

# **TOWN OF MEADOW LAKE**

BYLAW NO. 15/2002

## **RESIDENTIAL FIRE CONTROL BYLAW**

A Bylaw of the Town of Meadow Lake to set minimum standards for the control of fire pits, chimineas, wood stoves, fireplaces and other outdoor approved appliances in residential areas or zones.

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

### **PART 1 - INTRODUCTION**

1. Title  
This Bylaw shall be known and may be cited as the Residential Fire Control Bylaw.
2. Purpose  
The purpose of this Bylaw, subject to the provisions of Section 141 of the Urban Municipality Act, 1984 and The Air Pollution Control Act, is to regulate and control the use of appliances and devices which burn wood and other materials in residential zones within the limits of the Town of Meadow Lake.

### **PART 2 - DEFINITIONS**

3. Whenever in this Bylaw, the following words or terms are used, they shall, unless the text otherwise provides, be held to have the following meanings:
  - (a) ACT - shall mean the Urban Municipality Act, 1984 and amendments thereto;
  - (b) OWNER - shall mean the person, persons or corporate entity designated as the registered owner of a property on the tax rolls of the Town of Meadow Lake.
  - (c) TOWN - shall mean the Town of Meadow Lake;

### **PART 3 - REGULATIONS**

4. No owner shall light, ignite, start or allow to be lighted, ignited or started, any fire in a firepit or cheminea without first obtaining an inspection by the Firechief or Bylaw Officer of the Town of Meadow Lake.
5. Each owner must pay a fee of \$20.00 for the initial inspection of the fire pit or cheminea and must have additional inspections if the fire pit or cheminea is relocated or moved on the property.
6. No firepit or cheminea shall be allowed to be used between the hours of 11:00 p.m and 9:00 a.m.
7. No material or fuel other than seasoned wood, propane, natural gas or other town approved material or fuel may be burned in a fire pit, indoor wood burner, cheminea or fireplace in a residential zone.
8. Firepits may not exceed seventy five (75) centimetres (29.52 inches) in width or diameter and must be lined with brick, stone, or concrete.
9. The brick, stone or concrete in a fire pit or any chimineas shall be separated from grass and any other vegetation by a distance of at least forty (40) centimetres (15.7 inches) by means of clean earth, sand, gravel or other non-combustible material.

10. All firepits or cheminea openings must be covered with a heavy gauge metal screen with openings not exceeding 13 millimetres (.5 inches)
11. No firepit or cheminea may be located closer than three (3) meters (9.8 feet) from any property line, building or other combustible structure and may not be closer than six (6) meters (19.685 feet) from any neighbouring or abutting residential dwelling.
12. Chemineas shall not be used on balconies, wooden decks or any combustible surface.
13. If smoke from an open-air fire causes an unreasonable interference with the use and enjoyment of another person's property, and a complaint is received, the Firechief or Deputy Firechief may request that the fire be extinguished immediately.
14. The Council of the Town of Meadow Lake reserves the right by resolution to ban the use of firepits or chemineas on a specific lot or parcel of land, if the Town Administrator receives written complaints about the firepit or cheminea from abutting property owners or tenants.

PART 4 - ENFORCEMENT

15. Proceedings to enforce this Bylaw shall be in accordance with the provisions of The Summary Offences Procedure Act, 1990 and amendments thereto.
16. Any owner found guilty of a breach of any of the provisions of this Bylaw shall be liable on summary conviction to the penalties provided in the General Penalties Bylaw of the Town of Meadow Lake.
17. This bylaw shall come into force on the date of passage.

Introduced and read a first time this 25th day of November, 2002.

Read a second time this 9th day of December, 2002

Read a third time this 9th day of December, 2002.

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Administrator

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Mayor