

CITY OF SPRUCE GROVE

BY-LAW NO. C-317-98

FALSE ALARMS BY-LAW

Being a By-Law of the City of Spruce Grove to establish a fee for Police Response to False Alarms.

WHEREAS, the Municipal Government Act, R.S.A. 1994, Chapter M-26.1, as amended, grants a municipality the authority to adopt By-Laws respecting the safety, health and welfare of people and the protection of people and property;

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, false alarms requiring unnecessary emergency responses pose a threat to the safety of law enforcement personnel and the public by creating unnecessary hazards, and delay attendance at genuine emergencies;

AND WHEREAS, the City of Spruce Grove Council deem it desirable to reduce false alarms;

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the City of Spruce Grove in the Province of Alberta duly assembled, hereby enacts as follows:

PART I: BY-LAW TITLE

1. That this By-Law shall be known as the "False Alarms By-Law".

PART II: DEFINITIONS

1. Alarm System: any mechanical or electrical device which is designed or used for the detection of an unauthorized entry into a premise, building, structure or facility or for altering others of the commission of an unlawful act, or both, and which emits a sound or transmits a signal or message when activated but does not include a device that is installed in a vehicle.

City: the Municipal Corporation of the City of Spruce Grove.

False Alarm: any activation of an alarm system that results in a response of police emergency personnel where unauthorized entry or a police emergency does not exist.

PART III: APPLICATION

1. When an alarm system generates more than two false alarms within a consecutive twelve month time period, the City may charge the person responsible for the alarm system, business owner or homeowner a fee relating to the response of police emergency personnel as follows:
 - a. on the third false alarm \$50.00
 - b. on the fourth false alarm \$250.00
 - c. on the fifth false alarm and any subsequent response to a false alarm \$500.00

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PART IV: ENACTMENT

This By-Law shall come into force and effect upon third reading of the By-Law.

First Reading Carried 12 January 1998

Second Reading Carried 12 January 1998

Third Reading Unanimously Consented
to and Carried 12 January 1998

MAYOR

CITY CLERK