

TOWN OF SLAVE LAKE
BYLAW # 07-2005
FALSE ALARM

**A BYLAW OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF THE TOWN OF SLAVE LAKE,
IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, TO REGULATE AND CONTROL ALARM SYSTEMS**

WHEREAS: Council of the Town of Slave Lake has the authority under Section 7(a) of the Municipal Government Act, being Chapter M-26, Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000 and amendments thereto, hereafter referred to as the *Municipal Government Act*, to enact bylaws respecting the health and welfare of people and the protection of people and property;

WHEREAS: Council of the Town of Slave Lake deems it desirable and necessary in order to protect and preserve the safety and welfare of its citizens that alarm systems be regulated and controlled so as to minimize false alarms;

NOW THEREFORE: COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SLAVE LAKE, IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, DULY ASSEMBLED, ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. SHORT TITLE

This bylaw may be called the "False Alarm Bylaw".

2. INTERPRETATION

In this bylaw:

- (a) **Alarm Signal** means a telephone request for emergency police or fire department services;
- (b) **Alarm Business** means any persons or corporations who:
 - (i) is engaged in the business of selling, installing, leasing, maintaining, repairing, replacing or servicing of alarm systems;
 - (ii) monitors alarm systems and reports to the police when an alarm system has been activated; or
 - (ii) as a part of regular business activities, responds to any building, structure or facility in which as an alarm system has been activated;
- (c) **Alarm System** includes a device or devices designed to activate an alarm signal but excludes a device that is installed in a vehicle;
- (d) **Alarm Site** means a single fixed premise or location served by an alarm system or systems. Each tenancy shall be considered a separate alarm site
- (e) **Peace Officer** means the a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police or a Special Constable.
- (f) **False Alarm** means an activation of an alarm system which results in a response by the R.C.M.P. or the Lesser Slave Regional Fire Service, where unauthorized entry to the alarmed premises has not occurred and no police or fire department emergency exists, but does not include:
 - (i) any False Alarm which the organization or individual can demonstrate was caused by a storm, lightning, fire, earthquake or act of God; or
 - (ii) any False Alarm which the organization or individual can demonstrate was actually caused by the act of some person other than the organization or individual, including the organization or individual's officers, agents,

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employees, independent contractors or any other person subject to the direct or indirect control of the organization or individual;

- (h) **Fire Department** means the Fire Chief and / or any other member of the Lesser Slave Regional Fire Service.
- (i) **Keyholder** means a person who does not live at the premises protected by an alarm but who is capable of providing entry to such premises;
- (j) **Response Fee** means the fee payable by the organization or individual for each false alarm at the organization or individual's premises.
- (k) **Violation Ticket** means a ticket issued pursuant to Part II of the Provincial Offences Procedure Act R.S.A. 2000 c.P-34 as amended, and regulations there under and as referred to in Part 3 below;

3. ALARM SYSTEMS

- 3.1 Every person maintaining an alarm shall keep posted a notice of the Alarm Business monitoring the alarm site.
- 3.2 Such notice shall be posted near the alarm in such a position as to be legible from the ground level adjacent to the premises where the alarm system is located.

4. KEYHOLDERS

- 4.1 Every person maintaining an alarm shall keep the Alarm Business informed, by notice in writing, of the current names and telephone numbers of the persons to be contacted in the event that the alarm is activated.
- 4.2 Every alarm business shall maintain a list of Keyholders.
- 4.3 The Keyholder:
 - (a) shall be available to receive telephone calls made in respect of the alarms;
 - (b) shall be capable of affording access to the premises where the alarm is located; and
 - (c) shall attend at the premises where the alarm is located within 20 minutes of being requested to do so by the alarm monitoring service or a member of the R.C.M.P or the Fire Department.

5. MONITORING OF ALARM SYSTEM

- 5.1 A person who monitors an alarm system and who informs any member of the R.C.M.P. or the Fire Department that the monitored alarm has been activated, shall cause a person capable of affording access to the premises where the alarm is located to attend at such premises within twenty (20) minutes of such notice.
- 5.2 No person shall use, maintain or install, or permit the use, maintenance or installation of any alarm system which transmits a message to any telephone number assigned to the R.C.M.P or the Fire Department.

6. PEACE OFFICER RESPONSE FEE

- 6.1 Where a false alarm is activated, subject to subsection (f) of Section 2, the organization or individual having care and control of the alarm site, shall upon demand pay a response fee to the Town of Slave Lake as set out in Schedule "A" of this bylaw.

7. FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONSE FEE

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- 7.1 Where a false alarm is activated, subject to subsection (f) of Section 2, the organization or individual having care and control of the alarm site, shall upon demand pay a response fee to the Town of Slave Lake as set out in Schedule "B" of this bylaw.

8. OFFENCES AND PENALTIES

- 8.1 Any person(s) who contravenes Section 3, Section 4, or Section 5 of this bylaw is guilty of an offence and shall pay a specified penalty as set out in Schedule "C" of this bylaw.

9. VIOLATION TICKETS

- 9.1 A Peace Officer is hereby authorized and empowered to immediately issue a Violation Ticket pursuant to Part II of the Provincial Offences Procedures Act, R.S.A. 2000, c.P-34, as amended, to any person who the Peace Officer has reasonable grounds to believe has contravened any provision of this Bylaw.

10. MISCELLANEOUS

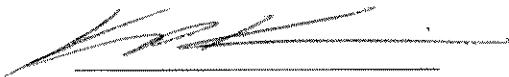
- 10.1 Should any provision of this bylaw be found void or unenforceable, then it is the express intention of Council of the Town of Slave Lake that such void or unenforceable sections be severed from this bylaw and the balance remain in full force and effect.

This Bylaw shall come into effect upon third reading

READ a first time this 19 day of APRIL, 2005

READ a second time this 17 day of May, 2005

READ a third time this 17 day of May, 2005



Mayor



Town Manager

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SCHEDULE "A"

6. PEACE OFFICER RESPONSE FEES

6.1 (a) First false alarm **Verbal Warning - No fee**

6.1 (b) Second and each subsequent false alarm
Within a period of 12 months commencing
From the date of the first false alarm for a:

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| (i) Residential building | \$75.00 |
| (ii) Business | \$125.00 |

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SCHEDULE "B"

7. FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONSE FEES

7.1 (a) First false alarm **Verbal Warning - No fee**

7.1 (b) Second and each subsequent false alarm
Within a period of 12 months commencing
From the date of the first false alarm for a:

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| (i) Residential building | \$100.00 |
| (ii) Business | \$200.00 |

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SCHEDULE "C"

8. OFFENCES AND PENALTIES

8.1 (a) Residential Building	\$20.00
8.1 (b) Business having a gross floor area of 500 square metres or less	\$40.00
8.1 (c) Business having a gross floor area greater than 500 square metres	\$60.00