



**TOWN OF CLARESHOLM
PROVINCE OF ALBERTA
BYLAW #1782**

A Bylaw of the Town of Claresholm, in the Province of Alberta, to provide for the protection and preservation of life and property within the municipality from fire.

WHEREAS the *Municipal Government Act* R.S.A. 2000 Chapter M-26, provides that a Council of a Municipality may pass bylaws for the safety, health and welfare of people and the protection of people and property, and for services provided by or on behalf of the municipality;

AND WHEREAS the Council for the Town of Claresholm wishes to regulate the use and setting of fires within the Town;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Town of Claresholm in the Province of Alberta duly assembled enacts as follows:

SECTION 1 NAME OF BYLAW

1.1 This Bylaw may be cited as the "**Fire Protection Bylaw.**"

SECTION 2 DEFINITIONS

2.1 In this bylaw:

- a) "**Apparatus**" means any vehicle suitable for land, air, or water use which is provided with machinery, devices, equipment, materials or personnel for firefighting, rescue, or other emergency response, as well as vehicles used to transport fire fighters or supplies.
- b) "**Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)**" means that person appointed to the position and title by Council and includes any person appointed by the CAO to act as his/her appointee.
- c) "**Council**" shall mean the Municipal Council of the Town of Claresholm.
- d) "**Contained**" means within a fire pit or burning receptacle
- e) "**Dangerous Goods**" shall mean a substance, (gas, liquid or solid), in transit capable of creating harm to people, property and the environment as defined by the United Nations Hazard Class Number System.
- f) "**Department**" shall mean the Claresholm Fire Department established under this Bylaw.
- g) "**Department Property**" means all property owned or controlled by, and designated for use by, the Department, regardless of the source of the property.
- h) "**Director of Emergency Management**" shall mean that person appointed by Council to act as the Town of Claresholm's Director of Emergency Management or designated delegate.
- i) "**Disaster**" shall mean an event that results in serious harm to the safety, health or welfare of people or in widespread damage to property.
- j) "**Emergency**" shall mean a present or imminent event that requires prompt coordination of action or special regulation of persons or property to protect the health, safety or welfare of people or to limit damage to property.
- k) "**Enforcement Officer**" shall mean a Community Peace Officer, Bylaw Enforcement Officer, RCMP Officer or an inspector appointed by and employed by the Town with respect to the enforcement of bylaws of the Town of Claresholm.
- l) "**Equipment**" shall mean any tools, contrivances, devices or materials used by the Fire Department to combat an incident or other emergency.
- m) "**False Alarm**" means any notification to the Department of any Member thereof respecting the existence of a condition, circumstance or event containing an imminent serious danger to persons or property, wherein such a condition, circumstance or event is in fact not in existence.
- n) "**Fire**" means the burning of any flammable or combustible material or any combustible material in a state of combustion.
- o) "**Fire Chief**" shall mean the person employed by the Town under the provisions of this Bylaw, or designated delegate.
- p) "**Fire Department Property**" means all property owned or controlled by, and designated for use by, the Fire Department, regardless of the source of the property.
- q) "**Fire Hazard**" means any condition, circumstance, or event that increases the possibility and/or probability of Fire occurrence.
- r) "**Fire Permit**" means a document issued by the Fire Chief pursuant to this Bylaw, on the form adopted by the Town from time to time.
- s) "**Fire Protection**" shall mean all aspects of fire safety including, but not limited to, fire prevention, firefighting or suppression, pre-fire planning, fire investigation, public education and information, rescue, training or other staff development and advising.
- t) "**Hazardous Material**" shall mean a substance (gas, liquid or solid) not in transit capable of creating harm to people, property and the environment as defined by the United Nations Hazard Class Number System.
- u) "**Illegal Fire**" shall mean any fire that is set in contravention of this Bylaw.
- v) "**Incident**" shall mean a fire, a situation where a fire or explosion is imminent or any other situation presenting a danger or possible danger to life or property and to which the Department has responded.

- w) **"Incident Commander"** shall mean the Fire Chief or in the absence of the Fire Chief, the highest-ranking Member present at an incident.
- x) **"Inspection Officer"** shall mean the Fire Chief, or any Member directed to undertake inspections.
- y) **"Member"** shall mean any person employed as a Volunteer Member of the Department under this Bylaw and shall also include the Fire Chief.
- z) **"Municipal Government Act"** shall mean the Municipal Government Act, RSA 2000, Chapter M-26, and any amendments thereto;
- aa) **"Mutual Aid Agreement"** shall mean an agreement between the Town and other municipalities or persons for the joint use, control and management of fire extinguishing apparatus and equipment.
- bb) **"Officer"** shall mean an Officer of the Department.
- cc) **"Open Fire"** means any fire that is not contained within a fire pit, fire place or portable fire receptacle.
- dd) **"Portable Fire Receptacle"** means an outdoor fire receptacle which is not permanently affixed.
- ee) **"Qualified Personnel"** shall mean a person in possession of a Fireworks Supervisor Card issued pursuant to the Explosives Act (Canada) and the most current version of the National Fire Codes – Alberta Edition and their regulations.
- ff) **"Quality Management Plan (QMP)"** shall mean the uniform QMP that includes Sections 1 – 11 that was accepted by the Administrator Service of Accreditation and signed on January 10, 1996.
- gg) **"Recreational Fire"** shall mean a fire contained with a fire pit, an outdoor fireplace or a stationary barbeque.
- hh) **"Running Fire"** shall mean a fire burning without being under the proper control of any person.
- ii) **"Safety Codes Officer"** shall mean an individual designated as a Safety Codes Officer in accordance with the most current edition of the Safety Codes Act of Alberta.
- jj) **"Standard Operating Procedures"** shall mean the Claresholm Fire Department's Procedure Manual.
- kk) **"Town"** shall mean the Town of Claresholm.

SECTION 3 FIRE BANS

- 3.1 The Fire Chief (or Designate) or CAO may, from time to time, prohibit or restrict all fires within the Town including Recreational Fires when, in the discretion of the Fire Chief or CAO, the prevailing environmental conditions give rise to an increased risk of a Fire becoming a Running Fire.
- 3.2 A Fire ban imposed by the Fire Chief or CAO under Section 3.1 shall be in force either until the date established by the Fire Chief or CAO in the notice provided to the public pursuant to Section 3.3, or until such time as the Fire Chief or CAO gives notice to the public that the ban has been lifted.
- 3.3 The Fire Chief or CAO shall give notice of the Fire ban in effect on www.albertafirebans.ca, on the Town's website, social media accounts, electronic signage, the community bulletin board, and any other places deemed appropriate by the Fire Chief or CAO. The notice shall indicate that the Fire ban is in place, the date if any that the ban shall be lifted, and the penalty for failing to comply with the Fire ban.
- 3.4 When a Fire Ban is in effect, **NO PERSON** shall ignite a Recreational Fire, or an Open Fire with active issued burning permit, or cause or allow a Recreational Fire or Open Fire to be ignited on his or her Property or Property under his or her control.

SECTION 4 PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION

- 4.1 The civic address of any Property, including buildings and structures, shall be prominently displayed on the front of the Property, including buildings and structures, so as to be clearly visible from both the street and rear laneway.

SECTION 5 FIRE HYDRANTS

- 5.1 No person shall, other than Members or employees of the Town, without prior approval from the CAO or designate, affix any tool, hose or other device to any fire hydrant or fire hydrant valve.
- 5.2 No person shall, without prior approval from the CAO or designate, paint any fire hydrant or any portion thereof.
- 5.3 A one (1) meter clearance must be maintained on each side of a fire hydrant. Nothing may be erected and only grass may be planted in this clearance area.

SECTION 6 CONTROL OF FIRE HAZARDS

- 6.1 If the CAO or Fire Chief finds within the Town's boundaries, on privately owned land or occupied public land, conditions that, in their opinion, constitute a fire hazard, they may order the owner or

person in control of the land on which the fire hazard exists to reduce or remove the fire hazard within a fixed time and in a manner prescribed by the Town.

6.2 If the CAO or Fire Chief finds that the order it made pursuant to Section 6.1 has not been carried out, a Designated Officer may enter onto the land with any equipment and any person he/she considers necessary and may perform the work required to eliminate or reduce the fire hazard.

6.3 The owner or occupant of the land on which work was performed pursuant to Section 6.2 shall, upon demand, pay to the Town a Fire Protection Charge and in default of payment of the Fire Protection Charge, the Town may add the Fire Protection Charge to the tax roll of the said land as per the applicable Section of the Municipal Government Act.

SECTION 7 REQUIREMENT TO REPORT

7.1 The owner or authorized agent of any property damaged by fire, shall immediately report to the Department particulars about the fire which are satisfactory to the Fire Chief.

7.2 The owner or authorized agent of any property containing dangerous goods shall immediately report to the Department the particulars regarding any accidental or unauthorized release of such dangerous goods.

SECTION 8 OPEN FIRES

8.1 "Open Fire" means a fire which is not contained within an incinerator or outdoor fireplace or barbeque in accordance with Section 9.

8.3 Burning permits are only to be issued in "Agricultural Transitional", or "Direct Control" zoned land. Unless otherwise approved by the CAO or a motion of council

8.4 The Claresholm Fire Chief or designate may:

- a) Issue permits
- b) Amend or revoke a burning permit at anytime
- c) Require a site inspection before issuing a burning permit
- d) Advise fire dispatch of all permits issued

8.5 Burning Permit Conditions:

- a) The fire must be supervised at all times by a responsible adult.
- b) No burning is permitted when winds exceed 15 km/hr or are gusting.
- c) Suitable fire extinguishing equipment to be located at the site.
- d) The 911 Dispatch Centre @ 1-888-808-3722 must be notified approximately one (1) hour prior to burn taking place.
- e) The Permit holder must call the Dispatch Center each and every day before they burn
- f) No burning is permitted between the night hours of 10:00 pm and 7:00 am
- g) Only Class A combustibles are to be burned (clean wood/paper products).
- h) An accurate description of the size and the type of combustibles must be given to the Claresholm Fire Department when applying for a permit.
- i) Any breach of the above conditions renders the permit null and void.

8.6 The following items are NOT ALLOWED to be burned with or without a permit:

- a) Tires,
- b) Plastics,
- c) Household Garbage,
- d) Paint Cans,
- e) Used Motor Oil,
- f) Furniture,
- g) Treated Products,
- h) Animal Carcasses, or parts thereof
- i) Biohazardous Materials
- j) Other similar products or debris.

8.7 Burning Permits are;

- a) Burning permits are valid for a maximum of 5 days from the date of issue and are not transferrable from person to person or from property to property. If conditions warrant, permits may be cancelled at any time. Extensions may be granted under a new permit number, provided the required conditions can be met.
- b) The Fire Chief, may suspend or cancel all permits or prohibit the lighting of fires in any part or all of the Town of Claresholm with a Fire Ban. When permits are suspended or cancelled and fires are prohibited, all fires ignited under the authority of a burning permit must be extinguished immediately
- c) The area being burned must be completely surrounded by a guard, cleared of combustible material, to a width of not less than 15 meters.
- d) Every fire must be supervised and controlled by a responsible person or persons.
- e) The Permit holder must ensure that fire guards are wide enough and cleared to prevent sparks from the fire. Large fires can carry sparks over a considerable distance.
- f) The Permit holder must have required tools ready at the fire site and enough portable water to control fire if required. Even for a small single pile there should be a shovel and water available
- g) The minimum amount of equipment required on site:



- i. cultivation equipment as directed in permit
- ii. one barrel of at least 200 litres of water
- iii. one water backpack and hand pail or four heavy sacks; and
- iv. two (2) round mouth shovels and one axe

8.8 No person shall cause an open fire to be ignited or allow an open fire to continue burning without a valid open fire permit.

SECTION 9 FIREPITS, OUTDOOR FIREPLACES, STATIONARY & PORTABLE BARBECUES

9.1 No person shall set, or cause to be set, any fire within the boundaries of the Town except as otherwise provided for under this Bylaw.

9.2 No person shall burn, or cause to be burned, any refuse, waste, junk, garbage, structures, debris or other noxious substance within the boundaries of the Town.

9.3 Subject to Section 10, no person shall use fireworks or permit the use of fireworks on his or her property or property under his or her control, within the boundaries of the Town.

For the enjoyment of dwelling residents use of fire pits, outdoor fireplaces and stationary barbeques may be permitted. No person shall use a solid-fuel-fired barbecue (e.g. charcoal briquettes, wood-fired pizza oven, chimineas or similar such devices) in a building or on the balcony of a building that contains more than 2 dwelling units

9.4 Subject to Section 9, a person may, on property owned or controlled by him or her, set a Recreational Fire, so long as that Recreational Fire is set and contained within a fire pit, outdoor fireplace, or other structure designed for the purpose of containing the recreational fire within a small, controlled area.

Fire pits, outdoor fireplaces, and stationary barbecues that burn combustible material shall:

- a) Be located in a rear yard with a minimum of 3.4 meters (10 feet) clearance from buildings, property lines and combustible materials, or as approved by the Fire Chief;
- b) Be constructed of bricks or concrete blocks, or heavy gauge metal, or other suitable non-combustible components;
- c) Have a spark arrestor mesh screen of 1.30 centimeters (.50 inches) expanded metal (or equivalent) to contain sparks over the fire at all times;
- d) Be the sole responsibility of the owner or tenant of the property;
- e) Be supervised at all times by a responsible adult person over the age of eighteen (18) until such time as the fire has been completely extinguished. For the purpose of this clause, a fire shall be deemed to include any hot ashes and smoldering embers resulting from the fire;
- f) Only burn clean wood, charcoal briquettes, propane or natural gas;
- g) Have flames no higher than ninety (90) cm (3.28 feet) above the fire pit or the barbecue fire box.

9.5 When a fire is set in contravention of this Bylaw or during a fire ban pursuant to Section 3, the owner or occupier of the land, or the person having control of the land upon which the fire is lit shall:

- a) Extinguish the fire immediately; or
- b) If unable to extinguish the fire immediately, report the fire to the Department as soon as possible.

SECTION 10 FIREWORKS

10.1 Permits for Fireworks will only be issued for the discharge of professional Fireworks and discharged by professional pyrotechnicians as accredited by Natural Resources Canada in accordance and pursuant to the most current edition of the *National Fire Code – Alberta Edition*

10.2 Subject to the exceptions set out following, no person shall discharge any fireworks within the corporate limits of the Town.

10.3 The Fire Chief may, upon written application, permit qualified personnel to ignite fireworks and conduct fireworks displays. The Fire Chief may impose at the sole discretion of the Fire Chief such conditions and restrictions on their use and display as may be appropriate. Such conditions and restrictions might address:

- a) Hours of the day
- b) Days of the week
- c) Length of display
- d) Height of display and type of fireworks used
- e) Geographic location requirements for notification of affected residents' safety
- f) Having Members in attendance at event and having applicant pay for Members and equipment to be on hand.

10.4 All fireworks shall be stored, used and ignited in accordance with provisions of the Explosives Act (Canada) and most current edition of the National Fire Code – Alberta Edition and in accordance with those conditions determined solely by the Town.

10.5 No person shall be permitted to sell, offer for sale, or store for the purpose of sale, consumer or display fireworks within the Town without first obtaining a permit.

- 10.6 No person shall possess, handle, discharge, fire or set off consumer or display fireworks in the Town without first obtaining a fireworks permit.
- 10.7 An accredited pyrotechnician shall apply, in writing, to the Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ), a minimum of fourteen (14) business days prior to the proposed display fireworks event. The application must address all information required by *the Explosive Act (Canada)*, and the most current National Fire Code – Alberta Edition.

SECTION 11 ILLEGAL FIRES

- 11.1 Any Member, Enforcement Officer or Employee of the Town may extinguish an illegal fire using whatever apparatus or procedure that the individual may deem appropriate or necessary to extinguish an illegal fire.
- 11.2 The costs of controlling or extinguishing any illegal fire shall be recovered from the person causing the illegal fire under the provisions of the Municipal Government Act.

SECTION 12 RECOVERY OF COSTS

- 12.1 Upon the Town issuing an order or taking steps under Sections 13 or 14 or upon the Department providing Fire Protection services to property within or outside the Town boundaries, resulting in the Town incurring fees or charges, the Town may in its sole and absolute discretion charge any or all of the following persons, namely:
- a) The person causing or contributing to the fire; or
 - b) The owner or occupant of the property;
- a Fire Protection Charge, and all individuals charged are jointly and severally responsible for payment of the Fire Protection Charge to the Town.
- 12.2 The schedule of fees for Fire Protection Charges are set out in Schedule "A" attached hereto and forming part of this Bylaw.
- 12.3 Without limiting the foregoing, a Fire Protection Charge may be imposed in the event of a False Alarm.
- 12.4 A Fire Protection Charge shall be paid within thirty (30) days of being levied.
- 12.5 Collection of unpaid Fire Protection Charges may be undertaken by civil action in a court of competent jurisdiction, and any civil action does not invalidate any lien which the Town is entitled to place on the property in respect of which the indebtedness is incurred.
- 12.6 The owner of a parcel to which Fire Protection is provided is liable for Fire Protection Charges incurred, and the Town may add to the tax roll of a parcel of land all unpaid Fire Protection Charges and interest charges accrued one hundred and twenty (120) days after the Fire Protection Charge has been levied.

SECTION 13 OFFENCES

- 13.1 No person shall damage or destroy Department apparatus or supplies.
- 13.2 No person shall obstruct the Fire Chief or any other person authorized to inspect property or to perform any work necessary to remedy a condition, from performing his or her duties under this Bylaw.
- 13.3 No person shall:
- a) Contravene any provision of this Bylaw;
 - b) Impede, obstruct or hinder a Member, or other person assisting or acting under the direction of a Member;
 - c) Sell, offer for sale, or store for the purpose of sale consumer or display fireworks;
 - d) Possess, handle, discharge, fire or set off consumer or display fireworks in the Town without first obtaining a fireworks permit;
 - e) At an incident, drive a vehicle over any Apparatus or Equipment without permission from the Fire Chief or Incident Commander;
 - f) Obstruct a Member from carrying out any function or activity related in any way to Fire Protection;
 - g) Falsely represent themselves as a Member or wear or display any Fire Department badge, cap, button, insignia, or other paraphernalia which may leave the false impression that the person is a Member;
 - h) Obstruct or otherwise interfere with access roads or streets or other approaches to any Fire alarm, fire hydrant, cistern or body of water designated or intended to be used for Fire Protection or any connections provided to a fire main, pipe, stand pipe, sprinkler system, cistern, or other body of water designated or intended to be used for Fire Protection;
 - i) Either directly, or indirectly, personally or through an agent, servant or employee kindle a Fire or let it become a Running Fire on any land not his or her own property or allow a Running Fire to pass from his or her own property to that of another.
 - j) Light a Fire without first taking sufficient precautions to ensure that the Fire can be kept under control at all times;
 - k) Light a Fire when weather conditions are conducive to creating a Running Fire;

- l) Fail to take reasonable steps to control a Fire for the purpose of preventing it from becoming a Running Fire or from spreading onto Property other than his or her own;
- m) Deposit, discard or leave any burning matter or substance where it might ignite other materials and cause a Fire;
- n) Conduct any activity that involves the use of Fire that might reasonably be expected to cause a Fire unless that person exercises reasonable care to prevent the Fire from occurring;
- o) Use a Fire to burn:
 - i. Material that will result in the production of dense black smoke, including, but not limited to, insulation from electrical wiring or equipment, asphalt roofing materials, hydrocarbons, plastics, or other materials or creosoted wood; or
 - ii. Herbicides, pesticides or other toxic materials or substances;
 - iii. Animal carcasses, or parts thereof
 - iv. Biohazardous materials
- p) Conduct any activity that involves the use of a Fire, where smoke from the Fire may impede visibility of the vehicular traffic on any Highway as defined in the *Traffic Safety Act*, R.S.A. 2000 Chapter T-6, as amended; or
- q) Light a Fire on lands owned or controlled by the Town except with the Town's express written consent if a Recreational Fire, in a fireplace or campfire provided by the Town for that purpose.

SECTION 14

PENALTIES

ENFORCEMENT

14.1 Where Property does not comply with this Bylaw or a person contravenes this Bylaw, the Town may pursue its enforcement alternatives in accordance with any Act, or common law right, including but not limited to the issuance of an order to remedy the contravention by the Town, adding amounts to the tax roll, and pursuing injunctions pursuant to the applicable Section of the Municipal Government Act.

PENALTIES

14.2 Any person who:

- a) Violates any provision of this Bylaw;
- b) Suffers or permits any act or thing to be done in contravention of or in violation of any provision of this Bylaw;
- c) Neglects to do or refrains from doing anything required to be done by the provisions of this Bylaw; or
- d) Does any act or thing or omits any act or thing, thus violating any provision of this Bylaw; is guilty of an offence under this Bylaw, and upon a conviction, is liable to a fine as set out in Schedule "B" attached hereto and forming a part of this Bylaw.

VIOLATION TAGS & TICKETS

14.3 Where an Enforcement Officer has reasonable grounds to believe that a provision of this Bylaw has been contravened, that Enforcement Officer is authorized and empowered to issue a Violation Tag to any person who the Enforcement Officer has reasonable grounds to believe is responsible for this contravention.

14.4 A Violation Tag issued pursuant to this Bylaw shall be in a form approved by the CAO and may be delivered to the Person reasonably believed to have contravened this Bylaw by means of actual service upon the person or by mailing a copy to the Person at his or her address as it appears on the Town's tax roll.

14.5 Where a Violation Tag is issued pursuant to this Bylaw, the Person to whom the Violation Tag is issued may, in lieu of being prosecuted for the offence, pay to the Town, the penalty specified on the Violation Tag within seven (7) business days if delivered by actual service to the person and within fourteen (14) business days if served by mail.

14.6 Where a Violation Tag has been issued and the specified penalty not paid within the prescribed time, the right of the Person named on the Violation Tag to pay the penalty in lieu of prosecution shall expire and the Enforcement Officer is authorized to issue a Violation Ticket pursuant to Part 2 of the *Provincial Offences Procedure Act*, R.S.A. 2000, c. P-34, as amended, or repealed and replaced from time to time, to any person the Peace Officer has reasonable grounds to believe has contravened any provision of this Bylaw.

14.7 Notwithstanding Section 14.6, an Enforcement Officer is hereby authorized and empowered to immediately issue a Violation Ticket to any person whom the Enforcement Officer has reasonable grounds to believe has contravened or is responsible for a contravention of any provision of this Bylaw regardless of whether a Violation Tag has first been issued. Nothing in the Bylaw shall prevent an Enforcement Officer from immediately issuing a Violation Ticket.

14.8 The specified penalty payable in respect of a contravention of a provision of this Bylaw is the amount provided for in Schedule "B" of this Bylaw in respect of that provision.

14.9 For any offence for which there is no penalty specified, to a penalty of not less than \$300.00 and not more than \$10,000.00 (plus any applicable costs of firefighting).

SECTION 15

NOTICE

15.1 Any Notice provided for in this Bylaw shall be in writing.

- 15.2 Service of any Notice provided for in this Bylaw may be made as follows:
- a) Personally, upon the person to be served; or
 - b) By mailing the copy to the person to be served by double registered mail or certified mail to the last known post office address of the person to be served and service shall be deemed to be effected at the time the copy is delivered by an official of the post office to the person to be served or to any person receiving it on his or her behalf;
 - c) Where the property is not occupied, by mailing the Notice by double registered mail or certified mail to the mailing address noted on the Town's tax roll for that property, and service shall be deemed to be effected at the time the copy is delivered by an official of the post office to the person to be served or to any person receiving it on his or her behalf; or
 - d) As directed by the Court.

SECTION 16 SCHEDULES

16.1 Schedules A and B as attached shall form part of this Bylaw.

SECTION 17 SEVERABILITY

17.1 Should any section or part of this Bylaw be found to have been improperly enacted for any reason, then such section or part shall be regarded as being severable from the rest of the Bylaw and the Bylaw remaining after such severance shall be effective and enforceable as if the section found to be improperly enacted had not been enacted as part of this Bylaw.

SECTION 18 PASSAGE OF BYLAW

18.1 Bylaws No. 1705, 1715 the Fire Protection Bylaw, and any amendments thereto, are hereby repealed.

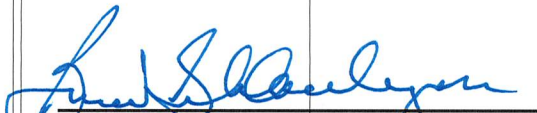
SECTION 19 PASSAGE OF BYLAW

19.1 This Bylaw shall come into effect upon passage of 3rd Reading.


READ a first time in Council this **22nd** day of **April** 2024 A.D.

READ a second time in Council this **13th** day of **May** 2024 A.D.

READ a third time in Council and finally passed this **13th** day of **May** 2024 A.D.



Brad Schlossberger, Mayor



Abe Tinney, CAO



**TOWN OF CLARESHOLM
 BYLAW No. 1782
 SCHEDULE "A"
 FIRE PROTECTION CHARGES**

Type of Event	Type of Apparatus Responding	Applicable Charge
Fires, Motor Vehicle Collisions (not on a numbered highway), Rescues, Alarms, etc.	Engines / Pumpers / Tenders / Tankers / Rescue Units / Bush Trucks / Medical Response Units	\$450/hr. rounded to the nearest one-half (1/2) hour
Motor Vehicle Collision – on a numbered highway	Engines / Pumpers / Tenders / Tankers / Rescue Units / Bush Trucks / Medical Response Units / Command Unit	As Per Alberta Transportation Table 1: Rates of Reimbursement for Fire Departments
Response Trucks / Personnel Transport only	Any type of department apparatus used for personnel transport / rehab only	\$175/hr. rounded to the nearest one-half (1/2) hour
Fires, Motor Vehicle Collisions, Rescues, Alarms, etc. <i>Not</i> on a numbered highway	Command Vehicle(s)	\$175/hr. rounded to the nearest one-half (1/2) hour

Other Charges

Description of Charge	Applicable Charge
Consumables (Foam, tools, equipment, gear, etc.)	At Cost
Contracted Equipment (Excavators, Dozers, etc.)	At Cost
Lost, Broken, or Destroyed Equipment	At Cost
Fire Safety Codes Inspection	No Charge
Burn Permit (for those in Ag Transitional or Direct Control zoned lands)	No Charge
Burn Pit / Site Inspection or Review	No Charge
False Alarm / Alarm Bells	No Charge for 1 st response to municipal tax-roll number within calendar year. Subsequent responses will be charged at applicable rates. First-call exemption not applicable to tax-exempted properties.

**TOWN OF CLARESHOLM
 BYLAW No. 1782
 SCHEDULE "B"
 FINES & PENALTIES**

Bylaw Section	Offence	1st Offence Penalty	2nd Offence Penalty (within calendar year)	3rd & Subsequent Offence Penalties (within calendar year)
3.4	When a fire ban is in effect, any person who contravenes the fire ban may be subject to the fines established	\$300	\$500	\$1000
13.1	Damage or destroy any fire department apparatus or equipment	Cost of repair +25%	Cost of repair +25% and \$500	Cost of repair +25% and \$1000
13.2 13.3(b) 13.3(f)	Interfere with efforts of any person authorized to carry out duties outlined in this bylaw	\$300	\$500	\$1000
13.3(a)	Contravene any provision of this bylaw that does not have a specified penalty attached	\$300	\$500	\$1000
13.3(c)	Sell, offer for sale, or store for the purpose of sale consumer or display fireworks	\$300	\$500	\$750
13.3(d)	Possess, handle, discharge, fire or set off consumer or display fireworks in the Town without first obtaining a fireworks permit	\$500 +associated costs of firefighting	\$750 +associated costs of firefighting	\$1000 +associated costs of firefighting
13.3(e)	At an incident, drive a vehicle over any fire department equipment without permission from the Fire Chief or Incident Commander	\$300	\$500	\$1000
13.3(g)	Falsely represent themselves as a member, or wear or display any fire department badge, cap, button, insignia or other paraphernalia which may leave the false impression that the person is a member	\$300	\$500	\$1000
13.3(h)	Obstruct or otherwise interfere with access to any fire alarm, fire hydrant, cistern, or body of water intended to be used for fire protection, or any connections provided to a fire main/pipe/stand-pipe/sprinkler system etc.	\$500	\$1000	\$2000

	designed or intended to be used for fire protection			
13.3(i)	Either directly or indirectly, personally or through an agent/servant/or employee kindle a fire or let it become a running fire on any land not his/her own or allow a running fire to pass from his/her own property to that of another	\$2500 +associated costs of firefighting	\$5000 +associated costs of firefighting	\$7500 +associated costs of firefighting
13.3(j)	Light a fire without first taking sufficient precautions to ensure that the fire can be kept under control at all times	\$500 +associated costs of firefighting	\$750 +associated costs of firefighting	\$1000 +associated costs of firefighting
13.3(k)	Light a fire when weather conditions are conducive to creating a running fire	\$500 +associated costs of firefighting	\$750 +associated costs of firefighting	\$1000 +associated costs of firefighting
13.3(l)	Fail to take reasonable steps to control a fire for the purpose of preventing it from becoming a running fire or from spreading onto property other than his/her own	\$500 +associated costs of firefighting	\$750 +associated costs of firefighting	\$1000 +associated costs of firefighting
13.3(m)	Deposit, discard, or leave any burning matter or substance where it might ignite other material and cause a fire	\$300 +associated costs of firefighting	\$500 +associated costs of firefighting	\$750 +associated costs of firefighting
13.3(n)	Conduct any activity that involves the use of Fire that might reasonably be expected to cause a Fire unless that person exercises reasonable care to prevent the Fire from occurring	\$300 +associated costs of firefighting	\$500 +associated costs of firefighting	\$750 +associated costs of firefighting
13.3(o)	Use a fire to burn any prohibited material, or that which may produce dense black smoke	\$300 +associated costs of firefighting	\$500 +associated costs of firefighting	\$750 +associated costs of firefighting
13.3(p)	Conduct any activity that involves the use of a Fire, where smoke from the Fire may impede visibility of the vehicular traffic on any Highway as defined in the <i>Traffic Safety Act</i> , R.S.A. 2000 Chapter T-6, as amended	\$300	\$500	\$750
13.3(q)	Light a Fire on lands owned or controlled by the Town except with the Town's express written consent if a Recreational Fire, in a fireplace or campfire provided by the Town for that purpose.	\$300	\$500	\$750