



County of Lethbridge Policy Handbook

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SUBJECT: Road Allowance
Obstructions

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Any unauthorized objects or property identified by the County as being located within the boundaries of a County road allowance are deemed to be in contravention of the County Policy and of the Municipal Government Act, Division 2, clauses 16 & 18.

In view of the above, Council may take appropriate action in this regard and apply corrective measures.

Whereas the County may be liable for damages occurring from obstructions placed on road allowances (eg. fences, haystacks, signs, rural mail boxes, granaries, etc.) and, when the County is made aware of any obstructions on road allowances by a complaint or notification, the following will be the policy of the County of Lethbridge:

1. The information will be verified by the Director of Municipal Services, Supervisor of Public Works or the Supervisor of Agriculture and Municipal Services with the information brought back to the CAO for further action.
2. The owner shall be given 30 days or such shorter period of notice as may be appropriate to remove the obstruction.
3. If the owner fails to comply within the notice period, the County may remove the obstruction and place it on the closest available land location of the owner, and all costs of this removal shall be charged back to the owner.
4. If the Municipality becomes aware of a situation where the danger caused by the obstruction is imminent or of such a nature that immediate action is required in the opinion of the County, then the County may move the obstruction without notice and charge the owner with the cost of the move.