

TOWN OF CALMAR
BYLAW #2023-09

A BYLAW OF THE TOWN OF CALMAR, IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, TO ESTABLISH CONSEQUENCES FOR A FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONDING 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;

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.

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:

1. **TITLE**

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

2. **DEFINITIONS**

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.
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 Fees and Charges Bylaw.
4. This Bylaw shall come into force and effect when it receives third reading and is duly signed. Bylaw 2018-15 is hereby rescinded.

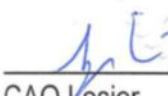
READ FIRST TIME THIS 06 DAY OF FEBRUARY 2023.

READ A SECOND TIME THIS 06 DAY OF FEBRUARY 2023.

READ A THIRD TIME, BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT, THIS 06 DAY OF FEBRUARY 2023



Mayor Carnahan



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