

**PARKLAND COUNTY  
PROVINCE OF ALBERTA**

**BYLAW NO. 2016-24**

**BEING A BYLAW TO REDUCE FALSE ALARMS**

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**WHEREAS** Sections 7 and 8 of the *Municipal Government Act* R.S.A. 2000, chapter M-26 ("*Municipal Government Act*") authorizes council to pass bylaws for the services provided by or on behalf of the municipality;

**AND WHEREAS** Council of Parkland County wishes to pass a bylaw to reduce false alarms by establishing a fee for Nuisance Alarm;

**NOW THEREFORE** the Council of Parkland County duly assembled and under the authority of the *Municipal Government Act*, as amended, hereby enacts as follows:

**TITLE**

1. This Bylaw may be cited as the "False Alarm Bylaw."

**DEFINITIONS**

2. In this Bylaw:

- (1) "Alarm System" means a devise or devises used for the detection of fire;
- (2) "CAO" means the Chief Administrative Officer of Parkland County;
- (3) "Council" means the Council of Parkland County;
- (4) "County" means Parkland County;
- (5) "False Alarm" means an alarm from an alarm system that is not caused by heat, smoke or fire, or a request for fire services where no actual emergency exists;
- (6) "Fees and Charges Schedule" means the Fire Services Fees and Charges Schedule approved by Council as part of the budget approval process;
- (7) "Nuisance Alarm" means:
  - (a) more than one False Alarm on a parcel of land within a calendar year; or
  - (b) a False Alarm from Alarm System where its Alberta Fire Code certification is more than 90 days expired;
- (8) "Owner" means:
  - (a) a Person as registered on the Land Title to a Premises;
  - (b) a Person who is recorded as the Owner of a Premises on the assessment roll of the County;
  - (c) a Person controlling a Premises under construction; or
  - (d) a Person in possession of a Premises under a lease, license, or permit.
- (9) "Person" means any individual, firm, partnership, association, corporation, trustee, executor, administrator or other legal representative;
- (10) "Premises" means land, building or structure where an Alarm System is present; and
- (11) "Response" means receipt of a call of an activated Alarm System, regardless of whether the call results in the attendance at the Premises by the County.

**INTERPRETATION**

3. The headings in this bylaw are for reference purposes only.

**GENERAL**

4. The County may charge a Premises Owner a fee for its response to a Nuisance Alarm.

- 5. An Owner who is charged a fee must pay the fee within the time and in the manner specified on the invoice setting out the fee.
- 6. A fee that is not paid becomes a debt owing to the County.
- 7. The CAO or their designate is hereby delegated the authority to review, modify or waive the fee charged pursuant to this Bylaw.

**ENACTMENT/TRANSITION**

- 8. Should any provision of this bylaw be deemed invalid then such invalid provision will be severed from this bylaw and such severance will not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this bylaw, except to the extent necessary to give effect to such severance.
- 9. This bylaw shall come into force and take effect on the day of third reading and signing thereof.

READ A FIRST TIME this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of November, 2016.

READ A SECOND TIME this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of November, 2016.

READ A THIRD TIME and finally passed this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of November, 2016.

SIGNED AND PASSED this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of November, 2016.

  
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Mayor

  
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Chief Administrative Officer