

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF COURTENAY

BYLAW NO. 1712

A bylaw to establish fees for services provided in response to a false alarm

WHEREAS, the Council has given due regard to the provisions of Section 932.1 of the Municipal Act and proposes to establish fees to be paid in response to false alarms.

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the Corporation of the City of Courtenay, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

1. In this bylaw,
 - (a) **"false alarm"** in respect of a fire alarm means the activation of an alarm system resulting in the direct or indirect notification of the fire department of the City to attend the address of the alarm system, where there is in fact no emergency situation at that address.
 - (b) **"false alarm"** in respect of a security alarm system means the activation of an alarm system resulting in the direct or indirect notification of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police to attend the address of the alarm system, where there has been in fact no unauthorized entry or commission of an unlawful act on or in relation to the premises at that address.
2. Where the fire department of the City attends at premises to provide firefighting services in response to a false alarm of a fire alarm system on more than three occasions in any calendar year, the owner or occupier of the property on which the premises are located shall pay to the City the fees set out in Schedule "A" attached to and forming part of this bylaw.
3. Section 1 does not apply where the premises at which the fire department attends are residential premises and the fire alarm system is designed to alert only the occupants of the dwelling unit in which it is installed.
4. Where the Royal Canadian Mounted Police attends at premises to provide police services in response to a false alarm of a security alarm system on more than three occasions in any calendar year, the owner or occupier of the property on which the premises are located shall pay to the City the fees set out in Schedule "B" attached to and forming part of this bylaw.
5. The fees imposed by sections 1 and 3 of this bylaw shall vary with the number of like alarms originating in the same premises in any calendar year, in accordance with Schedules "A" and "B".
6. An owner or occupier of premises in respect of which the City imposes fees in accordance with Section 2 or 4 of this bylaw may appeal the imposition of the fees in writing to the Clerk-Administrator, on the grounds that the alarm was not a false alarm within their control, and the Clerk-Administrator may cancel the fees after consulting with the Fire Chief or the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, as the case may be, and upon being satisfied that the alarm was not a false alarm within the control of the owner or occupier.

7. Unless they are cancelled in accordance with Section 6 of this bylaw, the fees imposed by Sections 1 and 3 are due within thirty days of receipt by the owner or occupier of the City's invoice and, if overdue on December 31 of the calendar year in which they are imposed, shall be added to and form part of the taxes payable on the property as taxes in arrears.

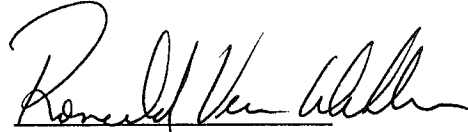
8. This bylaw may be cited as "City of Courtenay False Alarm Fees Bylaw No. 1712, 1993".

Read a first time this 4th day of August, 1993.

Read a second time this 4th day of August, 1993.

Read a third time this 4th day of August, 1993.

Reconsidered, finally passed and adopted this 8th day of September, 1993.



Mayor



Clerk

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SCHEDULE "A"

FALSE ALARM FEES - FIRE ALARM

Fourth alarm in any calendar year	\$100.00
Fifth alarm in any calendar year	\$200.00
Sixth and subsequent alarms in any calendar year	\$250.00

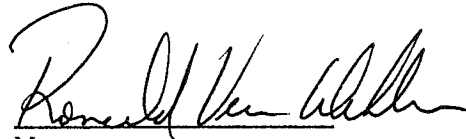
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SCHEDULE "B"

FALSE ALARM FEES - SECURITY ALARM

Fourth alarm in any calendar year	\$100.00
Fifth alarm in any calendar year	\$200.00
Sixth and subsequent alarms in any calendar year	\$250.00

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THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF COURTENAY

BYLAW NO. 1816

**A bylaw to amend "City of Courtenay False
Alarm Fees Bylaw No. 1712, 1993"**

The Council of the Corporation of the City of Courtenay, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

1. That "City of Courtenay False Alarm Fees Bylaw No. 1712, 1993" be amended as follows:

Sections 2, 4, 5 and 7 are hereby deleted and are substituted therefore by the following:

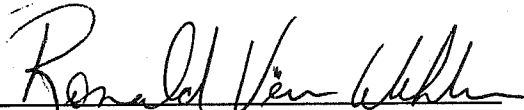
2. Where the fire department of the City attends at premises to provide firefighting services in response to a false alarm of a fire alarm system on more than three occasions in any calendar year, the owner or occupier of the property on which the premises are located shall pay to the City the fees set out in the City of Courtenay Fees and Charges Bylaw.
 4. Where the Royal Canadian Mounted Police attends a premises to provide police services in response to a false alarm of a security alarm system on more than three occasions in any calendar year, the owner or occupier of the property on which the premises are located shall pay to the City the fees set out in the City of Courtenay Fees and Charges Bylaw.
 5. The fees imposed by sections 3 and 4 of this bylaw shall vary with the number of like alarms originating in the same premises in any calendar year, as outlined in the City of Courtenay Fees and Charges Bylaw.
 7. Unless they are cancelled in accordance with Section 6 of this bylaw, the fees imposed by Sections 2 and 4 are due within thirty days of receipt by the owner or occupier of the City's invoice and, if overdue on December 31 of the calendar year in which they are imposed, shall be added to and form part of the taxes payable on the property as taxes in arrears.
2. This Bylaw may be cited as "City of Courtenay False Alarm Fees Amendment Bylaw No. 1816, 1994".

Read a first time this 19th day of December, 1994.

Read a second time this 19th day of December, 1994.

Read a third time this 19th day of December, 1994.

Finally passed and adopted this 9th day of January, 1995.



Mayor



Clerk