

# The Summer Village of Silver Beach

## Municipal Bylaws

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### Bylaw No. 169[B]

#### BEING A BYLAW OF THE SUMMER VILLAGE OF SILVER BEACH TO INSTITUTE FEES FOR RESPONSES TO PRIVATE ALARM SYSTEMS

**WHEREAS** the *Municipal Government Act*, Chapter M-26.1, R.S.A. 1994 and amendments thereto, authorizes a Council to pass bylaws for services provided for by the municipality, and

**WHEREAS** private alarm systems are presently being responded to by the Pigeon Lake Constable Service at no cost to the owner of an alarm system, and

**WHEREAS** many of the activation of alarm systems constitute false alarms, and

**WHEREAS** the foregoing illustrates inefficient use of public funds for private benefit and establishes need for verification of alarms, monitoring of alarm systems, and a partial recovery of the costs associated with the responses to false alarms by the Pigeon Lake Constable Service, and

**NOW THEREFORE** the Summer Village of Silver Beach in the Province of Alberta, duly assembled, enacts this Bylaw to regulate Private Alarm Systems:

1. This Bylaw may be cited as the Private Alarm Systems Bylaw.
2. In this Bylaw, unless the context requires otherwise:
  - (a) "alarm business" means any person or persons who:
    - (i) engage in the business of selling, installing, leasing, maintaining, repairing, replacing, or servicing of alarm systems;
    - (ii) monitor alarm systems and report to the Pigeon Lake Constable Service when an alarm system has been activated;
  - (b) "alarm system" means any device that has intrusion, fire, low temperature and other capabilities. With respect to intrusion, the system may transmit a signal or message to an alarm business indicating that the system has been activated.

(c) "automatic calling device" means any device, or combination of devices that will, when activated by mechanical, electronic or other means, transmit a signal or message to an alarm business indicating that an alarm system has been activated;

(d) "Council" means the Council of the Summer Village of Silver Beach;

(e) "false alarm" means any activation of an alarm system that result sin a response of a member of the Pigeon Lake Constable Service to the location of the alarm system and that was not caused by:

(i) an unauthorized entry into the protected residence, or

(ii) an act of a person other than the permit holder or an employee of the alarm business which monitors the alarm system;

(f) "owner" means the owner of a residence who has made application to register an alarm system under this Bylaw.

3. (1) An owner of a residence who wishes to have alarms responded to by the Pigeon Lake Constable Service may do so by submitting a registration application to the Summer Village of Silver Beach.

(2) The application shall be in the form prescribed by the Summer Village of Silver Beach and shall contain the following information:

(a) name, address, and telephone number of the person registering;

(b) address of the residence;

(c) type of alarm system;

(d) if the alarm system is monitored, the name of the alarm business which monitors the alarm system;

(e) names and telephone numbers of two persons who can be reached at any time who are authorized by the owner in which the alarm system is installed to access such premise, and who are in a position to respond to such premise within 30 minutes of being notified of the alarm.

(3) Information required in the application for an alarm system *permit* shall be treated as confidential and shall be used for the purposes associated with this Bylaw.

- (4) The owner of the alarm system shall notify the alarm business that he has registered the alarm system with the Summer Village of Silver Beach, Pigeon Lake Constable Service.
- (5) If any of the information referred to in subsection 3(2) has been changed, the owner shall notify the Summer Village of Silver Beach and the alarm business (if applicable).
4. (1) Where an alarm system business receive a report of an alarm from a premise protected by an alarm system, whether through an automatic calling device or by other means, the alarm business shall, before notifying the Pigeon Lake Constable Service, make all reasonable attempts to verify that he alarm system is not a false alarm.
5. (1) An alarm system shall not be classified as false if the alarm business or owner informs the Pigeon Lake Constable Service prior to the arrival of the dispatched member of the Service that attendance of the location of the alarm is no longer required;
- (2) Where an alarm system generates a false alarm, the owner shall pay the Summer Village of Silver Beach a response fee relating to the response of a member of the Pigeon Lake Constable Service to the location of the alarm in the amount as set out in Schedule B of this Bylaw.
- (3) If the response fee referred to in subsection (2) is not paid within 30 days of the receipt of the notice indicating that the Pigeon Lake Constable Service responded to a false alarm at the owner's residence, the alarm system registration will be terminated and the Pigeon Lake Constable will no longer respond to alarms.
6. No person shall provide, use, maintain or install, or permit to use, maintain or install of any automatic calling device which is programmed to access the Pigeon Lake Constable Service telephone number (403)389-3927 or any other telephone number assigned to the Pigeon Lake Constable Service.
7. Any person who contravenes section 6 of this Bylaw is guilty of an offence and liable to a fine not exceeding \$500.00 dollars.
8. Registration is voluntary. No alarm systems shall be responded to by the Pigeon Lake Constabulary unless the owner has registered and paid the fees as set out in Schedule A.

Read a first time this 25<sup>th</sup> day of May 1995.

Read a second time this 25<sup>th</sup> day of May 1995.

Read a third time and finally passed this 25<sup>th</sup> day of May 1995.

### **Schedule A**

1. Registration fee for Alarm Systems per calendar year (except that for the year 1995 the registration fee is reduced to \$25.00): \$50.00

### **Schedule B**

1. Fee for service for response to false alarms: \$50.00

All fees outlined in schedules A and B are payable to the Summer Village of Silver Beach.