

CITY OF NANAIMO

BYLAW NO. 7381.01

A BYLAW TO AMEND THE RESPECTFUL SPACES BYLAW

The Municipal Council of the City of Nanaimo in open meeting assembled, ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. Title

This Bylaw may be cited as the “Respectful Spaces Amendment Bylaw 2025 No. 7381.01”.

2. Amendments

“Respectful Spaces Bylaw 2024 No. 7381” is hereby amended as follows:

2.1 By adding the following to the Definitions section:

“ELECTRONIC DEVICE:	means any device capable of transmitting and/or recording data or audio, including cameras, video recorders, smartphones, cellular phones, computers, laptops, tablets, notebooks, personal digital assistants, or other similar devices.”
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2.2 By deleting the word “and” after the words “theft of property” and adding the words “Prohibited Use of an Electronic Device, and” in the “Inappropriate Definition”.

2.3 By deleting the definition of “Municipal Facility” and replacing it with the following:

“MUNICIPAL FACILITY”	means facilities operated or managed by the Municipality and intended for public or Municipal Staff use. This includes, but is not limited to, parks and trails, recreation facilities, staff offices and workspaces, meeting rooms, community meeting spaces, Municipal Hall, and spaces where Municipal Services are provided.
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2.4 By deleting the word “and” prior to the word “volunteer” and deleting the words “but does not include the RCMP and other policy services” after the word “events” in the “Municipal Services” definition.

2.5 By deleting the definition of "Municipal Staff" and replacing it with the following:

"MUNICIPAL STAFF" means a person employed by the Municipality and includes volunteers and contractors authorized to act on behalf of the Municipality, and Municipal Employees that support the RCMP.

2.6 By adding the following to the Definition Section:

"PROHIBITED USE OF AN ELECTRONIC DEVICE" means use that: interferes with the sound system or other technology; interferes with decorum or is inconsistent with orderly conduct of business; or to take photographs or record video where unauthorized.

2.7 By adding an "s" after the word "rule" and deleting the words "Municipal Staff" from the Public Code of Conduct definition.

2.8 By deleting section 5.3 and replacing it with the following:

"5.3 This Bylaw does not apply to the proceedings of Council and Committees for the City, governed by the Council Procedure Bylaw 2018 No. 7272 as amended or replaced."

2.9 By adding the following to section 6.

"6.4 In addition to or in lieu of responding to an Incident in accordance with the procedures set out in sections 7 through 9 and the Appendices to this Bylaw, the Municipality may deal with a contravention of this Bylaw by bylaw notice."

2.10 By deleting sections 7.6 and 7.7.

PASSED FIRST READING: 2025-FEB-24
PASSED SECOND READING: 2025-FEB-24
PASSED THIRD READING: 2025-FEB-24
ADOPTED: _____

MAYOR

CORPORATE OFFICER