



**TOWN OF HINTON
BYLAW #1074**

**BYLAW OF THE TOWN OF HINTON IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA
FOR THE PURPOSE OF REDUCING FALSE ALARMS**

WHEREAS the Municipal Government Act, R.S.A. 2000, Chapter M-26 authorizes a council to pass bylaws for the safety, health and well being of people and the protection of people and property, and for services provided by or on behalf of the municipality;

AND WHEREAS numerous alarms received by Police emergency services are False Alarms;

AND WHEREAS false alarms increase the risk of traffic accidents and delay police from attending to genuine emergencies

NOW THEREFORE the Municipal Council of the Town of Hinton in session duly assembled hereby enacts as follows:

1. Bylaw Title

This bylaw shall be known as the "False Alarm Bylaw".

2. Purpose

The purpose of this bylaw is to assist in the reduction of false alarms within the Town of Hinton that require police response.

3. Definitions

In this bylaw:

- a) "Alarm Holder" shall mean the owner, lessee, tenant or occupant of a building which has a monitored burglary alarm, alert system, intrusion alarm, or other electronic means of providing building or premises protection;
- b) "False Alarm" shall mean the activation of an alarm signal which results in a response by the RCMP where unauthorized entry or police emergency does not exist;
- c) "Calendar Year" shall mean the period from January 1 up to and including December 31 of each year;
- d) "Person" shall mean any individual, firm, partnership, association, corporation, company or society;
- e) "Town" shall mean the Town of Hinton;
- f) "Police" shall mean the Hinton Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) Detachment.

4. General

- a) Every person that installs, keeps or utilizes an alarm system to protect their premises, shall ensure that the alarms system is operable and in good working order to prevent the activation of false alarms;
- b) Every person is responsible for ensuring that all contact information provided to alarm system companies is up to date and accurate;
- c) No person shall by the use of alarm equipment or by any other means of notification, make or cause to be made any false alarm;

d) Pursuant to Section 551 of the *Municipal Government Act*, when a false alarm is responded to by the police, the following will apply:

- i) If in the calendar year police respond to one (1) false alarm, the Town will send a notice to the owner of the premises advising the occurrence of the false alarm as well as the consequences to any additional false alarms in that calendar year;
- i) If in the calendar year two (2) or more false alarms occur where police respond, a fee as outlined in Schedule "A" for each subsequent response shall occur;
- ii) Fees imposed under this Bylaw shall be due within 30 days. Any fee that is not paid within the 30 day period will be considered overdue and will be subject to an interest penalty pursuant to the Town's current practices and policies.

e) Any alarm holder who contravenes the provisions of this Bylaw is guilty of an offence and is liable to a penalty indicated and attached in Schedule "A" for a second and subsequent offence in a calendar year.

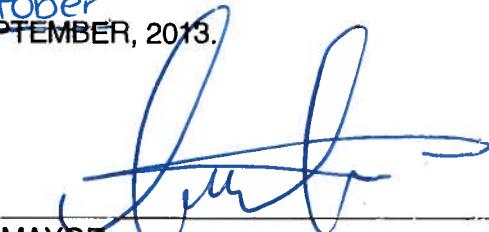
5. Council may amend all schedules pertaining to this Bylaw by resolution of Council.

6. This bylaw shall take effect on the final day of passing.

READ A FIRST TIME THIS 17th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2013.

READ A SECOND TIME THIS 17th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2013.

READ A THIRD TIME THIS 1 DAY OF ^{October} SEPTEMBER, 2013.



MAYOR



DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES

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SCHEDULE "A"

R.C.M.P. response to False Alarm where in the calendar year two (2) or more false alarms have been generated	\$250.00 per response
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