

TOWN OF BIGGAR

BYLAW NO. 19-821

A BYLAW TO REGULATE AND CONTROL ALARM SYSTEMS IN THE TOWN OF BIGGAR

The Council of the Municipality of Biggar, in the Province of Saskatchewan, enacts:

1. SHORT TITLE

1.1 This Bylaw may be cited as “The False Alarm Bylaw”.

2. INTERPRETATION

2.1 In this Bylaw, unless the context otherwise requires, the expression:

- (a) **Alarm Signal** means a telephone request for emergency police or fire department services;
- (b) **Alarm System** includes a device or devices designed to activate an alarm signal but excludes a device that is installed in a vehicle;
- (c) **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.
- (d) **Peace Officer** means a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police or a Special Constable.
- (e) **False Alarm** means an activation of an alarm system which results in a response by the Biggar Fire Department, 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, employees, independent contractors or any other person subject to the direct or indirect control of the organization or individual;
- (f) **Fire Department** means the Fire Chief and/or any other member of the Biggar Fire Department operated through the Biggar Rural District Fire Association;
- (g) **Response Fee** means the fee payable by the organization or individual for each false alarm at the organization or individual’s premises.

3. FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONSE FEE

3.1 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 Biggar as set out in Schedule “A” of this bylaw.

4. FEE ADDED TO TAX ROLL

- 4.1 Under the authority of Section 369(1)(d) of the Municipalities Act any organization or individual who does not pay within 30 days, the response fee charged under Section 3 of this bylaw shall have said fee added to the taxes owing of the alarm site for which the fee was levied.

5. EFFECTIVE DATE

- 5.1 This Bylaw shall come into force January 1, 2020.

Given 1st reading the 3rd day of September, 2019

Given 2nd reading the 3rd day of September, 2019

Given 3rd reading and hereby adopted the 3rd day of September, 2019

Mayor

(SEAL)

Chief Administrative Officer

SCHEDULE "A"

To Bylaw No. 19-821

"The False Alarm Bylaw"

FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONSE FEES

First false alarm	No fee
Second false alarm	Written Warning – No fee
Each subsequent false alarm within the calendar year	\$400.00