



Bylaw 7850 - Panhandling Bylaw, 1999

Purpose

- To regulate panhandling in Saskatoon's public spaces.
- To ensure panhandling does not interfere with the public's safe use and enjoyment of streets, sidewalks, and other public areas.

Definitions

- **Panhandle:** Asking for money, goods, or donations without offering anything in return (not including permitted charitable solicitations).
- **Coercive manner** includes: following, persisting after refusal, touching, blocking passage, or using obscene/abusive language.

Where Panhandling is Allowed

- Generally permitted on streets, sidewalks, and other public places **except as restricted** below.

Prohibited Panhandling

1. **Methods**
 - o No panhandling in a **coercive manner**.
 - o No panhandling while intoxicated or under the influence of illegal drugs.
2. **Vehicles**
 - o Not allowed to solicit from occupants of motor vehicles that are parked, stopped at a light, or loading/unloading.
3. **Transit**
 - o Not allowed on Saskatoon Transit buses.
4. **Restricted Areas**
 - o Within **10 metres** of:
 - Doorways to banks, credit unions, or trust companies
 - ATMs
 - Bus stops
 - Bus shelters
 - o Within **8 metres** of liquor or beer/wine store doorways.

Penalties

- **First offence:** \$100 fine
- **Second offence:** \$250 fine
- **Third or subsequent offence:** \$250–\$10,000 fine
- Possible imprisonment up to **1 year** if fines are unpaid.