

**A BYLAW OF THE VILLAGE OF ELBOW REGARDING
FALSE ALARM FIRE CALLS**

A Bylaw of the Village of Elbow to reduce the number of false incidents to which fire crews respond to, and to set the fees for such incidents.

The Council of the Village of Elbow, in the Province of Saskatchewan, enact as follows:

PART 1 – INTRODUCTION

1. Title – This bylaw shall be known and may be cited as the “False Alarm Fire Call Bylaw”.
2. Purpose – The purpose of this bylaw is to reduce the number of false incidents to which fire crews respond to, and to set the fees for such incidents.

PART 2 – DEFINITIONS

1. “Clear Period” means an uninterrupted length of time in which no false alarm has occurred.
2. “False Alarm” means the activation of a Security Alarm System or Fire Alarm System as a result of which the Elbow Fire Department’s fire or emergency response services:
 - a) Are paged and are subsequently cancelled after having been paged; or
 - b) Are provided on behalf of the Village and have responded and do not find any evidence of fire, fire damage, smoke in relation to the building, structure, residence or facility, or where there has been no other fire emergency situation.
3. “Fire Alarm System” means a device or devices installed on or in real property and designed to issue a warning of a fire by activating an audible alarm signal or alerting a Monitoring Service but does not include a Fire Alarm System that is intended to alert only the occupants of a single family dwelling unit in which it is installed.
4. “Monitoring Service” means a person, partnership or company engaged in the business of monitoring Alarm Systems and reporting the occurrence of Alarms to the Elbow Fire Department.
5. “Security Alarm System” means any mechanical, electrical or electronic device which is designed, intended or used for detection of an unauthorized entry into a building, structure, facility or surrounding area, or for alerting others to the commission of an unlawful act, or both, and which emits a sound or transmits a message, or does both, but does not include:
 - a) A device which registers an Alarm which is not audible, visible or perceptible outside the premises inside which it is installed, or
 - b) A device which is installed in a motor vehicle.

PART 3 – REGULATIONS

1. False Alarm incidents include but are not limited to:
 - a. The testing of an Alarm without notice to the Elbow Fire Department which results in a fire crew response;
 - b. An Alarm actually or apparently activated by mechanical failure, malfunction or faulty equipment;
 - c. An Alarm activated by user error;
 - d. An Alarm reporting a fire or a fire emergency situation occurring on or in relation to the address in which the Alarm System is installed where no evidence exists or where no such event took place; or

- e. An Alarm actually or apparently activated by atmospheric conditions, excessive vibrations, or power failure.
- 2. The owner or occupier of real property shall use, install, maintain, and operate any Fire Alarm System or Security Alarm System installed on or in the real property in a manner that will ensure the prevention of False Alarms.
- 3. In the event that the Elbow Fire Department is required to forcibly enter a premises due to a False Alarm, all costs incurred must be paid by the owner or occupier of the property.
- 4. Fees apply to the owner or occupier of real property where any Fire Alarm System or Security Alarm System is installed on or in the real property.
- 5. The Village of Elbow will track each false alarm occurrence and fees for false alarms will be assessed as follows:
 - a. First (1st) occurrence – no charge
 - b. Second (2nd) occurrence - \$250
 - c. Third (3rd) and each additional occurrence - \$500
- 6. The owner or occupier of real property where any Fire Alarm System or Security Alarm System is installed on or in the real property shall maintain a twelve (12) month clear period from the date of the last false alarm occurrence before such time where a First (1st) occurrence fee will be reinstated.

PART 4 – ENFORCEMENT

This bylaw shall come into force and be in effect on the final passing thereof.

Mayor

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Administrator

Certified a true copy of Bylaw No. 16-03
adopted by resolution of Council
on the 6th day of September, 2016.

Administrator