

**CITY OF PRINCE GEORGE**

**BYLAW NO. 6358**

**A Bylaw to establish fees for services provided in response to a false alarm of an alarm system.**

**WHEREAS** section 932.1(1)(b)(i) of the Municipal Act provides that Council may by bylaw establish fees to be paid by the owner or occupier of real property to which services are provided by or on behalf of the municipality, including policing services under section 3(3) of the Police Act, in response to a false alarm of a system;

**AND WHEREAS** excessive numbers of false alarms are being permitted to occur by the owners or users of security alarm systems;

**AND WHEREAS** these false alarms require emergency responses from police and such unnecessary emergency responses pose a threat to the safety of police officers and members of the public by creating unnecessary hazards, and in addition, police response to a false alarm may result in delayed response to a true emergency;

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Council of the City of Prince George, in open meeting assembled, **ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:**

1. This bylaw may be cited as the "Security Alarm System Bylaw No. 6358, 1995."
2. In this bylaw, unless the context otherwise requires:

"City" means the City of Prince George.

"False Alarm" means the activation of a security alarm system to which the R.C.M.P. is requested to respond and upon their attendance at the alarm location, the R.C.M.P. can find no evidence of criminal activity or unauthorized entry.

- "Guard Service" means an "alarm service" or a "security patrol" as those terms are defined in the Private Investigators and Security Agencies Act, licensed to carry on business in the City of Prince George, and designated by an owner or occupier of real property containing a security alarm system as a service capable of gaining access to or securing the premises.
- "Property Representative" means a person, capable of gaining access to or securing the premises containing a security alarm system, and who has named by an owner or occupier as a person who can be contacted in the event of an alarm from an alarm system.
- "R.C.M.P." means the Prince George City Detachment of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.
- "Security Alarm System" means a device or devices installed on or in a premises and designed to activate either an audible alarm signal or to alert a monitoring facility.

**FEES TO BE PAID**

3. The fees set out in Schedule "A", which is attached to and made part of this bylaw, are hereby imposed on the owner or occupier of real property to which policing services are provided by or on behalf of the City, including policing services under section 3(2) of the Police Act, in response to a false alarm of a security alarm system.
4. The fees imposed pursuant to section 3 shall be:
  - a. imposed on the owner of the real property, unless
  - b. the occupier is known to the R.C.M.P., in which case the fees shall be imposed on the occupier of the real property,

and a notice of the fees shall be mailed to the owner or occupier, as the case may be.

5. Where the fees imposed pursuant to section 3 are imposed on the occupier pursuant to section 4(b), the owner shall be provided with a copy of the notice of the fees.
6. A imposed pursuant to section 3, if unpaid on December 31 of the year in which it was imposed, may be added to and form part of the taxes payable on the real property as taxes in arrear.
7. This Bylaw shall come into force and take effect on August 1, 1995.

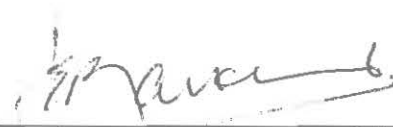
READ A FIRST TIME THIS 24<sup>th</sup> DAY OF APRIL , 1995.

READ A SECOND TIME THIS 24<sup>th</sup> DAY OF APRIL , 1995.

READ A THIRD TIME THIS 24<sup>th</sup> DAY OF APRIL , 1995.

All three readings passed by a *Unanimous* decision of Members of City Council present and eligible to vote.

ADOPTED THIS THE 8<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MAY , 1995 , BY A *Unanimous* DECISION OF ALL MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL PRESENT AND ELIGIBLE TO VOTE.



MAYOR



CLERK

**SCHEDULE "A" TO  
BYLAW 6358, 1995**

**FEEES FOR PROVISION OF POLICING SERVICES  
IN RESPONSE TO A FALSE ALARM OF A SECURITY ALARM SYSTEM**

1. For attendance at a false alarm of an alarm system, where there has been attendance at two other false alarms of the alarm system within the preceding 12 months: - **\$75.00.**
2. For attendance at a false alarm of an alarm system, where there has been attendance at three other false alarms of the alarm system within the preceding 12 months: - **\$125.00.**
3. For attendance at a false alarm of an alarm system, where there has been attendance at four or more false alarms of the alarm system within the preceding 12 months: - **\$200.00**
4. For attendance at a false alarm of an alarm system, where the owner or occupier has not provided the R.C.M.P. with the names, addresses and phone numbers of at least three property representatives, or with the name of a guard service: - **\$100.00.**
5. For attendance at a false alarm of an alarm system, where the owner or occupier, or the named property representatives, or the named guard services has not attended at the premises within thirty (30) minutes of being requested to do so by the R.C.M.P. - **\$100.00.**