

PUBLIC NOTICE

RM of Laird No. 404 Public Notice –Zoning Bylaw Amendment

Public Notice is hereby given that the Council of the Rural Municipality (RM) of Laird No. 404 intends to adopt a bylaw under *The Planning and Development Act, 2007*; an amendment to Bylaw No. 6-2008, known as The Zoning Bylaw (ZB).

INTENT: The proposed ZB amendment is primarily related to the regulatory treatment of garden (granny) suites within the ZB; some existing regulations would be modified and replaced. Key regulatory treatment changes as follows: garden suites are being changed from a discretionary use to a permitted use in the Agricultural District (AG) and Agricultural Residential District (AR) – they would remain as a discretionary use in the Country Residential 1 District (CR1); existing limitations on floor area and height would be removed, but would be required to be lesser than the primary residence on the site; forms of allowable dwelling types would be prescribed; time limits on permit validity would be removed as well as provisions for agreements or financial assurance for removal at end of validity; basements may now be allowable; removal of restrictions on placement within a site relative to the primary residence; allowance for attached garages; regulation of tenancy would be removed; and, the definition of *garden (granny) suite* would be replaced. New evaluation criteria to guide discretionary use decision making would be added. Other miscellaneous housekeeping items include retitling section 4 (with no effect on content/implementation), and public utilities would be added as a listed permitted use to the AR District.

AFFECTED LAND: All lands within the AG, AR, and CR1 zoning districts would be affected – only said districts would allow for garden suites.

REASON: The RM is receiving development permit applications and inquiries for garden suites with increasing frequency. The existing regulations do not provide enough flexibility or meet the needs of its residents in a changing rural, demographic, and economic environment. As such, Council is considering replacement of its regulations to remove certain restrictions and be more adaptable in accommodating future development and encourage more efficient use of land, while aiming to balance compatibility and off-site impacts. While a general regulation currently exempts public utilities from regulation within a district, they are being added to the AR District for improved consistency with the listing of uses in other districts.

PUBLIC INSPECTION: Any person may inspect the bylaw at the RM of Laird No. 404 office during regular office hours, excluding statutory holidays. Draft copy of the proposed bylaw is available from the RM office; hard copies at cost, and a free digital copy is available at <https://rmoflaird.ca/category/rm-notices/>. The RM office is located at 3025 Central Avenue, Waldheim, SK S0K 4R0.

PUBLIC HEARING: Council will hold a public hearing on **July 9, 2026**, at **10:00 AM**, in council chambers to hear any person or group that wants to comment on the proposed bylaw. The deadline for receipt of written comments and requests for representation at the meeting must be received by the RM office by **July 8, 2026**. For additional information, please contact (306) 945-2133 or administrator@rmoflaird.ca.

Issued at the Town of Waldheim this 11th day of June 2026.

Jason Dagenais – Administrator - RM of Laird No. 404