

**Village of Alliance
BYLAW 2015-05
False Alarm**

A BYLAW OF THE VILLAGE OF ALLIANCE IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT ACT, BEING CHAPTER M-26 OF THE STATUTES OF ALBERTA 2000 AND AMENDMENTS THERETO, TO ASSIST IN THE REDUCTION OF FALSE ALARMS REQUIRING A POLICE AND/OR 911 SERVICES RESPONSE WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF ALLIANCE.

WHEREAS PURSUANT TO Section 7 of the Municipal Government Act, a Council may pass bylaws for municipal purposes respecting the following matters:

- a) The safety, health and welfare of people and the protection of people and property;
- b) Businesses, business activities and persons engaged in business; and
- c) The enforcement of bylaws,

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Village of Alliance deems it expedient to assist in the reduction of False Alarms requiring a Police and/or 911 Services response within the Municipality,

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Village of Alliance hereby enacts the following:

PART I – PURPOSE

1. The Purpose of this Bylaw is to assist in the reduction of False Alarms requiring a Police and/or 911 Services response within the Village of Alliance.

PART II – DEFINITIONS

1. In this Bylaw, unless the context otherwise requires:
 - a. “Alarm Business” means any person in the business of:
 - (i) Selling, leasing, installing, maintaining, repairing, replacing or servicing Alarm Systems;
 - (ii) Monitoring Alarm Systems and reporting activated alarms to a law enforcement agency; or
 - (iii) Responding to any Premises in which an Alarm System has been activated.
 - b. “Alarm System” means any device which detects an unauthorized entry to, or an Emergency on, a Premise;
 - c. “Emergency” includes a situation in which there is imminent danger to public safety or of serious harm to property;
 - d. “False Alarm” means the activation of an Alarm System when there is:
 - (i) No unauthorized entry or attempted entry to a Premises, or
 - (ii) No other Emergency on a Premise.
 - e. “Premises” includes lands, building and any other structure whatsoever on the property.
 - f. “Owner” is the party named an owner on the certificate of title for a Premise.

PART III – GENERAL

1. An Alarm Business receiving a report of an activated Alarm System shall, before notifying the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and/or 911 Services, make all reasonable efforts to verify that the report is not a False Alarm.
2. Reasonable efforts to verify the report of an activated Alarm System is not a False Alarm include consideration of the following:
 - a. Date of installation of the Alarm System;
 - b. Technical characteristics of the Alarm System;
 - c. Location of the cause for the alarm on the Premises;

- d. Number of False Alarms in the preceding twelve (12) months;
 - e. Number of False Alarms since the date of installation of the Alarm System;
 - f. Date and nature of the last reported alarm;
 - g. History of unauthorized entry to the Premises;
 - h. Likelihood that the Alarm System was activated inadvertently by a person who is authorized to be on the Premises;
 - j. Results of attempted telephone contacts with the Premises; and Likelihood that the alarm was caused by atmospheric conditions, excessive vibrations, power failure or communication failure.
3. No person or Alarm Company shall provide, install, maintain or use any automatic calling device which is programmed to access the emergency telephone number "911" or the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.
 4. An Alarm Business receiving a report of an activated Alarm System must, when notifying the Royal Canadian Mounted Police:
 - a. Continue to make all reasonable efforts to verify that the report is not a False Alarm; and
 - b. Make all reasonable efforts to have an authorized person attend at the Premises containing the Alarm System.
 5. Where, in any twelve (12) month period, an Alarm System generates more than one False Alarm resulting in the attendance of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, the Owner of the Premises where the False Alarm was generated is liable to pay the applicable fee set out in Schedule A of this Bylaw.

PART IV – EFFECTIVE DATE

1. This Bylaw shall take force and have effect on __April 22, 2015

READ a first time this __22__ day of __April, 2015.

READ a second time this __22__ day of __April, 2015.

READ a third time and finally passed this __22__ day of __April, 2015.

____Sue Thomas____
Mayor

____Jacqueline Zacharuk____
Assistant CAO

SCHEDULE “A” TO BYLAW 2015-05

Police Response and/or 911 Services to a False Alarm:

\$150.00 per first response in a calendar year

Every other false alarm following the first one in a calendar year is subject to the initial \$150.00 fine PLUS an additional \$50.00 for each false alarm.

Example:

1st false alarm = \$150.00

2nd false alarm = \$200.00

3rd false alarm = \$250.00

4th false alarm = \$300.00

And so on and so forth.