

**CITY OF MEADOW LAKE
BYLAW NO. 8/2011
FALSE ALARM BYLAW**

A BYLAW OF THE CITY OF MEADOW LAKE TO PROVIDE FOR THE CHARGING OF A CALL OUT FEE FOR FALSE ALARMS.

Whereas Sections 8 and 332, and clause 333(1)(d) of *The Cities Act*, provide for the regulation of security alarm systems within a municipality, and the setting of fees for false alarm call outs;

The Council of the City of Meadow Lake in the Province of Saskatchewan enacts as follows:

PART 1 – INTRODUCTION

1. **Title**
The Bylaw shall be known and cited as the “*False Alarm Bylaw*” of the City of Meadow Lake.
2. **Purpose**
The purpose of the Bylaw is to set penalties for RCMP and Fire Department callouts to residences and businesses that exceed a certain number of false alarms within a certain time period.

PART 2 – DEFINITIONS

3. Whenever in this Bylaw, the following words or terms are used, they shall, unless the context otherwise provides, be held to have the following meanings.
 - (a) “**Alarm System**” means any device which detects an unauthorized entry into or any emergency situation at the commercial or residential property where the system is located which, when activated, emits or transmits a local or remote audible, visual or electronic signal;
 - (b) “**False Alarm**” means the activation of an alarm system where there is no indication of unauthorized entry or emergency situation to create a valid alarm response;
 - (c) “**Fire Department**” means the City of Meadow Lake Fire and Rescue.
 - (d) “**Police**” means the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

PART 3 – GENERAL REGULATIONS

4.
 - (a) Any commercial or residential property that requires the attendance of the Police at the premises because of a false alarm shall be allowed two false alarms, after which time the owner and/or tenant of the property shall be given a written warning.
 - (b) Any commercial or residential property that requires the attendance of the Fire Department at the premises because of a false alarm shall be allowed one false alarm, after which time the owner and/or tenant of the property shall be given a written warning.

5.
 - (a) If a third police false alarm occurs at the same property within three hundred and sixty-five (365) days of the date of the warning letter, then a penalty will be implemented based on the responding departments, as outlined in the attached Schedules “A”.
 - (b) If a second fire false alarm occurs at the same property within three hundred and sixty-five (365) days of the date of the warning letter, then a penalty will be implemented based on the responding departments, as outlined in the attached Schedules “B”.
6. Any unpaid call out fees will be added to the property taxes of the premises where the alarm is located after sixty days from the date of invoice.
7. Bylaw No. 3/2004 is hereby repealed.
8. This bylaw shall come into force on the date of final reading.

Introduced and read a first time this 9th day of May, 2011.

Read a second time this 24th day of May, 2011.

Read a third time and adopted this 24th day of May, 2011.

CITY CLERK

MAYOR

**SCHEDULE “A”
POLICE RESPONSE**

INCIDENT	ACTION
1 st false alarm	No action taken
2 nd false alarm	Letter of warning issued
3 rd false alarm within 365 days from letter of warning date	Penalty of \$500.00
4 th & any further false alarms within 365 days from letter of warning date	Penalty of \$600.00 per callout

**SCHEDULE “B”
FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONSE**

INCIDENT	ACTION
1 st false alarm	Letter of warning issued
2 nd false alarm within 365 days from letter of warning date	Penalty of \$750.00
3 rd false alarm & any further false alarms within 365 days from letter of warning date	Penalty of \$1,000.00 per callout