

**CONSOLIDATION OF A BYLAW OF THE CITY OF LETHBRIDGE
TO REGULATE THE CARRYING AND USE OF FIREARMS,
ARCHERY EQUIPMENT WITHIN MUNICIPAL BOUNDARIES**

WHEREAS a Council may pass bylaws respecting the safety, health and welfare of people and the protection of people, property and wild and domestic animals;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the City of Lethbridge deems it in the interests of the citizens of the City of Lethbridge to exercise the said powers in the manner and to the extent hereinafter set forth;

NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LETHBRIDGE, DULY ASSEMBLED, HEREBY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. Except where otherwise indicated by the context, the following definitions shall apply in the interpretation and enforcement of this Bylaw:**
 - (a) CHIEF OF POLICE shall mean the Chief of Police of the City of Lethbridge Police Service.**
 - (b) CONVENTIONAL ARCHERY EQUIPMENT means any bow capable of discharging an arrow or other projectile that is capable of causing serious injury or death to any person or animal and includes a long bow and a crossbow.**
 - (c) FIREARM means any barreled weapon from which any shot, bullet or other projectile can be discharged and that is capable of causing serious injury or death to any person or animal.**
 - (d) RANGE includes the word "gallery" and shall mean any public or private facility at which firearms and bow training or practice or both, is conducted, under controlled circumstances intended to encourage the safe handling of firearms and bows and at which procedures or facilities are in place that are intended to prevent the projectiles discharged from causing any damage to persons, property or animals.**

2. **Except with the permission of the Chief of Police no person unless authorized, entitled or permitted to do so by virtue of an Act of the Parliament of Canada or an Act of the Legislature of the Province of Alberta shall within the limits of the City of Lethbridge:**
 - (a) **discharge a firearm, air gun, air rifle, air pistol or conventional archery equipment other than at a range;**
 - (b) **carry any loaded firearm, air gun, air rifle, air pistol or conventional archery equipment other than at a range;**
 - (c) **have in any motor vehicle any loaded firearm, air gun, air rifle or air pistol.**
3. **Except with the permission of the Chief of Police no person shall within the limits of the City of Lethbridge use a slingshot.**
4. **No person while in possession of a firearm shall cross any parkland within the City of Lethbridge unless the firearm does not contain a shell or shells either in the breech or magazine and:**
 - (i) **If the firearm is of the kind commonly known as a "take down" model and is carried in the "take down" condition; or**
 - (ii) **If the firearm is not the "take down" model it is carried in a closed case or canvas covering and is not exposed.**
5. **Any person committing a breach of a provision of this bylaw is guilty of an offence punishable on summary conviction by a fine not exceeding ONE THOUSAND (\$1,000.00) DOLLARS or in default of payment thereof by a term of imprisonment not exceeding three months.**
6.
 - (1) **A Peace Officer who believes a person has committed a breach of any of the provisions of this bylaw referred to in Schedule "A" hereto may serve upon such person a Violation Ticket similar in form to that prescribed in Part Two, Clause 24 of the Provincial Procedures Act.**
 - (2) **Such a Violation Ticket shall be sufficient if it is personally served.**

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- (3) Upon production of any such Violation Ticket within seven days from the date of service thereof together with payment prescribed in Schedule "A" to a person authorized by the City of Lethbridge to receive such payment an official receipt for the payment shall be issued and subject to the provisions of Subsections (4) and (5) of this Section, such payment shall be accepted in lieu of prosecution.**
- 4. If the person upon whom such Violation Ticket is served fails to pay the required sum within the time limited, the provisions of this Section for acceptance of payment in lieu of prosecution does not apply.**
- 5. Where any person has made payment pursuant to the provisions of this Section and is prosecuted for the offence in respect of which payment has been made, such payment shall be refunded.**
- 6. Nothing in this Section shall prevent a Peace Officer from issuing a Summons in regular form in lieu of a Violation Ticket permitting prepayment for any such offence the choice of issuing a Summons or a Violation Ticket shall be in the sole discretion of the Peace Officer.**
- 7. Bylaw No. 2103 is hereby repealed.**

SCHEDULE "A" TO BYLAW NO. 5057

<u>Section</u>	<u>Practice</u>	<u>Specified Penalty</u>
2(a)	Discharge firearm	\$ 150.00
	Discharge air gun	100.00
	Discharge air rifle	100.00
	Discharge air pistol	100.00
	Discharge archery equipment	100.00
2(b)	carry loaded firearm, air gun, air rifle, archery equipment	\$ 100.00
2(c)	convey in a motor vehicle loaded firearm, air gun, air rifle, air pistol	\$ 100.00
3	use sling shot	\$ 100.00
4	cross parkland with firearm	\$ 100.00

