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BEING A BYLAW OF THE TOWN OF STRATHMORE TO PROVIDE FIRE SERVICES

WHEREAS Section 7(a) of the *Municipal Government Act*, R.S.A. 2000, Chapter M-26, and any amendments thereto, provides that a Council of a municipality may pass bylaws for municipal purposes respecting the safety, health and welfare of people and the protection of people and property and for services provided by or on behalf of the municipality; and

WHEREAS the municipal Council of the Town of Strathmore wishes to provide and maintain efficient fire services for the citizens of the Town of Strathmore; and

WHEREAS the municipal Council of the Town of Strathmore has been accredited by the Safety Codes Council in its respective municipality; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the municipal Council of the Town of Strathmore, in the Province of Alberta, in Council duly assembled, hereby enacts the following:

1. TITLE

1.1 This Bylaw may be cited as the “Fire Services Bylaw”.

2. DEFINITIONS

2.1 In this Bylaw:

- a) “Agreement” means any Agreement entered into by Town Council and another municipality or agency for the provision of Fire Protection or Emergency Services.
- b) “Apparatus” means any vehicle provided with machinery, devices, equipment or materials for Fire/Rescue services as well as vehicles used to transport fire service resources or supplies”.
- c) “Building” means a structure that is used or intended to be used for supporting or sheltering persons, animals or Property, except those prescribed by regulation as exempted from the National/Alberta Building Code.
- d) “Chief Administrative Officer” means the person appointed to the position and title by Council, or their designate.

- e) "Council" means the Council of the Town of Strathmore.
- f) "Dangerous Goods" means any product, substance or organism specified in the regulations or included by its nature in any of the classes listed in the regulations under the *Transportation of Dangerous Goods Control Act*, R.S.A. 2000 Chapter D-4, and any amendments thereto.
- g) "Deputy Fire Chief" means a person hired or appointed to act as the Fire Chief from time to time during their absence.
- h) "Enforcement Officer" means any member of the R.C.M.P. or a Town of Strathmore Peace Officer, or Bylaw Enforcement Officer.
- i) "Equipment" means any tools, contrivances, devices or materials used by the Fire Department at an Incident or other emergency.
- j) "False Alarm" means any notification to the Fire Department or any Member thereof respecting the existence of a condition, circumstance or event presenting an imminent danger to persons or Property, wherein such a condition, circumstance or event is not in existence.
- k) "Fire" means any combustible material in a state of combustion.
- l) "Fire Chief" means that person, as head of the Fire Department, directed to ensure those services identified in this Bylaw are provided to the levels approved by Council in Policy 2301 and as amended from time to time.
- m) "Fire Department" means the department established by this Bylaw.
- n) "Fire Department Property" means all property owned or controlled by, and designated for use by, the Fire Department, regardless of the source of the property.
- o) "Fire Hazard" means any condition, circumstance or event where the possibility of Fire is increased.
- p) "Fire Permit" means a document issued by the Fire Department in the form approved by the Fire Chief.
- q) "Fire Pit" means outdoor fireplaces, stationary barbeques and non-combustible containers.
- r) "Fire Pit Permit" means a document issued by the Fire Department in the form approved by the Fire Chief.
- s) "Fire Protection" means those aspects of emergency response and Fire safety the Fire Department is authorized to perform, including but not limited to fire suppression, inspections/investigations, Motored vehicle collisions, Dangerous Goods incidents,

rescue, technical rescues, medical assistance, public education, public events, training and the dissemination of fire safety information. Reference Policy 2301

- t) "Fees for Service" refers to Town of Strathmore Bylaw#13-21 Schedule "M".
- u) "Fire Works" refers to Town of Strathmore Fireworks Bylaw#15-16.
- v) "Illegal Fire" means any Fire that is in contravention of this Bylaw.
- w) "Incident" means an emergency to which the Fire Department has sent a response or any other class of circumstance where the Fire Department has responded
- x) "Incident Commander" means the first responding officer of the Fire Department in attendance at an Incident who assumes command.
- y) "Member" means any person who is a duly appointed member in good standing of the Fire Department, including career, paid on call, part-time or volunteer.
- z) "Officer" means a member appointed by the Fire Chief to assist with management of the fire department
- aa) "Open Fire" means any Fire not contained within a building or structure and is not a fire pit or approved public park site.
- bb) "Property" means any real or personal Property, which without limiting the generality of the foregoing includes land, vehicles, and structures.
- cc) "Rescue" means those emergency response activities identified in the Fire Services Level Policy 2301 and to the levels as indicated and amended from time to time.
- dd) "Running Fire" means a Fire which has escaped its confinement, or which is burning without being under the control of any person.
- ee) "Recreational Fire" means a fire set in a controlled setting for the exclusive purpose of providing light, warmth, cooking or ceremonial purposes.
- ff) "Safety Codes Officer" for the purpose of this bylaw means a person duly appointed by the Town of Strathmore as a Safety Codes Officer in the Fire Discipline.
- gg) "Structure Fire" means a fire confined to and/or within any, structure which will, or is likely to cause the destruction of or damage to a structure.
- hh) "Town" means the Town of Strathmore in the Province of Alberta.
- ii) "Violation Ticket" means a Town of Strathmore Violation Ticket or a Violation Ticket as defined in the *Provincial Offences Procedure Act*, R.S.A. 2000, Chapter P-34

3. INTERPRETATION

- 3.1 Strathmore Fire Department is primarily a volunteer fire service with limitation, therefore, it is unreasonable for residents, builders and developers to expect levels of service as they would from a large metropolitan fire service. As growth occurs the Fire Chief will strive to improve fire services in terms of staffing, equipment, facilities, engineering and performance measures within the financial capacity of the Town.
- 3.2 Where there is any conflict between the provisions of this Bylaw and any other Bylaw of the Town, the more specific Bylaw shall prevail.

4. FIRE DEPARTMENT

- 4.1 Council hereby establishes Fire Services to:
- a) Prevent and extinguish fire to preserve Life, Property, Environment and Local Economy from the threat of fire.
 - b) Pre-Fire and Emergency Planning
 - c) Fire and Life Safety Inspections in accordance with the Quality Management Plan approved by Council and the Safety Codes Council;
 - d) Provide community outreach and education programs
 - e) Investigations to determine cause, origin and circumstance in accordance with the Quality Management Plan approved by Council and the Safety Codes Council;
 - f) Provide Rescue / Technical Rescue
 - g) Provide Medical First Responder Services
 - h) Enforce the provisions of the Safety Codes Act and its regulations – in the fire discipline.

5. FIRE CHIEF

- 5.1 The authority of the Fire Chief is granted by this Bylaw, Town Policy and the Safety Codes Act.
- 5.2 The Fire Chief shall be appointed and responsible to the CAO or designate.
- 5.3 The Fire Chief has complete responsibility and authority for the operations of the Fire Department and shall be responsible to ensure that all Fire Department activities are done safely and in the best interests of the Town of Strathmore.
- 5.4 The Fire Chief may establish rules, regulations, procedures, guidelines and committees necessary for the proper organization and administration of the Fire Department.
- 5.5 Rules, regulations, guidelines and procedures made pursuant to this Bylaw shall not be inconsistent with Council Policy and the legislation and regulations of the Province of Alberta.

- 5.6 The Fire Chief will, subject to budget approval by Council, purchase or otherwise acquire equipment, apparatus, materials and supplies necessary for the safe operation and maintenance of the Fire Department.
- 5.7 The Fire Chief or any other member in charge at an incident is empowered to cause a building, structure or anything to be pulled down, demolished or otherwise removed if they deem it necessary to prevent the spread of fire to other buildings, structures or things.
- 5.8 The Fire Chief or any other member in charge at an incident is empowered to cause Fire Services to enter on any land or premises, including adjacent land or premises, to combat, control, or deal with the incident in whatever manner they deem necessary.
- 5.9 Upon approval of the Chief Administrative Officer, the Fire Chief may negotiate on behalf of the Chief Administrative Officer with the Government of Alberta, other municipalities, and persons for the purpose of establishing mutual aid agreements and fire control agreements with recommendations and concerns regarding the establishing or renewing any mutual aid agreement or fire control agreement or amendments thereto.

6. JURISDICTION

- 6.1 The limits of the jurisdiction of the Fire Department will extend to the area and boundaries of the Town of Strathmore and no part of the Fire Department shall be used beyond the limits of the Town without:
 - (a) The express authorization of a written contract or agreement providing for the supply of fire & rescue protection outside the Town's boundaries; or
 - (b) Services made available at the request of the RCMP, Chief Officer of another Fire Department or Chief Administrative Officer of another Municipality.

7. ENFORCEMENT

- 7.1 Where a Property or Person does not comply with this Bylaw and or Regulations the Town may, pursue its enforcement alternatives in accordance with any Act, or common law right, including but not limited to the issuance of an order to remedy contravention by the Town, adding amounts to the tax roll, and pursuing injunctions pursuant to the *Municipal Government Act*, R.S.A. 2000, Chapter M-26, as amended.

8. APPEAL

8.1 A person who considers themselves aggrieved by a Notice or Order given pursuant to this Bylaw may request a review of the Notice or Order by providing written notice of the request within 14 days of the receipt of the Notice or Order to the CAO.

After reviewing the Notice or Order the CAO may confirm, vary, substitute or cancel the Notice or Order.

9. REPEAL

9.1 Bylaw 05-02 "Fire Bylaw" is hereby repealed.

10. EFFECTIVE DATE

10.1 This Bylaw shall come into full force and effect upon third and final reading thereof.

READ A FIRST TIME this 20th day of June, 2018.

READ A SECOND TIME this 20th day of June, 2018.

READ A THIRD and FINAL TIME this 20th day of June, 2018.



MAYOR



CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER