

TOWN OF COMOX

BYLAW NO. 1475

**A BYLAW TO ESTABLISH FEES FOR SERVICES PROVIDED
IN RESPONSE TO A FALSE ALARM**

WHEREAS the Council of the Town of Comox is authorized, in accordance with the *Community Charter*, to impose a fee payable in respect of all or part of a service of the municipality;

NOW THEREFORE the Town of Comox, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

1. Title

- (1) This bylaw may be cited for all purposes as the "Comox False Alarm Fees Bylaw, 2005".

2. Definitions

- (1) "false fire alarm" means the activation of an alarm system resulting in the direct or indirect notification of the Town of Comox Fire Department to attend the address of the alarm, when, in fact, there is no emergency situation at that address;
- (2) "false security alarm" 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, when, in fact, there is no emergency situation at that address; and
- (3) "Town" means the Town of Comox.

3. Regulations and Fees

- (1) Where the Town Fire Department attends an address to provide fire fighting services in response to a false fire alarm on more than three occasions in any calendar year, the owner or occupier of the premises at that address shall pay to the Town the fees as set out in Schedule A, attached to and forming part of this bylaw.
- (2) Where the Royal Canadian Mounted Police attends an address to provide police services in response to a false security alarm on more than three occasions in any calendar year, the owner or occupier of the premises at that address shall pay to the Town the fees as set out in Schedule A, attached to and forming part of this bylaw.
- (3) The fees imposed by sections 3(1) and 3(2) of this bylaw are due within 30 days of receipt by the owner or occupier of the Town's invoice and, if overdue on

December 31st of the calendar year in which they were imposed, shall be added to and form part of the taxes payable on the property as taxes in arrears.

4. Repealment

(1) Bylaw No. 1250 is hereby repealed.

5. Adoption

(1) READ A FIRST AND SECOND time this 4th day of May, 2005

(2) READ A THIRD time this 18th day of May, 2005

(3) ADOPTED this 1st day of June, 2005

“Dr. Jim Brass”

MAYOR

“Richard Kanigan”

CORPORATE OFFICER

Town of Comox
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Appendix A

TOWN OF COMOX SCHEDULE OF FALSE ALARM FEES	
False Fire Alarm	Fee or Charge
Fourth alarm in any calendar year	\$100.00
Fifth alarm in any calendar year	\$200.00
Sixth and subsequent alarm in any calendar year	\$250.00
False Security Alarm	Fee or Charge
Fourth alarm in any calendar year	\$100.00
Fifth alarm in any calendar year	\$200.00
Sixth and subsequent alarm in any calendar year	\$250.00