/>	
Smarter Community Planning	Bylaw Fines	s. 4(2)(b)	Enable The City to Increase the maximum potential fine for egregious bylaw violations up to \$100,000 (current maximum is \$10,000).	Bylaw with public hearing	Not Implemented	<input type="radio"/>	
	Regulating licensed premises	s. 4(3)	Enable The City to pass bylaws to reduce or stagger the hours within the hours specified under section 3 of the Gaming and Liquor Regulation during which liquor may be sold or provided.	Bylaw with public hearing	Not Implemented	<input type="radio"/>	

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Smarter Community Planning	Define Derelict and Contaminated Property	s.4(16)(a),(b)	Enable The City to define subclasses for derelict and contaminated property.	Bylaw with public hearing	Not Implemented	<input type="radio"/>	
	Local Improvement Taxes	s. 4(22)	Extend the period during which The City may impose a Local Improvement Tax from three years to five years and extend the period during which the improvement must be completed from one year to two years.	No bylaw required	Not Implemented	<input type="radio"/>	
	Municipal Reserve	s. 4(31),(36), (37.1), (37.2), (37.3), (37.4) s. 7(3)	Enable flexibility of uses on school reserve, municipal and school reserve, and municipal reserve, as defined in joint use and planning agreements. Also clarifies that the process developed through the joint use and planning agreements applies for the disposal of freehold (fee simple) school sites, whether or not on reserve land.	Bylaw with public hearing	Not Implemented	<input type="radio"/>	
	Statutory Plans	s. 4(31),(33)	Enable The City to define additional types of statutory plans and where they fit into the hierarchy of plans. Additional types of statutory plans must be consistent with other statutory plans that apply to the same land.	Bylaw with public hearing	Not Implemented	<input type="radio"/>	
	Land Use Bylaws	s. 4(35)	Enable The City to structure the Land Use Bylaw to specify permitted and discretionary uses across land use districts.	Bylaw with public hearing	Not Implemented	<input type="radio"/>	
	Definitions for schools, hospitals and food establishments	s. 4(35)(b)(2.2)	Enable The City to modify the definitions for schools, hospitals, and food establishments for the purposes of applying the <i>Subdivision and Development Regulation</i> within the City.	Bylaw with public hearing	Not Implemented	<input type="radio"/>	
	Off-site Levies	s. 4(35.1),(35.2), (35.3), (35.4) s. 5(2.1), (2.2)	Enable The City to identify the types of infrastructure for which an off-site levy may be imposed and establish the method for determining off-site levies. Requires that The City consult with stakeholders in the development of the off-site levy bylaw.	Bylaw with public hearing	Not Implemented	<input type="radio"/>	
	Environmental Reserve assessment	s.4(37)	Clarify that Environmental Reserve (ER) is assessed on a vacant parcel at the time of subdivision.	No bylaw required	Implemented	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	
	Subdivision Process	s.5(4)(a),(b)	Enable The City to vary or add to subdivision application requirements set out in the <i>Subdivision and Development Regulation</i> through the Land Use Bylaw, as well as require the subdivision authority to consider any other matter provided for in the Land Use Bylaw when making a decision.	Bylaw with public hearing	Not Implemented	<input type="radio"/>	
	Facility Setbacks	s.5(4)(c),(d)	Enables the City, by bylaw, to authorize the Development Authority or Subdivision Authority to vary the requirements contained in sections (2) to (4) of the <i>Subdivision and Development Regulation</i> . If no bylaw is in place, the Subdivision Authority can vary the requirements with written consent of the Deputy Minister of Environment and Parks.	Bylaw with public hearing	Not Implemented	<input type="radio"/>	
Variations to the Traffic Safety Act	s.6, s.8(3)	Provide The City with the authority to vary the certain components of the <i>Traffic Safety Act</i> , as they apply within city boundaries: back-in angle parking, variable speed limit signage, cycling infrastructure and operational issues, default maximum speed limits, and yielding to buses.	Bylaw with public hearing required to use authorities with respect to cycling, speed limits and signage, and angle parking	Implemented	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<a href="#">To Amend Bylaw 26M96, the Calgary Traffic Bylaw and Bylaw 41M2001, the Calgary Parking Bylaw (1H2019)</a>	

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Improving Administrative Efficiency	Bylaws and Municipal Purpose	s. 4(4)	Without restricting sections 7 and 8, allows Council to pass a bylaw for any municipal purpose set out in section 3.	No bylaw required	Not Implemented	
	Delegation of Powers	s. 4(5)(a)	Enable City Council to delegate powers, duties or functions unless an enactment or bylaw provides otherwise. Note: bylaw making authority cannot be delegated.	Bylaw with public hearing	Not Implemented	
	Tax Cancellation	s. 4(5)(b)	Enable City Council to delegate the prior year's tax cancellations to Administration, within certain parameters.	Bylaw with public hearing	Underway	 <a href="#">Tax Penalty Cancellation Delegation Charter Bylaw (1H2018)</a>
	Financial Administration	s. 4(6),(7),(8),(9),(10),(12)	Enable City Council to establish their own financial administration practices for budgets, municipal accounts, financial statements, validity of borrowing, and setting the financial year.	No bylaw required. Resolution required to change the financial year.	Not Implemented	
	Debt Limit and Debt Servicing Policies	s. 4(7.1)	Enable City Council to obtain an external credit rating and then establish a debt limit policy and a debt servicing policy.	Bylaw with public hearing	Not Implemented	
	Improvements use for manufacturing and processing operations	s.4(13)	Clarify that a property is assessable if improvements are not primarily used for manufacturing or processing operations.	No bylaw required	Not Implemented	
	Catch-all assessment class	s.4(16)(c),(d),(18), (20)	Provide amended definitions for "residential" and "non-residential" assessment classes for The City. Clarifies that the non-residential assessment class is the catch-all assessment class.	No bylaw required	Implemented	
	Supplementary assessments on land	s.4(17)	Enable The City to prepare supplementary assessments on property that has changed from farm land to another use.  Farm land is assessed at significantly less than market value. The City supports this policy for agricultural use, but seeks to ensure tax equity once the land is no longer used for farming.	Bylaw with public hearing	Not Implemented	
	Allow continuous bylaws for supplementary assessment and tax, sub-class and business assessment and tax	s.4(19),(22)	Enable City Council to make the following bylaws continuous, rather than annual: 1. Supplementary assessment and tax. 2. Sub-class and business assessment and tax. 3. Farmland supplementary assessment.	No bylaw required	Not Implemented	
	Local Assessment Review Boards (LARBs) to award costs (delay business tax complaints being heard by Composite Assessment Review Boards (CARBs))	s.4(23)	Enable The City to delay the shift for business tax complaints to CARBs, and instead leave the complaints at LARBs. The City of Calgary is phasing out the business tax, while at the same time, the province has elevated business tax complaints to CARBs. This would require considerable administrative resources to make a switch for the last remaining year of the business tax.	No bylaw required	Implemented	
	Evidence and Property Inspections	s.4(14),(25)	Clarify that the assessor may inspect properties following a complaint or inquiry, and present that evidence at assessment review board hearings that arises from inspection of the property completed for assessment purposes.	No bylaw required	Implemented	
	Increasing and Decreasing Assessments	s.4(26)	Clarify that an assessment review board can increase or decrease an assessment based on evidence provided by the assessed person and the assessing body.	No bylaw required	Implemented	

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Improving Administrative Efficiency	Assessment complaint period for non-residential and residential properties with more than three dwelling units	s.4(27)	Enable The City to pass a bylaw reducing the amount of time for non-residential property owners and owners of multi-unit residential to file a complaint from 60 to 30 days. If The City chose to make this change, there must be a consultation period of no less than 30 days prior to the complaint period. This abbreviated complaint period cannot be applied to individual home owners.	Bylaw with public hearing	Not Implemented		
	Affidavit Evidence	s.4(28)	Enable The City to use affidavit evidence to support bylaw offence charges.	No bylaw required	Not Implemented		
	Advertising Requirements	s. 4(28)	Enable The City to modify the advertising requirements related to instances of Council calling a meeting with the public, advertising public auctions, and notification of public works.	Bylaw with public hearing	Not Implemented		
	Electronic notices	s.4(29)	Enable The City to to establish a process by bylaw for sending assessment notices, tax notices, and other notices, documents by electronic means. Citizens will need to opt-in to receive electronic notices. Citizens who do not opt-in will continue to receive notices by traditional methods.	Bylaw with public hearing	Implemented		<a href="#">Electronic Transmission of Assessment, Taxation and Assessment Review Board Notices Charter Bylaw (2H2018)</a>
	Rezoning Notification	s. 4(29.1), (38)	Enable The City to send electronic notices in instances of large scale rezoning within the land use bylaw.	No additional bylaw required	Not Implemented		
	Municipal Tribunal	s.4(39)	Enable The City to process and resolve parking and transit contraventions through the establishment, by bylaw, of an administrative penalty system.	Bylaw with public hearing	Underway		
	Community Organizations Property Tax Exemptions Regulations (COPPER) timelines and exemption requirements	s.5(2)	Enable The City to extend the three-year exemption limit in section 17(3) to a five-year limit.	Bylaw with public hearing	Not Implemented		
	Assessment Review Board (ARB) Information Disclosure Timelines	s.5(3)	Provide for a more even distribution of disclosure timelines between complainant and respondent; dividing evenly between the parties any additional time in excess of the minimum required days.	No bylaw required	Implemented		
	Online school support declarations	s.7(3)	Enable The City to provide certain forms sent pursuant to the School Act to be sent by electronic means Citizens who do not opt-in will continue to receive and send paper copies.	Bylaw with public hearing	Not Implemented		<a href="#">Since 2016, Calgarians have been able to provide school support declaration by printing, signing, scanning and returning to The City through a secure online method on Calgary.ca.</a>

This document is intended as a summary of selected provisions of the City of Calgary Charter, 2018 Regulation, with an indication of which provisions are being implemented by The City of Calgary. This document is not intended to be used for legal interpretation of the Regulation, the [original of which can be found on the Alberta Queen's Printer website.](#)

Many of the authorities granted by the City of Calgary Charter, 2018 Regulation require that The City of Calgary pass a bylaw in order to exercise them. City Charter bylaws may be found on [The City of Calgary website.](#)

In addition, many of the authorities require that The City of Calgary conduct a public hearing on proposed bylaws. A summary of upcoming public hearings may be found on [The City of Calgary website.](#)

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