



MUNICIPALITY OF NORTH MIDDLESEX

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"Tidy Yard By-law Municipality of North Middlesex"

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WHEREAS Sections 8, 9 and 11 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, c.25, as amended (“**Municipal Act**”), permits a municipality to pass By-laws necessary or desirable for municipal purposes, and in particular paragraphs 6 and 8 of Subsection 11(2) authorize by-laws respecting the health, safety and well-being of persons and the protection of persons and property;

AND WHEREAS Section 127 of the *Municipal Act* permits a municipality to pass By-laws requiring an owner or occupant of land to clean and clear the land, not including buildings; to clear refuse or debris from the land, not including buildings; for regulating when and how such matters shall be done; for prohibiting the disposal of refuse or debris on land without the consent of the owner or occupant of the land; and for defining “refuse”;

AND WHEREAS Section 128 of the *Municipal Act* permits a municipality to pass By-laws to prohibit and regulate with respect to public nuisances, including matters that, in the opinion of Council, are or could become or cause public nuisances and in the opinion of Council are or could become public nuisances;

AND WHEREAS Section 131 of the *Municipal Act* permits a municipality to pass By-laws to prohibit and regulate the use of any land for the storage of used motor vehicles for the purpose of wrecking or dismantling them or salvaging parts from them for sale or other disposition;

AND WHEREAS Section 425 of the *Municipal Act* permits a municipality to pass By-laws providing that any person who contravenes any By-law of the municipality passed under the *Municipal Act* is guilty of an offence;

AND WHEREAS Section 436 of the *Municipal Act* permits a municipality to pass By-laws providing that the municipality may enter on land at any reasonable time for the purpose of carrying out an inspection to determine whether or not a By-law passed under the *Municipal Act* or a direction or order made under such a By-law are being complied with;

AND WHEREAS Section 444(1) of the *Municipal Act* permits a municipality, if satisfied that a contravention of a by-law of the municipality passed under the *Municipal Act* has occurred, to make an order requiring the person who contravened the By-law or who caused or permitted the contravention or the owner or occupier of the land on which the contravention occurred to do work to correct the contravention;

AND WHEREAS Section 446(1) of the *Municipal Act* provides that if a municipality has the authority under the *Municipal Act* or any other Act or under a By-law under the

Municipal Act or any other Act to direct or require a person to do a matter or thing, the municipality may also provide that, in default of it being done by the person directed or required to do it, the matter or thing shall be done at the person's expense;

AND WHEREAS Section 446(2) of the Municipal Act provides that a municipality may enter upon land at any reasonable time for the purposes of Subsection 446(1);

AND WHEREAS Section 446(3) of the Municipal Act permits a municipality to recover the costs of doing a matter or thing under Subsection 446(1) from the person directed or required to do it by action or by adding the costs to the tax roll and collecting them in the same manner as property taxes;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of North Middlesex deems it desirable for the health, safety and welfare of the inhabitants to enact a by-law requiring owners and occupants of land to maintain their land free from refuse, debris, excessive growth of grass and weeds and conditions which may pose an unsafe condition;

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of North Middlesex hereby enacts as follows:

1. ADMINISTRATION AND INTERPRETATION

- 1.1 This By-law will be administered by the Clerk and may be enforced by the By-law Enforcement Officer.
- 1.2 In the interpretation and application of this By-law, unless otherwise stated to the contrary, the provisions shall be held to be the minimum requirements for the promotion of the public, health, safety, comfort and general welfare. Council and the Municipality deem the contraventions of the minimum property standard requirements listed herein to be a nuisance that could create a health and safety hazard for the public.
- 1.3 Reference to any Act, Regulation or By-law is reference to that Act, Regulation or By-law as it is amended, or re-enacted from time to time.
- 1.4 Where there is a conflict between a provision of this By-law and a provision of any other Municipal By-law, the provisions that establishes the highest standards to protect the health and safety of the public shall apply.
- 1.5 Where the provisions of this By-law conflicts with any Act, the provisions of the provincial standards shall prevail.
- 1.6 In the case of a conflict between this By-law and the permitted uses of Municipal Zoning By-law, the provisions that establish the highest standards to protect the health and safety of the public shall apply.

2. DEFINITIONS

- 2.1 In this By-law:

“Compost” means the biological degradation or natural decomposition, in a composter, heap or digester, of organic material to produce soil-like material called humus.

“Council” means the Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of North Middlesex.

“Debris” means waste material of any kind whatsoever and without limiting the generality of the foregoing includes: any material whatsoever capable of holding water, inoperative or non-permitted vehicles or boats and mechanical equipment, automobile and mechanical parts, tires, furnaces, water and fuel tanks, furniture, glassware, plastic, cans, garden refuse, grass clippings, trees, tree branches, earth or rock fill, animal feces, materials from construction or demolition projects, old clothing and bedding, refrigerators, freezers, or similar appliances, whether operable or inoperable, containers of any kind and unmaintained garden fixtures and any objects or conditions that might create a health, fire or accident hazard.

“Derelict Motor Vehicle” means a used vehicle or the body or chassis of a used vehicle that is not in an operating condition and is rusted, wrecked or partly wrecked or is dismantled or partly dismantled; or does not have affixed to it a license plate with a current permit validation as required under the *Highway Traffic Act*, R.S.O 1990 c.H.8 .

“Designate” shall mean a person who is an employee of the Municipality, and who has been appointed by Council to administer and enforce all or part of this By-law on behalf of the Municipality and shall include any and all appointed municipal law enforcement officers.

“Domestic Waste” means any non-putrescible waste, consisting of combustible materials, including but not limited to paper, cardboard, yard clippings, wood, or similar materials, generated in a dwelling, including the real property upon which it is situated.

“Good Repair” means not unsightly by reason of deterioration, neglect, damage or defacement and free from injury, accident, hazard or health hazard.

“Grass” shall include all forms, types and species of grass, weeds and or any other plant material.

“Ground Cover” means organic or non-organic material applied to prevent soil erosion including but not limited to concrete, flagstone, gravel, asphalt, grass or other landscaping.

“Industrial Waste” shall mean any debris, refuse, sewage, effluent, discard or garbage of a type arising from industrial waste or commercial operation, or belonging to or associated with industry or commerce or industrial or commercial property including, but not limited to, garbage, discarded material or things, broken or dismantled things, materials or things exposed to the elements, and deteriorating or decaying on a property due to exposure to the weather.

“Inoperative Motor Vehicle” means a motor vehicle having missing bodywork, components or parts, including tires or damaged components, parts, bodywork, glass or deteriorated or removed adjuncts, which prevents its mechanical function, and may

include any vehicle that does not display a vehicle permit number plate with evidence of the current validation of the permit affixed to it, issued under the *Highway Traffic Act*, or as issued by another provincial, state or national government.

“Land” includes any part of a yard or lot, occupied by a building or not, and including vacant land, within the Municipality.

“Motor Vehicle” means an automobile, truck, motorcycle, snowmobile, trailer, recreational vehicle and any other vehicle propelled or driven by other than muscular power, but does not include the cars of electric steam railways, or other motor vehicles running only upon rails, or a motorized snow vehicle, traction engine, farm tractor, self-propelled implement of husbandry or road building machine within the meaning of the *Highway Traffic Act*.

“Municipality” means the Municipality of North Middlesex.

“Nuisance” means an activity or activities, intentional or negligent in origin, which have a detrimental impact on the use and enjoyment of land and/or properties in the vicinity of the premises and for the purposes of this By-law includes odor, dust and illumination.

“Occupant” means any person or persons over the age of eighteen (18) years occupying a Land.

“Officer” means a municipal law enforcement officer, inspector or other person appointed or employed by the Municipality to enforce by-laws, statutes and/or regulations.

“Owner” includes:

- (a) The registered owner of the Land;
- (b) The person, for the time being, managing or receiving the rent from a building on the Land, whether on the person’s own account or as agent or trustee of any other person, or who would receive the rent if the building on the Land were let; and,
- (c) A lessee or occupant of a building on the Land who, under the terms of a lease, is required to repair and maintain the Land in accordance with the standards set out in this By-law;

“Person” means an association, corporation, firm, individual, partnership, trust organization, trustee or agent and the heirs, executors, administrators and other legal representatives of a person to whom the context can apply according to law.

“Pests” means rodents, vermin or insects.

“Refuse” means any article or thing that:

- (a) Has been cast aside, discarded or abandoned, whether of any value or not;
- (b) Has been used up, in whole or in part, whether of any value or not; or,

(c) Has been expended or worn out, in whole or in part, whether of any value or not.

“Standing or Stagnant Water” means any water, other than a natural body of water that exists on a permanent basis and includes but is not limited to water that is void of movement by either natural or artificial means and includes moisture or water that may cause health hazards as identified by the Middlesex Public Health Unit.

“Undesirable Material” includes:

- (a) Refuse, rubbish, garbage, brush, grass clippings, tree cuttings, branches, leaves, garden refuse, dead trees, bones, feathers, waste, litter and debris;
- (b) Injurious insects, termites, rodents, vermin and other pests;
- (c) Growth of grass or weeds in excess of 20 centimeters (8”);
- (d) Household items, including, but not limited to: refrigerators, freezers, stoves, furnaces, wood/gas/electric fireplaces, water or fuel tanks, or other appliances and furniture or parts thereof.

“Yard” means an open, uncovered space on a lot of Land appurtenant to a main building and unoccupied by buildings or structures except as specifically permitted elsewhere in this By-law; and

“Rear Yard” means a yard extending across the full width of a lot of land between the rear lot line and the nearest wall of any building or structure on the lot. The minimum rear yard means the minimum depth of a rear yard on a lot between the rear lot line and the nearest wall of any building or structure on the lot.

“Waste” means any waste of any kind whatsoever and without limiting the generality of the forgoing includes: rubbish and debris, refuse, sewage, effluent, garbage, or litter of any type including household waste.

“Weeds” means all noxious and local weeds designated as such under the *Weed Control Act* R.S.O. 1990, C.W. 5., including any weed designated as a local or noxious weed under a By-law.

3. CLEAN AND CLEAR YARDS

3.1 Every owner and occupant of land shall keep clear their property and yard maintained free of accumulation of rubbish, debris, discarded objects, and shall also keep their property free from conditions such as holes or excavations that might create a health, safety or accident hazard.

3.2 For the purpose of subsection 3.1, “keeping clear” includes:

- a) The removal of dead, decayed or damaged trees or other natural growth and the branches or limbs thereof which create an unsafe condition in relation to their

environment;

b) The removal, trimming, or cutting of weeds or grass more than 20 centimeters (8 inches) in height, unless the land is in a “natural heritage” area or Area of Natural and Scientific Interest (ANSI) areas, or lands used for agricultural purposes;

c) The removal of standing, ponding and stagnant water;

d) The removal of objects or conditions that create or might create a health, fire or accident hazard;

e) The removal of any domesticated animal excrement;

- The removal of all garbage, refuse and domestic or industrial waste of any kind, unless in compliance with the Municipality Zoning By-law, site plan agreement and/or licensing By-laws and regulations.

f) The general maintenance and up keeping of a property, including keeping various household items in a tidy manner and off the ground or yard for prolonged periods of time exceeding one week. This includes, but is not limited to: recreational vehicles such as bikes, scooters, toys, sporting equipment, tools, lawn care equipment, etc.

3.3 Every owner, lessee or occupant shall ensure that his or her land is free and clear of infestation.

4. UNSAFE OR HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS

4.1 An owner or occupant shall not cause or permit an unfenced or unprotected pit, excavation or other downward slope which causes a safety hazard on their land.

4.2 An owner or occupier shall not permit any well which is unprotected or which the presence of which creates a risk, accident or injury.

4.3 An owner or occupier shall not fail to comply with an order issued by the Officer to take remedial act and carry out remedial work to remove any standing or stagnant water. Not limiting the foregoing, such order may include a direction to fill or drain off the water or the treatment of the same with larvicide.

4.4 An owner or occupant shall not keep a swimming pool, hot tub, wading pool or artificial pond unless it is maintained in good repair and working condition.

5. OUTSIDE STORAGE OF REFUSE, COMPOST OR RECYCLABLE MATERIAL

5.1 Where refuse, compost or recyclable material is stored outside of the enclosed walls of a building, the refuse, compost or recyclable material shall be stored, by an owner or occupant, in a container suitable for such a purpose and in a manner that does not create a nuisance, attract pests, or create a health or safety hazard due to the nature of the storage or through deterioration or misuse of the storage

facility.

5.2 Every owner or occupant shall carry out all composting in accordance with the following requirements:

a) Only in the rear yard of a dwelling unit;

b) Only in a container or digester and only on land on which a dwelling unit is located;

c) Any compost containers or digesters used for composting shall be kept covered tightly at all times, except when being emptied or filled;

d) Compositing in a pile is prohibited;

e) No feces shall be placed in a compost container or digester used for composting;

f) No offensive odour shall be permitted to emanate from the compost container, or digester used for composting;

g) Any compost container or digester used for composting shall be set back at least 0.6 metres (1.97 feet) from any lot line;

h) No bones, meat, dairy or other fat products are permitted to be composted.

6. VEHICLES

6.1 Except as provided in the Municipality Zoning By-law and amendments thereto, every owner and occupier shall ensure their land is kept free and clear of derelict motor vehicles, inoperative motor vehicles and all other dismantled, discarded, wrecked or abandoned motor vehicles, farm machinery and equipment, construction machinery and equipment, mobile homes, railway cars, trailers, trucks, buses, coaches, shipping containers, boats and street car bodies.

6.2 Any motor vehicle maintenance done in a residentially zoned area shall be limited to no more than 30 days, unless the motor vehicle maintenance is done in an enclosed building or workshop.

6.3 No residentially zoned property within the Municipality shall be permitted to store more than 5 motor vehicles at any time.

6.4 No person shall park a motor vehicle on any yard at any time, unless a suitable hard surface has been laid on the subject area of the yard in accordance with any applicable building permit.

7. EXCEPTIONS

Nothing in this By-law applies to prevent:

A lawfully licensed premises operating within the scope of a license that specifically and temporarily permits that which is prohibited by this By-law;

- i. Construction proceeding under a valid building permit;
- ii. Land under development pursuant to a Site Plan Control Agreement, Subdivision Agreement, Condominium Agreement or other purpose authorized by the Municipality pursuant to the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.13, as amended;
- iii. Land where approval under the Site Plan Control By-law for the Municipality has been obtained that includes regulations pertaining to the storage, containment and location of garbage, refuse or debris;
- iv. The lawful outside storage of materials or things if this use is permitted under and in compliance with, the Municipality Zoning By-law.

8. INSPECTIONS

8.1 The Municipality's designate shall be responsible for the administration and enforcement of this by-law.

a) The Municipality may enter on land at any reasonable time for the purpose of carrying out an inspection to determine whether or not the following are being complied with:

- i. This By-law; or,
- ii. An order made under s. 431 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*.

b) For the purpose of conducting an inspection pursuant to s. 8.1 (a) of this bylaw, the Municipality may, in accordance with the provisions of s. 436 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*:

- i. Require the production for inspection of documents or things relevant to the inspection;
- ii. Inspect and remove documents or things relevant to the inspection for the purpose of making copies or extracts;
- iii. Require information from any person concerning a matter related to the inspection; and,
- iv. Alone or in conjunction with a person possessing special or expert knowledge, make examination or take tests, samples, or photographs necessary for the purpose of the inspection.
- v. No person shall hinder or obstruct, or attempt to hinder or obstruct, any person who is exercising a power or performing a duty under this By-law.

9. NOTICE OF REMEDY

- 9.1 Where any land is not maintained in compliance with the provisions of this By-law, an Officer may give an Order to the owner or occupier, in writing, directing that the land be brought into compliance with the requirements of this By-law within a defined time period but such time period shall not be less than seventy-two (72) hours from date of the Order, save and except that which constitutes a safety, health or fire hazard. An Officer may, give notice by letter mail, personal service, registered mail, or email to the owner or occupier of the land or structure, and require the owner or occupier:
- a) To clean, clear or remove from the land or structure: garbage, refuse or domestic or industrial waste of any kind;
 - b) To cease using the land or structure for the dumping or disposing of garbage, refuse, or domestic or industrial waste of any kind;
 - c) To temporarily cover over, screen, shield or enclose the garbage, refuse of the domestic or industrial waste until such time as the garbage is removed in the manner prescribed by the Officer;
 - d) To pull down, repair or renew any structure, including but not limited to fences and retaining walls, but not including buildings, that by reason of its ruinous or dilapidated state is an unsafe condition;
 - e) To remove any derelict motor vehicle(s) or inoperative motor vehicle(s);
 - f) To eliminate or remove any object or conditions that creates or might create a health, fire or accident hazard on the land;
 - g) To eliminate or remove the excrement of any domesticated animal.
- 9.2 Every notice sent by the Officer shall identify the subject land or structure.
- 9.3 Every notice to an owner shall be sent to the address shown on the last revised assessment roll or to the last known address.
- 9.4 In the event the Officer is unable to serve such notice under the provisions of this Section, the notice may be posted in a conspicuous place on the land, and the placing of the notice shall be deemed to be sufficient service of the notice on the owner and occupier.
- 9.5 In the case of a health, fire or safety hazard, an Officer may compel that said hazard be removed forthwith without the Order.

10. RIGHT OF ENTRY

- 10.1 The Municipality, through an Officer or its designate, for the purpose of inspection and/or remedial action, may enter upon the land and into structures other than a place actually used as a dwelling house, at any reasonable time,

without notice.

- 10.2 A person exercising a power of entry on behalf of the Municipality under this By-law must, on request display or produce proper identification.

11. REMEDIATION

- 11.1 Where the owner or occupier is in default of doing any matter or thing ordered to be done under this By-law, an Officer may perform the completion and enforcement of such at the owner's and/or occupier's expense.
- 11.2 Where any matters or things are removed in accordance with subsection 11.1, such matters or things may be immediately disposed of by the Officer.
- 11.3 The Municipality may recover the remedial action and enforcement costs incurred under subsection 11.1 by action, or by adding them to the tax roll and collecting them in the same manner as taxes in accordance with Section 446 of the Municipal Act.
- 11.4 The Municipality may, prior to recovering costs incurred in subsection 11.1 pursuant to Section 446 of the Municipal Act by adding costs to the Municipal taxes, invoice owners or occupiers requesting voluntary payment of said remedial action costs.
- 11.5 The Municipality may place a lien on the property as per Section 446 of the Municipal Act for any costs of remedial action permitted to be taken.
- 11.6 In accordance with the provisions of the *Municipal Act* S.O. 2001, c. 25, as amended, Section 101 (1), the Municipality may provide for the removal and impounding or restraining and immobilizing of any vehicle, at the vehicle owner's expense, parked or left in contravention of the by-law.

12. OFFENCES

- 12.1 Every person convicted of a breach of the provisions of this By-law shall be guilty of an offence.
- 12.2 Every person who is convicted of an offence under this y-law shall be subject to a fine of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) for each offence. Such fines shall be recoverable under the *Provincial Offences Act*, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter P. 22, as amended.
- 12.3 A continuing contravention to this By-law will result in additional fees as permitted or required by the Municipality's Fees and Charges By-law 025 of 2025, schedule D.

13. PENALTIES

- 13.1 The provisions of this By-law may be enforced pursuant to the provisions of the *Provincial Offences Act*, R.S.O. 1990 c. P. 33 as amended, and where any

provision of this By-law is contravened and a conviction entered, in addition to any other remedy and to any other penalty may also be prohibited from continuing or repeating the offence in accordance with the provisions of s. 444 of the *Municipal Act*, S.O. 2001, as amended.

- 13.2 Every person who is guilty of an offence under this By-law may, if permitted under the *Provincial Offences Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. P. 33, as amended, pay a set fine, and the Chief Judge of the Ontario Court, Provincial Division, shall be requested to establish set fines as set out in Schedule "A" to this by-law.

14. OBSTRUCTION

- 14.1 In accordance with the provisions of the *Municipal Act* S.O. 2001, c. 25, as amended, Section 426 (1), no person shall hinder, interfere with or otherwise obstruct, either directly or indirectly, an officer, employee of the Municipality of and/or agent in the lawful exercise or power or duty under this By-law.

15. MUNICIPALITY NOT LIABLE

- 15.1 The Municipality assumes no liability for any property damage or personal injury of any kind or nature resulting from remedial action, remedial work and enforcement undertaken with respect to any person or property that is subject of this By-law.

16. VALIDITY AND SEVERABILITY

- 16.1 Should any section, subsection, clause, paragraph or provision of this By-law be declared by a Court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unenforceable, the same shall not affect the validity of the enforceability of any other provision of this By-law, or of the By-law as a whole.

17. SEPARATE OFFENCE

- 17.1 For the purpose of this By-law, each day of a continuing offence shall be deemed to be a separate offence.

18. SHORT TITLE

- 18.1 The short title of this by-law is the "Tidy Yards" By-law.

19. APPLICATION

- 19.1 The provisions of this by-law shall apply to all lands within the Municipality with the exception of lands zoned and used for agricultural purposes, whereby the provisions of the By-law would apply to the residential dwelling(s) and surrounding one (1) acre of land when visible to publicly travelled roadways.

20. REPEAL

20.1 Upon approval of the Short Form Wordings for this By-law by the Office of the Attorney General, By-law 28 of 2020 shall be hereby repealed.

21. ENACTMENT

21.1 This by-law shall come into force and take effect immediately upon the final passing thereof.

Read a first and second time this 22 day of 2026

Read a third and final time and finally passed this 22 day of 2026

Mayor

Clerk

MUNICIPALITY OF NORTH MIDDLESEX
POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR ENFORCEMENT OF THE TIDY YARDS BY-
LAW 035 of 2026

Upon receipt of a signed written complaint by the Municipality from a person:

Within five (5) working days, allegations will be reviewed by By-Law Enforcement staff, to validate the complaint. Steps will involve research, site visit, interviews, photographs, and documentation. If it is determined that the complaint has merit, under the guidance of the Department Head, and/or the Municipality's Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), a formal letter will be sent by mail, or by personal delivery, to the Owner of the property outlining the validated infractions and giving 72 hours' notice unless an emergency or hazard is present, in this case, no notice shall be given.

72 hours after formal notice sent:

If no corrective action has been taken or completed, the By-Law Enforcement Officer, with due authorization of the Department Head, and/or the Municipality's CAO, and/or the Property Standards Committee, and/or the Municipal Council, may enter on the said Lands (property) to bring it into compliance with the scope of the Tidy Yard By- Law. Any articles removed from the Property may be stored in a secure compound or disposed of by the By-Law Enforcement Officer or his/her designate.

The Property Standards Committee and/or the Municipal Council will be advised of the status of the ongoing enforcement items at their regular meetings.

The property owner or occupier, upon making a formal request, may address the Property Standards Committee and/or the Municipal Council at any point during the process.

**Municipality of North Middlesex
PART 1 Provincial Offences Act
By-Law 035 of 2026: Tidy Yard by-law
Offences Under the *Provincial Offences Act***

Item	Column 1 Short Form Wording	Column 2 Provision Creating or Defining Offence	Column 3 Set Fine
1	Fail to keep land free of hazardous holes and excavation	Section 3.1	\$250.00
2	Fail to trim or cut vegetation	Section 3	\$250.00
3	Fail to trim or cut weeds/grass, more than 20cm (8 in) in height	Section 3	\$250.00
4	Fail to remove standing or stagnant water	Section 3	\$250.00
5	Fail to remove conditions creating a health, fire or accident hazard	Section 3	\$250.00
6	Fail to remove animal excrement	Section 3	\$250.00
7	Fail to keep land clear of garbage, refuse, debris, domestic waste or industrial waste	Section 3	\$250.00
8	Fail to maintain the general maintenance and up keeping of a property	Section 3	\$250.00
9	Fail to keep land clear of infestation	Section 3.3	\$250.00
10	Cause or permit a hazardous unfenced/unprotected pit, excavation or declivity	Section 4.1	\$350.00
11	Permit Unprotected well that may cause an accident or injury	Section 4.2	\$350.00

Item	Column 1 Short Form Wording	Column 2 Provision Creating or Defining Offence	Column 3 Set Fine
12	Fail to Comply with an Order	Section 4.3	\$350.00
13	Fail to maintain swimming pool, hot tub, wading pool or artificial pond	Section 4.4	\$350.00
14	Fail to store compost in a suitable container	Section 5.1	\$175.00
15	Compost other than at rear of dwelling unit	Section 5.2 (a)	\$175.00
16	Compost/digester uncovered	Section 5.2 (c)	\$175.00
17	Offensive odour from composter/digester	Section 5.2 (f)	\$175.00
18	Storing inoperative or used motor vehicle(s)	Section 6.1	\$250.00
19	Storing derelict machinery, vehicle, boat, trailer or part thereof	Section 6.2	\$250.00
20	Storing of vehicle under maintenance exceeding 30 days	Section 6.3	\$175.00
21	Storing of more than 5 motor vehicles on property	Section 6.4	\$175.00
22	Obstruction of an Officer or Agent while enforcing this By-Law	Section 14.1	\$500.00

NOTE: the penalty provision for the offences indicated above is Section 13 of By-law No. 035 of 2026, a certified copy of which has been filed.

**Municipality of North Middlesex
PART 1 Provincial Offence Act
By-law 035 of 2026: Tidy Yard By-law Offences
under the *Provincial Offences Act***

Item	Column 2 Short Form Wording	Column 2 Provision Creating or Defining Offence	Column 3 Set Fine
1	Fail to keep land free of hazardous holes and excavation	Section 3.1	
2	Fail to trim or cut vegetation	Section 3	
3	Fail to trim or cut weeds/grass, more than 20cm (8 in) in height	Section 3	
4	Fail to remove standing or stagnant water	Section 3	
5	Fail to remove conditions creating a health, fire or accident hazard	Section 3	
6	Fail to remove animal excrement	Section 3	
7	Fail to keep land clear of garbage, refuse, debris, domestic waste or industrial waste	Section 3	
8	Fail to maintain the general maintenance and up keeping of a property	Section 3	
9	Fail to keep land clear of infestation	Section 3.3	
10	Cause or permit a hazardous unfenced/unprotected pit, excavation or declivity	Section 4.1	
11	Permit Unprotected well that may cause an accident or injury	Section 4.2	

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Item	Column 1 Short form wording	Column 2 Provision Creating or Defining Offence	Column 3 Set Fine
12	Fail to Comply with an Order	Section 4.3	
13	Fail to maintain swimming pool, hot tub, wading pool or artificial pond	Section 4.4	
14	Fail to store compost in a suitable container	Section 5.1	
15	Compost other than at rear of dwelling unit	Section 5.2 (a)	
16	Compost/digester uncovered	Section 5.2 (c)	
17	Offensive odour from composter/digester	Section 5.2 (f)	
18	Storing inoperative or used motor vehicle(s)	Section 6.1	
19	Storing derelict machinery, vehicle, boat, trailer or part thereof	Section 6.2	
20	Storing of vehicle under maintenance exceeding 30 days	Section 6.3	
21	Storing of more than 5 motor vehicles on property	Section 6.4	
22	Obstruction of an Officer or Agent while enforcing this By-Law	Section 14.1	

NOTE – The penalty provision for the offences indicated above is Section 13 of By-law No. 035 of 2026, a certified copy of which has been filed.