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When writing bylaws you need not start from scratch, there are various ways to obtain examples of other pre-existing bylaws as a guideline to your drafting process...

1 STANDARD BYLAWS

[Section 14](#) of the [Local Government : Municipal Systems Act](#) provides that the MEC's for Local Government in each province may publish standard bylaws.



Think it through!

Standard bylaws are draft bylaws on a variety of topics which may be adopted by municipalities within the province concerned.



Think it through!

There is no obligation on the municipality to adopt a standard bylaw. Each municipality may decide whether or not to adopt the bylaw.

Before making standard bylaws, the MEC must –

- publish the draft standard bylaw in the Gazette for public comment; and
- consult the Minister of Provincial and Local Government Affairs ([section 14\(1\)\(b\)](#)).



Each municipality may then decide whether or not to adopt the standard bylaw/s.



Think it through!

In deciding to adopt a standard bylaw, a municipality may either –

- accept the standard bylaw "as is";

Please feel free to use or adapt our [Resolution Adopting a Standard Bylaw "As Is"](#)

- adopt the standard bylaw with amendments.

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2 PRECEDENTS

You are also free to make use of bylaws published by other municipalities as a starting point for drafting your own.



Danger!

Be careful of slavishly copying the bylaws of other municipalities. You need to develop bylaws which are applicable to your own unique circumstances.

Please feel free to make use of the following precedents in our Government Warehouse:

- ✿ Beaches Bylaws;
- ✿ Cemeteries Crematoria and Funeral Undertakers Bylaws;
- ✿ Credit Control and Debt Collection Bylaws;
- ✿ Electricity Supply Bylaws;
- ✿ Environmental Bylaws;
- ✿ Fire Prevention Bylaws;
- ✿ Keeping of Animals Bylaws;
- ✿ Outdoor Advertising Bylaws;
- ✿ Parking Bylaws;



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- ✿ Pollution Control Bylaws;
- ✿ Property Encroachment Bylaws;
- ✿ Public Amenities Bylaws;
- ✿ Public Roads Bylaws;
- ✿ Public Transport Bylaws;
- ✿ Refuse Removal and Disposal Bylaws;
- ✿ Stormwater Management Bylaws;
- ✿ Street Trading Bylaws;
- ✿ Water Bylaws.

Well done, you have finished the "Precedents" module!