NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

VULCAN COUNTY
IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

PROPOSED BYLAW NO. 2026-027

To be held at 11:05 a.m., December 2, 2026
Vulcan County Council Chambers

PURSUANT to section 606 and 692 of the Municipal Government Act, Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000, Chapter M 26, as amended, the Council of Vulcan County in the Province of Alberta hereby gives notice of its intention to adopt proposed Bylaw No. 2026-027 being a bylaw to amend Land Use Bylaw No. 2020-028.

The purpose of proposed Bylaw No. 2026-027 is to address, through a single omnibus amendment, errors, outdated references and operational matters identified through the administration of Land Use Bylaw No. 2020-028. Most of the proposed amendments are clerical and would correct typographical, grammatical, numbering and cross-referencing errors and update outdated references to provincial ministries, agencies, statutes and regulations.

A smaller number of amendments would change how the Bylaw operates, including:

- administrative changes, being the removal of unnecessary hardship or practical difficulties as the normal threshold for a variance and allowing more than one 12-month development permit extension;
- changes to the uses allowed in certain districts, being the addition of Renewable energy, individual as a permitted use in the Grouped Country Residential, Grouped Reservoir Residential and Reservoir Vicinity districts; Battery energy storage systems (BESS) as a discretionary use in the Rural Industrial district; Animal care service, large in the Small Holdings district; and Animal care service, large and small in the Urban Fringe district, together with new animal care service standards, the narrowing of the 304.8 m (1,000 ft) separation from dwellings on adjacent parcels so that it applies only to exterior exercise areas and no longer to buildings, and the removal of dog care, grooming and boarding from the kennel definitions;
- changes to development standards, being reduced side and rear setbacks for accessory buildings and structures in the Grouped Reservoir Residential district, a reduced side yard setback for all uses in part of Lake McGregor Resort, a reduced corner lot front yard setback in the Hamlet Commercial district, additional barrier-free parking spaces for non-agricultural uses, and new setbacks from irrigation canals, pipelines and reservoirs in the Rural Recreational district; and
- changes to subdivision and land suitability requirements, being a qualification to the rule that a parcel abutting only an undeveloped road allowance or a road not built to County standards does not have access, and to the related requirement to build a road to County standards, so that neither applies where the principal use of the parcel is extensive agriculture; and a narrowing of the land that must be excluded from a farmstead subdivision in the Rural General, Reservoir Vicinity and Urban Fringe districts and in the definition of Farmstead.

Therefore, take notice that a public hearing to consider proposed Bylaw No. 2026-027 will be held in the Vulcan County Council Chambers at 11:05 a.m. on December 2, 2026.

Anyone wishing to make a presentation regarding the proposed bylaw should, in writing, notify the Chief Administrative Officer of their intention prior to 4:00 p.m. on November 27, 2026. Both written and verbal presentations may be made to Council at the public hearing:

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A copy of the proposed bylaw may be inspected at the Vulcan County office at 102 Centre Street, Vulcan, during normal business hours.

If you have any comments or questions, please contact:

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