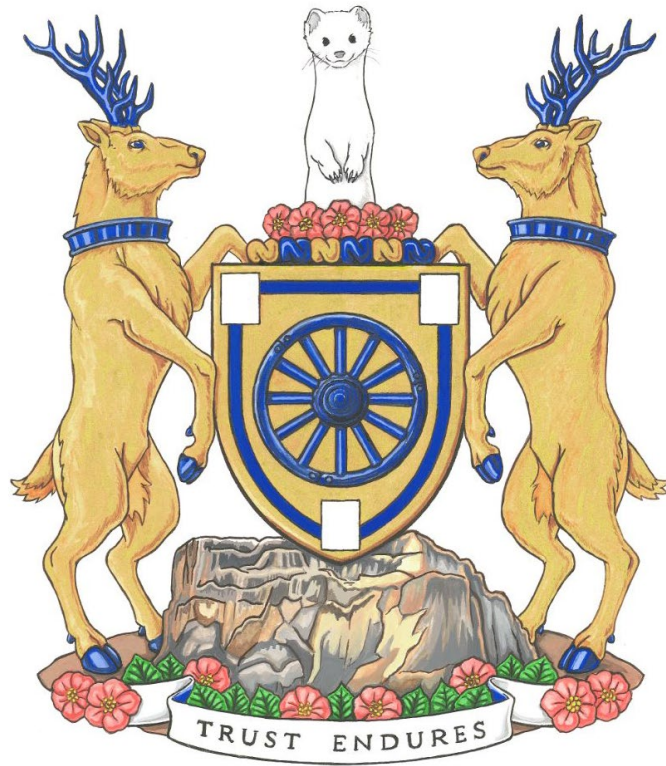


## TOWN OF CARDSTON REQUEST FOR DECISION FORM

MEETING DATE: February , 2024  
 SUBMITTED BY: o o

AGENDA ITEM #:

<b>Subject</b>	Bylaw 1661A – Fire Services Billing Bylaw Amendment
<b>History of the Issue Including Previous Decisions</b>	This There no changes
<b>Relevant Policy or Bylaw</b>	
<b>Public Consultation Undertaken or Required</b>	The Fire Services Committee has discussed this item and endorses this draft bylaw amendment.
<b>Response Options and Implications of Options</b>	Fines for false alarms.
<b>Costs and Potential Sources of Funding</b>	none
<b>Requested Action</b>	Administration recommends final reading of the bylaw amendment.



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# TOWN OF CARDSTON IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

## BYLAW 1661A

### FIRE SERVICES BILLING BYLAW AMENDMENT

A BYLAW OF THE TOWN OF CARDSTON IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA TO AMEND BYLAW 1661, BEING THE TOWN OF CARDSTON FIRE SERVICES BILLING BYLAW.

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**WHEREAS**, Section 64 of the Municipal Government Act, Being Chapter M-26, Revised Statutes of Alberta, 2000 provides for the passing of bylaws to amend other bylaws; and,

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Council of the Town of Cardston, in the Province of Alberta, duly assembled, enacts as follows:

That new definitions be added to Section 3 of Bylaw 1661 for “Alarm System” and “False Alarm, as follows:

- (a) “Alarm system” means any device designed to request emergency services by telephone or any other electronic signal.
  
- (e) “False alarm” means activation of an Alarm System as a result of which emergency services are provided and no evidence of unauthorized entry or illegal act or fire, smoke, hazardous gas or other similar emergency condition is found by emergency service providers. False Alarm incidents include but are not limited to:
  - (i) Testing of an Alarm System;
  - (ii) Activation of an Alarm System by mechanical failure or malfunction, or faulty equipment;
  - (iii) Activation of an Alarm System due to the movement of pets;
  - (iv) Activation of an Alarm System by acts of negligence, error, or omission;
  - (v) Activation of an Alarm System by atmospheric conditions, excessive vibrations, power failure, or communications failure.”

That Section 6 of Bylaw 1661 be amended to read:

- 6) Where CCES has taken any action whatsoever for the purposes of extinguishing a fire or responding to an incident, including a false alarm, 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.



That fees for responding to false alarms be added to Schedule “A” of Bylaw 1661 as follows:

**FALSE ALARM RESPONSE CHARGES (PER 12-MONTH PERIOD)**

First response	No fee
Second response	\$75
Third response	\$350
Fourth and subsequent Responses	\$675

Received First Reading this 13<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2024

Received Second Reading this 13<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2024

Received Third & Final Reading this

Signed by the Mayor and the Chief Administrative Officer this \_\_\_\_ day of

TOWN OF CARDSTON

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MAYOR – *Maggie Kronen*

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER – *Jeff Shaw*

FINAL READING

