

**Policy statement**

As a requirement under the *Province of Alberta Agricultural Pests Act*, November 1, 2014 Section 6 “a local authority of a municipality shall take active measures to prevent the establishment of, or to control or destroy, pests in the municipality”.

**Definitions**

*Regulation* means *Pest and Nuisance Control Regulation (amended) 87/2020, Province of Alberta Agricultural Pests Act*.

*Inspector* means a person appointed as an inspector, including an inspector by virtue of office, under the *Province of Alberta Agricultural Pests Act*.

*Owner* as defined by the *Alberta Agricultural Pests Act* means

- (i) in the case of land, a person who is registered under the *Land Titles Act* as the owner of land, or
- (ii) in the case of personal property, a person who is in lawful possession of it or who has the right to exercise control over it

*Property* means personal property and includes vegetation, but does not include livestock.

*Pest* means an animal, bird, insect, plant, or disease declared to be a pest in accordance with the regulation.

**Policy authority**

*Legislative implications:*

- *Province of Alberta Agricultural Pests Act and Regulation*
- *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*

**Policy standards**

1. Conduct inspections in accordance with relevant legislation.
2. The detection of a declared pest on property or livestock will be identified and the relevant information will be transferred to the property owner and/or producer on an ongoing basis.
3. When necessary, issue notices and undertake enforcement procedures as specified by the *Alberta Agricultural Pests Act*.
4. All pest investigations will be undertaken in accordance with the guidelines in the Pest Control Safe Practices and Administrative Procedures.

**Policy responsibilities**

*Council responsibilities:*

Council will,

- Approve the Agricultural Pests Enforcement Obligations Policy.
- Appoint an independent Committee annually to hear and determine appeals received by the municipality against notices issued by an inspector under the *Alberta Agricultural Pests Act*.

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- Appoint inspectors under the *Alberta Agricultural Pests Act* as required to conduct pest inspections within the municipality.

*Administration responsibilities:*

Administration will,

- Ensure compliance with all current legislated requirements and municipal policies.
- Implement and maintain inspection and enforcement procedures in reference to prohibited noxious and/or noxious weeds.
- Provide training and support for inspectors.

Inspectors will,

- Adhere to the Pest Control Safe Practices and Administrative Procedures and enforcement procedures as specified by the *Alberta Agricultural Pests Act*.
- Deliver services and documentation relating to the inspection for the presence of pests.
- Provide recommendations to producers and property owners for the effective management of pests in a timely manner.
- Issue a notice when non-compliance in accordance with the *Alberta Agricultural Pests Act* is determined.

**Monitoring and updating**

- This policy will be posted on Leduc County’s website.
- This policy will be reviewed at least once every four years.

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