

**PARKLAND COUNTY  
PROVINCE OF ALBERTA**

**BYLAW NO. 2016-XX**

**BEING A BYLAW TO AUTHORIZE THE COST RECOVERY FOR COSTS INCURRED UPON THE  
MUNICIPALITY BY FIRE SERVICES RESPONSE TO NUISANCE FALSE ALARM INCIDENTS IN  
PARKLAND COUNTY, IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA**

**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;

**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 Prevention Bylaw."

**DEFINITIONS**

2. In this Bylaw:

- (1) "False Alarm" means:
  - (a) An alarm from a fire safety monitoring device that is not caused by heat, smoke or fire
  - (b) A request for fire services where no actual Vulnerability to Public Safety exists.
- (2) "Council" means the Council of Parkland County as constituted from time to time;
- (3) "County" means Parkland County;
- (4) "Fees and Charges Schedule" means the Fire Services Fees and Charges Schedule approved by Council as part of the budget approval process.
- (5) "Nuisance Alarm" means:
  - (a) More than one False Alarm on a parcel of land within a calendar year.
  - (b) Where a False Alarm is received from an alarm panel, that is required to be annually certified by the Alberta Fire Code and whereas the certification is expired for more than 90 days
- (6) "Owner" means:
  - (a) The Person as registered on title at the Land Titles Offices;
  - (b) A Person who is recorded as the Owner of the Property on the assessment roll of the County;

- (c) A Person who has purchased or otherwise acquired the Property, whether purchased or otherwise acquired from the Owner or from another purchase, and has not become the registered Owner thereof;
  - (d) A Person controlling the Property under construction; or
  - (e) A Person who is in possession of the Property, including under a lease, license, or permit.
- (7) "Person" means any individual, firm, partnership, association, corporation, trustee, executor, administrator or other legal representative;
  - (1) "Public Safety" means the prevention of and protection from events that could expose the general public or Property in the County to danger, injury, harm, or damage;
  - (2) "Respond" and/or "Responding" means an action taken to muster or deploy first responders
  - (3) "Vulnerability" means an opportunity that creates a risk or a hazard.

#### **GENERAL**

- 2. No person shall make, cause or permit to be made a False Alarm of a fire.
- 3. The County may charge the property Owner a fee for responding to a Nuisance Alarm, as set out in Fees and Charges Schedule.

#### **PAYMENT OF FEES**

- 4. Any Person who is charged a fee pursuant to this Bylaw must pay the fee within the time specified and in the manner specified on the invoice setting out the fee.
- 5. Any fee that is not paid as specified on the invoice setting out the fee becomes a debt owing to the County by the Person to whom the fee was charged.

#### **ENACTMENT/TRANSITION**

- 1. 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.
- 2. This bylaw shall come into force and take effect on the day of third reading and signing thereof.

READ A FIRST TIME this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016.

READ A SECOND TIME this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016.

READ A THIRD TIME and finally passed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016.

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Mayor

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Chief Administrative Officer