

**A BYLAW OF THE TOWN OF CANMORE, IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA,
RESPECTING FALSE ALARMS**

The Council of the Town of Canmore, in the Province of Alberta, duly assembled, enacts as follows:

1: TITLE

1.1. This bylaw shall be known as the “False Alarm Bylaw.”

2: INTERPRETATION

2.1. Words which are defined in the *Municipal Government Act* or the *Interpretation Act* as amended shall have the same meaning when used in the bylaw unless otherwise defined in section 2.2

2.2. In this bylaw:

“false alarm” means any notification to the fire department or the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, either directly or through an intermediary alarm monitoring system or company, respecting the condition, circumstance, or event containing an imminent serious danger to persons or property, where no such condition, circumstance or event exists.

“violation tag” means a municipal tag or similar document in a form approved by the Town, authorized under the *Provincial Offences Procedures Act* as amended, issued for any offence in which a penalty may be paid out of court in lieu or appearing to answer a summons.

“violation ticket” means a ticket issued pursuant to the *Provincial Offences Procedures Act*, as amended, and the regulations thereunder.

3: PROVISIONS

3.1. No person or owner shall, by the use of alarm equipment or by any other means of notification, make or cause to be made a false alarm.

3.2. No person or owner shall cause or allow the issuing of a false alarm due to or resulting from faulty, damaged, or malfunctioning alarm equipment.

4: VIOLATIONS AND ENFORCEMENT

4.1. Any person or owner who contravenes the provisions of this bylaw is guilty of an offence and is liable to a minimum specified penalty of \$250.00.

4.2. Peace Officers, Bylaw Enforcement Officers, and RCMP officers are hereby authorized and empowered to issue a violation tag to any person or owner, who the officer has reasonable and probable grounds to believe has contravened any provision of this bylaw.

4.3. The violation tag shall state:

- a) the name of the accused;
- b) the nature of the offence;
- c) the penalty payable for the offence; and
- d) the time period within which the penalty must be paid to avoid issuance of a violation ticket.

4.4. The person or owner to whom a violation tag is issued may, in lieu of being prosecuted for the offence, pay to the Town the penalty specified on the violation tag.

4.5. If the penalty specified on a violation tag has not been paid within 14 days, then a Peace Officer, Bylaw Enforcement Officer or a RCMP officer is hereby authorized and empowered to issue a violation ticket to the accused.

4.6. Notwithstanding Section 4.5 of this bylaw, a Peace Officer, Bylaw Enforcement Officer or a RCMP officer is hereby authorized and empowered to immediately issue a violation ticket, to any person or owner who a peace officer has reasonable and probable ground to believe has contravened any provision of this bylaw.

4.7. A violation tag or violation ticket may be issued to such person or owner:

- a) either personally; or
- b) by mailing a copy to such person or owner at their last known address.

4.8. In the case of a an offence that is a continuing nature, a contravention constitutes a separate offence in respect of each day, or part of a day, on which it continues and a person or owner guilty of such offence is liable to a fine in an amount not less than that established by this bylaw.


4.9. Except as otherwise provided in this bylaw, a person who is guilty of an offence under this bylaw for which a penalty is not otherwise provided, upon summary conviction before a court of competent jurisdiction, shall be liable to a fine of not more than \$2,500.00.

5: ENACTMENT/TRANSITION

5.1. If any clause in this bylaw is found to be invalid, it shall be severed from the remainder of the bylaw and shall not invalidate the whole bylaw.

5.2. Bylaw 10-2009 is repealed.

5.3. This bylaw comes into force on the date it is passed.

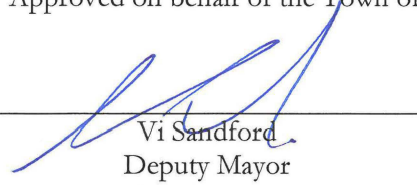
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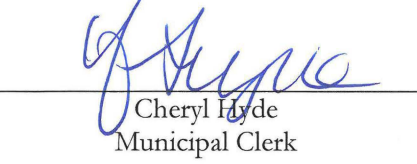
THIRD READING: March 7, 2017

Approved on behalf of the Town of Canmore:



Vi Sandford
Deputy Mayor

Mar 13/2017
Date



Cheryl Hyde
Municipal Clerk

March 8, 2017
Date

Bylaw approved by: CH p.

