

BYLAW NO. 4793

A BYLAW OF THE CITY OF MEDICINE HAT to amend Bylaw No. 3472, the Escort Service Bylaw.

WHEREAS it is considered desirable to amend Bylaw No. 3472.

NOW THEREFORE THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEDICINE HAT, IN COUNCIL ASSEMBLED, ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. Bylaw No. 3472, the Escort Service Bylaw, is hereby amended as follows:

(a) The following is inserted preceding section 1:

“PURPOSE:

The purpose of this bylaw is to establish a system of licensing for the provision of Escort service businesses (“the **Business**”), the Business activities, and persons engaged in the Business.”.

(b) Subsection 2.0 (g) is repealed and replaced with the following:

““Escort” means an individual who charges or receives a fee or any other compensation for acting as a date or providing personal companionship for a limited period of time but does not include a person who provides assistance to another person because of that other person’s age or ability;”.

(c) Section 7.1 is repealed and replaced with the following:

7.1 Every Agency shall maintain detailed records containing the following information:

- (a) the names, telephone or cellphone number and address of each Escort for which the Agency provided introduction services;
- (b) dates of all introductions arranged for each Escort;
- (c) fee charged for each introduction;
- (d) the family name and all given names, date of birth, and the address of each client receiving services; and
- (e) location of each introduction.

7.2 A Licence Inspector or Bylaw Enforcement Officer may examine any business record or document of an Agency for the purpose of enforcing this Bylaw.”.

(e) Schedule “A” is deleted and replaced with the Schedule “A” attached hereto.

2. This Bylaw comes into force on the date that it is passed.

READ A FIRST TIME in open Council on November 4, 2024.

READ A SECOND TIME in open Council on December 16, 2024.

READ A THIRD TIME in open Council on December 16, 2024.

SIGNED AND PASSED on December 17, 2024.

MAYOR: Linnsie Clark

CITY CLERK: Tarolyn Aaserud

SCHEDULE "A"
AS AMENDED BY BYLAW NO. 4793 - DECEMBER 2, 2024

	Effective January 1 2025	Effective January 1 2026
1. Escort License		
Resident Person	\$125.00	\$125.00
Non-Resident Person	\$180.00	\$180.00
2. Agency License		
Escort Agency - Resident	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00
Escort Agency – Non- Resident	\$2,400.00	\$2,400.00
3. Independent Agency		
Independent Escort Agency – Resident	\$750.00	\$750.00
Independent Escort Agency – Non-Resident	\$1,200.00	\$1200.00
4. Transfer Fee	\$80.00	\$80.00
Photocopy or Printing (per page - 11 x 17 or less) (Plus GST)	\$6.00	\$7.00
Photocopy or Printing (per page - larger than 11 x 17) (Plus GST)	\$40.00	\$45.00

GENERAL NOTES

1. Applicants who dispute a fee may request a review by the Director of Development Services. The decision of the Director of Development Services may be appealed to the City Manager. The decision of the City Manager will be final and binding.
2. All fees listed above are GST exempt except where specifically noted.