

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF THOROLD

BY-LAW NO. 20- 2008

BEING A BY-LAW TO PROHIBIT AND REGULATE  
PUBLIC NUISANCES WITHIN THE CITY OF THOROLD

THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF THOROLD HEREBY ENACTS  
AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS:

1. The *Municipal Act*, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25, as amended (the "*Municipal Act*"), provides that a municipality has the capacity, rights and powers of a natural purpose for exercising its authority and that it may do so by law.
2. Section 128 of the *Municipal Act* provides that a local municipality may prohibit and regulate with respect to public nuisances, including matters that, in the opinion of Council, are or could become or cause public nuisances.
3. It is, in the opinion of the Council for the Corporation of the City of Thorold that certain actions outlined in this by-law constitute public nuisances and approved the recommendations contained within Director of Planning and Building Services Report PBS2008-26 at a Special Council Meeting held March 4, 2008.
4. Section 425 of the *Municipal Act* establishes that any person who contravenes any by-law of a municipality is guilty of an offence.

NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF  
THOROLD ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. DEFINITIONS

1.1 In this by-law,

"City" means the Corporation of the City of Thorold;

"Defecate" means to discharge waste material from the bowels;

"Fight" means any confrontation involving violent, physical contact between two or more people;

"Graffiti" means images or lettering, scratch scrawl painted or any form of marking on property that does not belong to the artist;

"Loiter" means lingering on the way, to travel indolently with frequent pauses without apparent destination;

"Public Place" includes a highway, sidewalk, pedestrian walkway or trail, property and any place to which the public have a right of access or by invitation, express or implied and includes private property that is exposed to public view, but does not include a washroom facility;

"Spit" means to eject phlegm, saliva, chewing tobacco, liquid or any other substance from the mouth;

"Urinate" means to discharge urine from the body;

"Vomit" means to eject matter from the stomach through the mouth.

2. PROHIBITIONS

2.1 No person shall Urinate, Defecate, Vomit or Spit in a Public Place.

2.2 No person shall knock over or attempt to knock over a Canada Post mailbox, Canada Post relay box, newspaper box, fence, bench, blue box or garbage container or other structure or object located in a Public Place. This section shall not apply to City and Regional employees or any person under contract with the City or the Regional Municipality of Niagara acting under the jurisdiction of the City of Region.

- 2.3 No person shall Loiter in a Public Place.
- 2.4 No person shall participate in a Fight in any Public Place.
- 2.5 No person shall mark or apply Graffiti on any Public Place, including signs or private property.
- 2.6 No person shall leave, throw or deposit any bottles, glasses or material on public or private property.
- 2.7 No owner, occupant or tenant of any premise serving alcohol, fitted with large doors or garage type doors, shall cause, permit or allow the said doors to remain open after 11:00 p.m.
- 2.8 No person shall refuse to identify themselves when requested to do so by a police officer or municipal by-law enforcement officer.

**3. PENALTY**

- 3.1 Every person who contravenes any provision of this by-law is guilty of an offence and on conviction is liable to a fine provided for in the *Provincial Offences Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c.P.33, as amended, and the regulations made thereunder.

**4. GENERAL**

- 4.1 Each provision of this by-law is independent of all other provisions, and if any provision is declared invalid for any reason by a Court of competent jurisdiction, all other provisions of this by-law remain in force.
- 4.2 Nothing in this by-law relieves any person from complying with any provision of a federal or provincial regulation or municipal by-law or any requirement of a lawful permit, order or licence.
- 4.3 The provisions of this by-law may be enforced by a police officer or a municipal by-law enforcement officer or other individual duly appointed for the purpose of enforcing this by-law.


**5. SHORT TITLE OF BY-LAW**

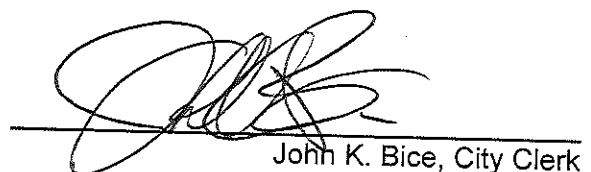
- 5.1 This by-law may be referred to as the "Public Nuisance By-law".

**6. FORCE AND EFFECT**

- 6.1 This by-law shall come into force and effect on the day it is passed.

**READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME AND PASSED BY COUNCIL THIS  
4th DAY OF MARCH 2008.**

  
H. D'Angela, Mayor

  
John K. Bice, City Clerk

**PART I PROVINCIAL OFFENCES ACT**

**Schedule "A"**

**Set Fine Schedule**

<u>Item</u>	<u>Column 1</u> Short Form Wording	<u>Column 2</u> Provision, Creating or Defining Offence	<u>Column 3</u> Set Fine
1.	Urinate, Defecate, Vomit or Spit in a Public Place	Section 2.1	\$300.00
2.	Knock over or attempt to knock over a Canada Post mailbox, Canada Post relay box, newspaper box, fence, bench, blue box, garbage container or other structure or object in a public place.	Section 2.2	\$300.00
3.	Loiter in a Public Place	Section 2.3	\$250.00
4.	Participate in a Fight in any Public Place.	Section 2.4	\$300.00
5.	Mark or apply Graffiti on any Public Place, including signs or private property.	Section 2.5	\$300.00
6.	Leave, throw or deposit any bottles, glasses or material on public or private property.	Section 2.6	\$300.00
7.	Cause, permit or allow large doors or garage type doors of premises serving alcohol to remain open after 11:00 p.m.	Section 2.7	\$300.00