

Town of High River
Alberta
By-law No. 3947/99

Being a By-law of the Town of High River in the Province of Alberta to regulate and control Fire, Heat and Smoke Alarms.

WHEREAS The Municipality deems it necessary to pass a by-law to regulate and control Fire, Heat and Smoke Alarm Systems; and

WHEREAS Council for the Town of High River has the authority under the Municipal Government Act, being Chapter M-26.1 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta, 1994, to enact by-laws for the peace, order and good government of the municipality and to promote the safety and welfare of its citizens; and

WHEREAS As false alarms requiring emergency responses from the fire department pose a threat to the safety of the fire personnel and members of the public by creating unnecessary hazards, and in addition result in unnecessary expense to the taxpayers of the Town of High River; and

WHEREAS Council for the Town of High River deems it desirable and necessary in order to protect and preserve the safety and welfare of its citizens to regulate and control alarm systems so as to reduce such false alarms to a minimum.

NOW
THEREFORE The Council of the Town of High River in the Province of Alberta, duly assembled, enacts as follows:

- 1) This by-law may be cited as the Town of High River Fire, Heat and Smoke "Alarm Systems By-law".
- 2) In this By-law:
 - (a) "Alarm System" shall mean any fire, heat or smoke alarm system, alert system, or other electronic means of providing building or premises protection;
 - (b) "Fire Chief" shall mean any person appointed to the position of fire chief by the Town Manager of the Town of High River.
 - (c) "Peace Officer" shall mean a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police or By-law Enforcement Officer.
 - (d) "Person" shall mean any individual, firm partnership, association, corporation, company or society but, unless the context otherwise require; does not include the Town of High River.
 - (e) "False Alarm" means an alarm signal necessitating response by the Fire Department where an emergency situation does not exist.
 - (f) "Monitored Alarm System" means an alarm system other than an audible alarm or an alarm system used to indicate the occurrence of a fire.
 - (g) "Town" means the Town of High River, 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 shall cause nor allow the issuing of a false alarm in the Town of High River due to or resulting from faulty, damaged, or malfunctioning alarm equipment.
- 4) No person shall, by the use of an alarm system or any other method, make or cause to be made any false alarm equipment in the Town of High River.

- 5) Every person who violates the provisions of the by-law or who suffers or permits or omits to do any act or thing to be done in compliance or violation of this by-law is guilty of an offence.
- 6) Persons contravening any section of this by-law shall be liable to a fine as specified in Schedule 'A' of Rate By-law 3754/93.

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 or the Fire Chief or his designate(s) to any person alleged to have breached any provision of this by-law and the said notice shall require payment to the Clerk of the court in the amount specified in this By-law 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 By-law shall come into effect upon Third and Final Reading thereof.

READ A FIRST, SECOND AND WITH UNANIMOUS CONSENT OF ALL COUNCIL PRESENT A THIRD AND FINAL TIME THIS 14TH DAY OF JUNE AD 1999.

MAYOR/DEPUTY MAYOR

TOWN MANAGER/
MUNICIPAL SECRETARY