

To whom it may concern:

My name is Sean Potts and on Wednesday, December 5th, 2007, I had received a parking ticket at 7:46 PM from the Medicine Hat Police Service regarding a breach of Medicine Hat Bylaw 2434, Section 3.2.

- (3.1) The loading or unloading of goods from a commercial vehicle from a period not exceeding thirty (30) minutes, or,
- (3.2) The loading or unloading of goods or passengers from a vehicle other than a commercial vehicle for a period not exceeding five (5) minutes provided the vehicle described in subsection (3.1) or (3.2) does not obstruct the free passage of pedestrian and vehicular traffic through such alley.

It was unknown to me at the time that parking in an alley was forbidden, and indeed, I would not have if there were any signs displaying the forbiddance of parking in such an area, as there were not. What is more, I was not aware of any such restricting bylaw enforced by the city of Medicine Hat; and indeed the majority of the population probably are at unawares of this bylaw, I am no exception; however, now I have learned.

Prior to the issuing of a ticket, I have witnessed numerous people parking in this area (indicated by the photos), it seems a common area for visitors to this apartment block to park, and with good reason: the area does not obstruct pedestrian or vehicular traffic through the alley, which is what Section 3.2 of Bylaw 2434 prohibits. There is in fact, more than enough room for any vehicle to pass unscathed. Garbage trucks may present a possible concern; however, as stated, the ticket was issued at 7:46 PM, long after any garbage trucks would still be on the road, and garbage pick up at this apartment is on Tuesday, and the ticket was issued on Wednesday.

In conclusion, there were no signs displaying the forbiddance of parking in such an area where numerous people have and do park regularly.

Thank you.

Signed:

Sean Potts



To Medicine Hat City Hall  
Regarding a Parking Ticket  
Written by Sean Potts  
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