



**TOWN OF CARDSTON  
IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA**

**BYLAW 1661**

**FIRE SERVICES BILLING BYLAW**

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- (c)** “Equipment” means any tools, contrivances, devices and materials used by the Cardston County Emergency Services (CCES) to combat an incident or other emergency.
- (d)** “Fire” means the burning of any flammable or combustible material or any combustible material in the state of combustion.
- (e)** “Fire Protection Charges” means those fees and charges, as established by Council from time to time, for fire protection services as set out in schedule A, and attached to this bylaw.
- (f)** “Incident” means a fire or situation where a fire or an explosion is imminent or any other situation where there is a fire, or a danger or possible danger to life or property.
- (g)** “Property” means any personal real property, including land, equipment, products, vehicles, and structures.
- (h)** “Town” means the Town of Cardston.

**RULES FOR INTERPRETATION**

- 4)** The table of contents, marginal notes and headings in this bylaw are for reference purposes only.

**PART II – COSTS AND CHARGES**

**COSTS FOR FIRE SERVICES**

- 5)** The CCES will send an accounting of all costs related to a fire within the municipal boundaries of Cardston to the Town and advise the Town to charge fire protection charges in accordance with schedule A, as amended from time to time.

**COLLECTION OF CHARGES**

- 6)** Where CCES has taken any action whatsoever for the purposes of extinguishing a fire or responding to an incident within the Town, the Town shall, in consideration of those costs and also any costs incurred by the Town in taking such action, including the costs of securing a building, structure or thing, or securing Town or privately owned equipment and manpower necessary to bring the fire or incident under control, and charge those costs to:
  - (a)** The person causing or contributing to the fire; or
  - (b)** The owner or occupant of the property which is the subject for the requirement of fire protection services.
- 7)** All individuals charged are jointly and severally liable for payment of the fire protection charges to the Town.
- 8)** The CCES shall forward all information to the Town necessary



to bill the appropriate person or persons

- 9) All charges shall be pursued as per the most recent policy of the Town related to the collection of doubtful accounts.
- 10) Where fire protection charges are not paid on demand by the Town, fire protection charges relating to the extinguishing or response to a fire on the land, and interest charges accrued may be added to the tax roll of the land.
- 11) All owners of the real property to whose tax roll the fees for service or charges or any or all of them were added to the tax roll, shall be liable jointly and severally for paying such fees and charges, and such fees and charges shall be collected in a like manner as municipal taxes.
- 12) Should any section or part of this bylaw be found to be improperly enacted, or outside of the Town's jurisdiction, for any reason, then such section or part will be regarded as being severed and the remaining sections will remain effective and enforceable.

**EFFECTIVE DATE** 13) This Bylaw shall come in force upon the date of its third and final reading.

Received First Reading this 11<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2017

Received Second Reading this 8<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2017

Received Third & Final Reading this 8<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2017

Signed by the Mayor and the Chief Administrative Officer this 9<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2017

TOWN OF CARDSTON

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MAYOR – *Maggie Kronen*

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER – *Jeff Shaw*

# SCHEDULE "A"

## FIRE PROTECTION CHARGES

Hourly rate <i>per</i> unit	\$615.00
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