

TOWN OF CALMAR

BYLAW 2018-15

A BYLAW OF THE TOWN OF CALMAR, IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, TO ESTABLISH A FEE FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONSE TO FALSE ALARMS

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 7 of the Municipal Government Act, R.S.A. 2000, Chapter M-26, as amended, a Council may pass bylaws for municipal purposes respecting the safety, health and welfare of people and the protection of people and property;

AND WHEREAS, false alarms requiring unnecessary emergency responses pose a threat to the safety of Fire Department personnel and the public by creating unnecessary hazards and delaying attendance at genuine emergencies, and result in considerable unnecessary expense.

AND WHEREAS, the Council of the Town of Calmar considers it desirable and necessary to reduce false alarms.

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the Town of Calmar in the Province of Alberta, duly assembled, enacts as follows:

PART 1 – DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

Bylaw Title

1. This Bylaw shall be known as "The False Alarms Bylaw".

Definitions

2. In this Bylaw, unless the context otherwise requires:
 - a. "Alarm System" means any device which detects an unauthorized entry to, or an Emergency on, a Premises;
 - b. "Town" means the municipal corporation of the Town of Calmar and its duly authorized representatives;
 - c. "Emergency" includes a situation in which there is imminent danger to public safety or of serious harm to property requiring emergency response services;
 - d. "False Alarm" means the activation of an Alarm System which results in a Response when there is:
 - i. no unauthorized entry or attempted entry to a Premises, or
 - ii. no other Emergency on a Premises;and for greater certainty includes the activation of an Alarm System by;
 - iii. testing,
 - iv. mechanical failure, malfunction or faulty equipment,
 - v. inadvertence, mistake, omission or negligence, or
 - vi. atmospheric conditions, vibrations, power failure or communications failure;
 - e. "Premises" includes lands, buildings and any other structure whatsoever;
 - f. "Response" means receipt of a call of an activated Alarm System by emergency dispatch, regardless of whether the call results in the attendance at the Premises by the Fire Department or Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

PART II – GENERAL PROVISIONS

3. When an Alarm System generates more than one False Alarm within a calendar year, the Town may charge the owner or occupier of the Premises a fee relating to the Response as set out in the Fee Schedule "A".

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PART III – TRANSITIONAL

4. This Bylaw shall come into force and effect when it receives third reading and is duly signed.

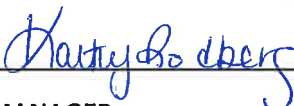
READ A FIRST TIME IN COUNCIL THIS 16th DAY OF JULY, 2018.

READ A SECOND TIME IN COUNCIL THIS 16th DAY OF JULY, 2018.

READ A THIRD TIME IN COUNCIL AS AMENDED, BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT, AND FINALLY PASSED THIS 16th DAY OF JULY, 2018.



MAYOR

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TOWN MANAGER

This Bylaw signed this 16th day of July, 2018

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FEE SCHEDULE "A"

The following fees and charges are established in accordance with the False Alarms Bylaw 2018-15:

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| (1) For the second false alarm | \$ 500.00 |
| (2) For the third false alarm | \$1,500.00 |
| (3) For the fourth false alarm and any subsequent response to a false alarm | \$3,000.00 |

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