

**BYLAW NO. 92/25**

**BEING A BYLAW OF THE CITY OF FORT MCMURRAY TO REGULATE AND CONTROL ALARM SYSTEMS.**

**WHEREAS** Council for the City of Fort McMurray has the authority under Section 112 of the Municipal Government Act to enact bylaws for the peace, order and good government of the municipality and to promote the safety and welfare of its citizens;

**AND WHEREAS** it appears that there have been excessive numbers of false alarms requiring emergency responses from police and such unnecessary emergency responses pose a threat to safety of policemen and members of the public by creating unnecessary hazards, and in addition result in unnecessary expense to the taxpayers of the City of Fort McMurray.

**AND WHEREAS** Council for the City of Fort McMurray deem it desirable and necessary in order to protect and preserve the safety and welfare of its citizens to regulate and control alarm systems so as to reduce such false alarms to a minimum;

**NOW THEREFORE, COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF FORT MCMURRAY, IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, HEREBY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:**

1. This Bylaw may be cited as "The Alarm Bylaw".
2. **DEFINITIONS:**
  - (a) "Alarm holder" shall mean the owner, lessee, tenant or occupant of a building which has a monitored alarm system.
  - (b) "Alarm system" includes a device or devices designated to activate an alarm signal but excludes a device that is installed in a vehicle;
  - (c) "Chief Bylaw Enforcement Officer" shall mean a person appointed as such by Council or by a municipal official delegated by Council.
  - (d) "City" shall mean the City of Fort McMurray, a municipal corporation in the Province of Alberta and, where the context so requires, means the area contained within the corporate boundaries of the said municipality;
  - (e) "False alarm" shall mean an alarm signal which results in a response by the RCMP where unauthorized entry or police emergency does not exist.
3. (1) When a person monitoring a monitored alarm system receives an alarm from such systems during those hours when the premises in which the system is located is normally occupied, such person shall before advising any member of the RCMP of the alarm attempt to verify by telephone that the alarm is not a false alarm.

- (2) Subsection (1) does not apply to a monitored alarm system installed in a bank, trust company or a credit union.
  - (3) A person who monitors a monitored alarm system and who informs any member of the RCMP that the monitored alarm system has been actuated shall cause a person capable of affording access to the premises where the monitored alarm system is located to attend at such premises within 20 with minutes or so informing such member of the RCMP actuation.
- 4.
- (1) Where an alarm system actuates more than two false alarms into a 180 day period the Chief Bylaw Enforcement Officer made, by notice in writing, require the alarm holder to have the alarm system inspected by a person knowledgeable in the installation and use of alarm systems.
  - (2) Within fourteen (14) days of receipt of the notice referred to in subsection 4(1) an alarm holder shall provide the Chief Bylaw Enforcement Officer with a report in writing, verifying that the inspection has been carried out and indicating the results of the inspection.
  - (3) If the report referred to in subsection 4(2) indicates in any way that the alarm system is malfunctioning due to a fault or deficiency in the alarm system, the alarm holder shall forthwith remedy such fault or deficiency.
- 5.
- (1) An alarm holder whose alarm system activates excessive false alarms is guilty of an offence.
  - (2) For the purpose of this Bylaw "excessive false alarms" means three (3) or more false alarms in any 180 day period.
  - (3) The following shall not be included when computing the number of false alarms which have occurred for the purposes of subsection 5(2):
    - (a) any false alarms which the alarm holder can demonstrate was caused by a storm, lightning, earthquake or other violent acts of nature, or
    - (b) any false alarm which the alarm holder can demonstrate was actually caused by the act of some person other than:
      - (i) the alarm holder including the alarm officers, agents, employees, independent contractors or any other person subject to the direct or indirect control of the alarm holder.
      - (ii) the person who installed, connected, operated, maintained or service the alarm system, or

- (iii) the manufacturer of the alarm system, including the manufacturer's officers, agents, employees, independent contractors or any person subject to the direct or indirect control of the manufacturer.
- 6. (1) Any person who contravenes any provision of this Bylaw is guilty of an offence and is liable upon summary conviction to a fine not exceeding twenty-five hundred dollars (\$2500.00) and in default of payment to a term of imprisonment not exceeding (6) months unless the fine is sooner paid.
- 7. Bylaw 87/13 is hereby repealed.
- 8. This Bylaw shall come into force as, on and from the date of final reading thereof.

READ A FIRST TIME THIS 1<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER, A.D. 1992.

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READ A THIRD AND FINAL TIME THIS 1<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER, A.D. 1992.