

## Policies, Bylaws, Standards and Regulatory

City of Edmonton capital construction projects are guided by bylaws, regulations, policies and standards that govern all projects' design and construction. Each term provides a specific set of rules to ensure compliance, consistency, transparency and safety for all actions undertaken when delivering projects on behalf of the City.

	Definition	Mandated by Whom	Mandatory or Choice	Examples
<b>Term</b>				
Municipal Bylaws <sup>1</sup>	A bylaw is a law made by a local authority, such as a municipality. It only applies within the local authority's boundaries.	Edmonton's bylaws are enacted by City Council and maintained by the Office of the City Clerk.	The bylaws are mandatory and apply to all activities (both public and private) within the City of Edmonton.	Zoning Bylaw  Arterial Roads For Development Bylaw  Edmonton Design Committee Bylaw  Energy Transition Climate Resilience Committee Bylaw
Council Policies <sup>2</sup>	City Policies means all codes of conduct, statements of business ethics, rules, policies and procedures published by the City.	Commitments to residents and the community are aspirational and provide Administration with strategic direction, as set and enacted by City Council.	City Policies are mandatory for initiatives approved by City Council and led by City Administration, such as capital projects.  Procedures and Guidelines are developed by Administration to guide the implementation of the Policies.	C591 - Capital Project Governance Policy  C627A - Climate Resilience Policy  C602 - Accessibility for People with Disabilities Policy

<sup>1</sup> edmonton.ca, Bylaws, [https://www.edmonton.ca/city\\_government/bylaws](https://www.edmonton.ca/city_government/bylaws)

<sup>2</sup> edmonton.ca, Council Policies [https://www.edmonton.ca/city\\_government/city\\_organization/policies](https://www.edmonton.ca/city_government/city_organization/policies)

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Codes <sup>3</sup>	The set standards for construction practices, materials, electrical systems, plumbing, fire safety, accessibility, and more. These codes and regulations are typically enforced at the provincial or municipal level, and compliance with them is essential.	Set by the National Building Code of Canada and the Canadian Electrical Code and agreed to by the Province of Alberta.	Codes are mandatory for all construction projects within their set jurisdiction (country or province-wide).	<p>National Building Code – 2023 Alberta Edition</p> <p>National Fire Code – 2023 Alberta Edition</p> <p>National Plumbing Code of Canada 2000</p> <p>National Energy Code of Canada for Buildings 2020</p> <p>Canadian Electrical Code, Part I - 2024</p>
Administrative Policies <sup>4</sup>	Administrative policies are generally focused on internal practices. They are designed to promote consistent business practices, improve organizational communication, reduce risk and exposure and provide for necessary internal controls over resources and business transactions.	<p>Administrative Policies provide direction to City of Edmonton employees on strategic and organizational matters under the City Manager's authority.</p> <p>Administrative Policies are not approved by City Council.</p>	Administrative Policies are mandatory for initiatives City Administration leads, such as capital projects.	<p>City Employees - Contracts with City (A1203B)</p> <p>Contract Management Directive (A1205)</p> <p>Environmental Protection, Compliance and Reporting (A1427)</p> <p>Financial Administration and Control Administration Directive (A1206)</p>

<sup>3</sup> Codes Canada, Government of Canada, <https://nrc.canada.ca/en/certifications-evaluations-standards/codes-canada>

<sup>4</sup> edmonton.ca, Administrative Policies [https://www.edmonton.ca/city\\_government/city\\_organization/administrative-policies](https://www.edmonton.ca/city_government/city_organization/administrative-policies)

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Administrative Standards <sup>5</sup>	The rules, procedures, and requirements are set forth and associated with making permit applications, assembling materials for public review, meeting the landscape ordinance requirements, seeking approvals, enforcement, conducting site inspections, and filing reports.	Standards are compliance-oriented requirements that help ensure work is completed to a minimum level of quality, which are under the authority of the City Manager.  Administrative Standards are not approved by City Council.	Administration manages compliance with Administrative Standards through review and approval processes. Exceptions to standards are allowed and documented.	Project Management  Strategic Planning Framework  Facility Consultant Manuals  Enviso  Procurement Standard
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<sup>5</sup> OneCity, Safety and Operating Standards <https://portal-onecity.edmonton.ca/safety-operating-standards>