

TOWN OF CHESTERMERE

PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

ALARM SERVICES BYLAW #2004-209/1

BEING A BYLAW OF THE TOWN OF CHESTERMERE IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, AUTHORIZING THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CHESTERMERE TO REGULATE AND CONTROL BURGLARY AND ROBBERY ALARM SYSTEMS AND IN THE MITIGATION OF THE OCCURRENCE OF FALSE ALARMS WITHIN THE TOWN OF CHESTERMERE.

WHEREAS

pursuant to the provisions of the *Municipal Government Act*, Chapter 26, Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000, and amendments thereto, the Council of the Town of Chestermere, in the Province of Alberta (hereinafter called the Council);

AND WHEREAS

professionally installed and monitored intrusion alarm systems are useful instruments in deterring crime and in providing peace of mind for the users of such systems;

AND WHEREAS

the Strathmore R.C.M.P. Detachment, under whose direction and jurisdiction is the Chestermere R.C.M.P. Satellite Detachment, has determined, through the collection and analysis of statistics relating to alarm responses, that many alarms have been falsely activated on a frequent basis;

AND WHEREAS

in addition to posing a threat to the safety of peace officers and the public by creating unnecessary hazards, false alarms result in considerable unnecessary expense;

AND WHEREAS

the Municipal Council of the Town of Chestermere recognizes that the costs borne by the Town of Chestermere to deploy emergency services personnel to the site where the security alarm was activated with the Town of Chestermere is significant and it is the responsibility of the owner of the security alarm system to properly maintain and service such security alarm system;

NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CHESTERMERE HEREBY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

TITLE

1. This Bylaw may be cited as "Alarm Services Bylaw".

INTERPRETATION

2. In this Bylaw:
 - a) "Alarm System" shall mean any alarm system, burglary alarm, alert system, or other electronic means of providing building or premises protection.
 - b) "Peace Officer" shall mean a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Special Constable or Bylaw Enforcement Officer.
 - c) "Person" shall mean any individual, firm partnership, association, corporation, company or society but, unless the context otherwise require, does not include the Town of Chestermere.
 - d) "False Alarm" means an alarm signal necessitating response by a peace officer where an emergency situation does not exist.
 - e) "Monitored Alarm System" means engaging a third party that reports the activation of an alarm system.
 - f) "Town" means the Town of Chestermere, a municipal corporation, in the Province of Alberta and where the context so requires, means the area contained within the corporate boundaries of the said Town.

3. No person who owns, or is in the possession of, or at whose residence or business is installed a security alarm system shall knowingly or inadvertently cause the activation of a false alarm in the Town of Chestermere due to or resulting from a faulty, damaged or malfunctioning alarm system without being subject to a penalty as described in Schedule 'A'.
4. No person shall, by the use of an alarm system or any other method, make or cause to be made any false alarm in the Town of Chestermere.
5. Every person who violates the provisions of the Bylaw or who suffers or permits or omits to do any act or thing to be done in compliance or violation of this Bylaw is guilty of an offence.
6. Persons contravening any section of this Bylaw shall be liable to a fine as specified in Schedule 'A'.

Prior fines or warning letters shall be deemed to have not occurred if a two (2) year period has elapsed between the time of a previous warning letter or fine and a new alleged violation.

7. A violation ticket may be issued by a Peace Officer to any person alleged to have breached any provision of this bylaw and the said notice shall require payment to the Town of Chestermere in the amount specified in this Bylaw pursuant to the Provincial Offences Procedures Act (Alberta) as amended.
8. A violation ticket shall be deemed to be sufficiently served:
 - a) If served personally upon the accused; or
 - b) If mailed to the address of the registered owner of the leasehold title of the property concerned; or
 - c) If attached to or left securely and visible upon the property in respect of which the offence is alleged to have been committed.

9. This Bylaw shall come into effect upon Third and Final Reading thereof.

FIRST READING February 2, 2004

SECOND READING February 2, 2004

THIRD READING February 2, 2004

MAYOR MIKKELSEN

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

SCHEDULE 'A'

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The following penalties will be levied to those who violate the provisions within Bylaw #2004-209/1, being a bylaw to regulate and control burglary and robbery alarm systems and to mitigate the occurrence of false alarms within the Town of Chestermere:

First Offence:	Letter of Warning
Second Offence:	\$50.00 Fine
Third Offence:	\$75.00 Fine