

## **TOWN OF EDSON**

### **BYLAW NO. 2104**

**A BYLAW OF THE TOWN OF EDSON 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 RESPONSE WITHIN THE TOWN OF EDSON.**

**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 Town of Edson deems it expedient to assist in the reduction of False Alarms requiring a Police response within the Municipality,

**NOW THEREFORE** the Council of the Town of Edson 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 response within the Town of Edson.

## 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 and Alarm System has been activated.
  - b. “Alarm System” means any device which detects an unauthorized entry to, or an Emergency on, a Premises;
  - 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 Premises.
  - 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 Premises.

## PART III – GENERAL

1. An Alarm Business receiving a report of an activated Alarm System shall, before notifying the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, make all reasonable efforts to verify that the report is not a False Alarm.

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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**

**EFFECTIVE DATE** 1. This Bylaw shall take force and have effect on July 1, 2011

READ a first time this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of March, A.D. 2011.

READ a second time this 19<sup>th</sup> day of April, A.D. 2011

READ a third time and finally passed this 24<sup>th</sup> day of May, A.D. 2011

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Mayor

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Director of Legislative Services

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**SCHEDULE "A" TO BYLAW NO. 2104**

Police Response to a False Alarm (where in any twelve month period more than one false alarm has been generated)	\$200.00 per response
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