

The District has updated its Street and Traffic Bylaw (Bylaw 7125), which regulates traffic and boulevards within the municipality. The new Bylaw took effect January 1, 2005. This brochure offers general guidelines on what you can and cannot do with regards to construction, planting and rubbish and snow removal on the boulevard and laneway. For details, visit [www.dnv.org](http://www.dnv.org).

## CONSTRUCTION AND PLANTING

### What you can do without a permit...

#### On the Boulevard:

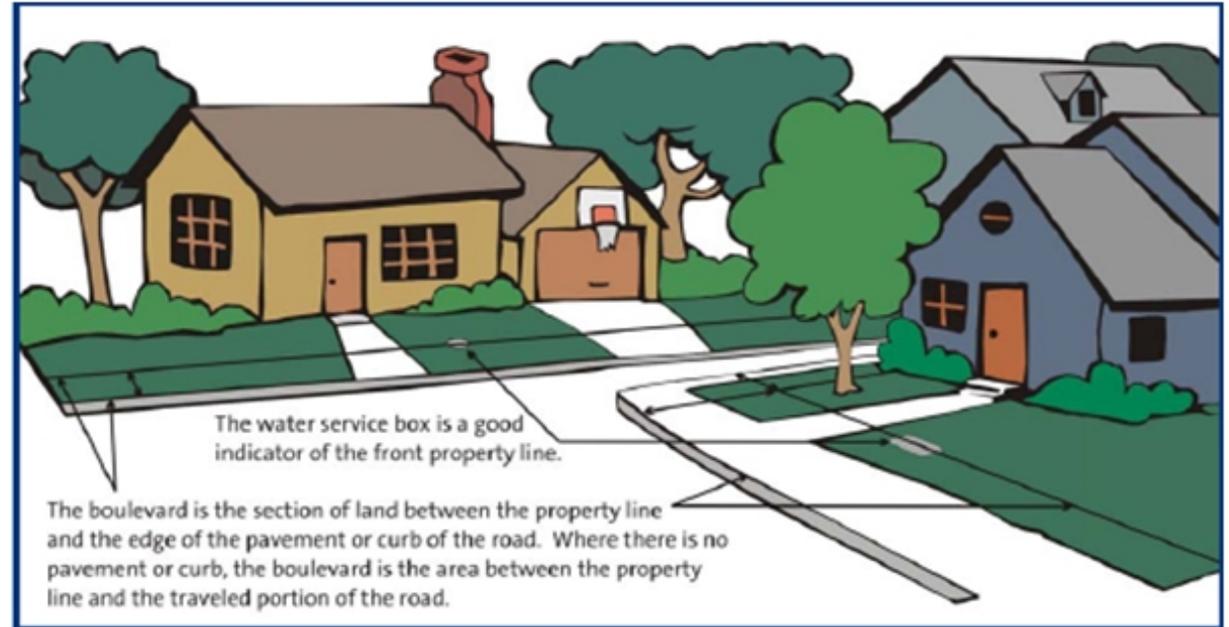
Repair and replace an existing driveway, walkway or retaining wall, as long as:

- It's from a previous permit.
- You haven't increased with the width or height.
- It doesn't conflict with a utility or other structure.
- It's not a safety concern.
- If you place bark mulch, gravel, rock or similar material, ensure it's less than 10 centimetres deep, doesn't change the grade, and is kept away from the road.

#### On the Boulevard and Laneway:

Plant a bush, shrub, grass, or groundcover as long as:

- It's less than 0.9 metres high when fully grown in its natural state.
- It's at least 1.5 metres from the roadway edge or sidewalk when fully grown in its natural state.
- It doesn't affect pedestrian access, visibility or traffic safety.
- It doesn't interfere with a public utility service to the highway.
- The planting is indigenous to B.C.'s Southern Coast, if it is on a steep slope or near a body of water.



### What you need a permit for...

#### On the Boulevard and Laneway:

You'll need a permit or District approval to do the following:

- Construct a fence, planter box, retaining wall, ornamental lighting or benches.
- Install any impermeable hard surface (other than replacing an existing driveway).
- Install anything altering the natural grade.
- Put up signage.
- Plant a bush, shrub, ornamental plant, or ground cover that's likely to be taller than 0.9 metres.
- Plant a tree or hedge
- Build a new driveway, walkway or stairs

#### To obtain a Highway Construction and Planting Permit:

You need to apply in writing to the District Transportation Section. Your application should include a description and detailed plan of the proposed construction or planting (this should include construction or maintenance details).

Fees will be applied once the application is accepted. If you are applying for a Building Permit, this approval will be processed at the same time.

## TEMPORARY USE OF THE ROADWAY- Highway Use Permits

You cannot perform any work or activity on the roadway unless it's associated with normal roadway usage. This includes anything that interferes with traffic or damages the roadway, unless authorized through a Highway Use Permit. These permits are issued for temporarily placing fixtures or other item, such as a waste disposal bin, barricades, traffic lane closures, and signs on the road or boulevard during construction. The Permit can also be used for special events, such as block parties, parades, processions or movie filming. A fee will be applied once the application is accepted for processing.

## CARE OF THE BOULEVARD

- No one may damage any tree, shrub, plant, bush, hedge, ornamental planting, fence or lighting on a boulevard.
- No one may cut down or prune any tree on a boulevard without District permission.
- Any rubbish obstructing the sidewalk should be immediately removed.
- For vegetation growing around power, cable or telephone wires, call your local utility company for advice.
- No one may park their vehicle, trailer or boat on the boulevard.

## VISIBILITY

A sight line hazard is anything that impedes a person's ability to see traffic or pedestrians.

Here's what you can do to ensure safety:

- Keep vegetation clear of walkways.
- Cut back foliage and vegetation to provide a clear view of stop signs, street name and traffic signs.
- If you own or live on a corner property be aware of the sight line visibility for pedestrians and motorists – our Transportation Section can assist you.

## WHO CAN I CALL FOR MORE INFORMATION?

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Transportation Section 604-990-2450  
Fax 604-987-7185

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Email [eng@dnv.org](mailto:eng@dnv.org)

## IF YOU SEE A PROBLEM...

*If you notice a boulevard in need of maintenance for visibility or safety reasons, please call our Transportation Section at 604-990-2450. We'll document the call and visit the site to address the problem.*



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