

# Bylaw No. 757-2010

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## A BYLAW OF THE CITY OF LEDUC IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, TO ESTABLISH A FEE FOR POLICE RESPONSE TO FALSE ALARMS

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WHEREAS, pursuant to section 7 of the Municipal Government Act, R.S.A. 2000, Chapter M-26, as amended, a Council may pass bylaws for municipal purposes respecting the safety, health and welfare of people and the protection of people and property;

AND WHEREAS false alarms requiring unnecessary emergency responses pose a threat to the safety of law enforcement personnel and the public by creating unnecessary hazards and delaying attendance at genuine emergencies, and result in considerable unnecessary expense;

AND WHEREAS Council of the City of Leduc considers it desirable and necessary to reduce false alarms;

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the City of Leduc, in the Province of Alberta, duly assembled enacts as follows:

### PART I – DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

#### Bylaw Title

- 1 This Bylaw shall be known as “The False Alarms Bylaw”.

#### Definitions

- 2 In this Bylaw, unless the context otherwise requires:
  - (a) “**Alarm System**” means any device which detects an unauthorized entry to, or an Emergency on, a Premises;
  - (b) “**City**” means the municipal corporation of The City of Leduc and its duly authorized representatives;
  - (c) “**Emergency**” includes a situation in which there is imminent danger to public safety or of serious harm to property requiring emergency police services;
  - (d) “**False Alarm**” means the activation of an Alarm System which results in a Response when there is:
    - (i) no unauthorized entry or attempted entry to a Premises, or
    - (ii) no other Emergency on a Premises;and for greater certainty includes the activation of an Alarm System by:
    - (iii) testing,
    - (iv) mechanical failure, malfunction or faulty equipment,
    - (v) inadvertence, mistake, omission or negligence, or

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- (vi) atmospheric conditions, vibrations, power failure or communications failure;
- (e) **"Premises"** includes lands, buildings and any other structure whatsoever;
- (f) **"Response"** means receipt of a call of an activated Alarm System by emergency dispatch, regardless of whether the call results in the attendance at the Premises by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

## PART II – GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 3 When an Alarm System generates more than one False Alarm within a calendar year, the City may charge the owner or occupier of the Premises a fee relating to the Response as set out in the Fees and Charges Bylaw.

## PART III - TRANSITIONAL

### Repeal

- 4 This Bylaw repeals Bylaw No. 398-97.

### Enactment

- 5 This Bylaw shall come into force and effect when it receives third reading and is duly signed.

READ A FIRST TIME IN COUNCIL THIS 22<sup>nd</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER , 2010.

READ A SECOND TIME IN COUNCIL THIS 22<sup>nd</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2010.

UNANIMOUSLY AGREED TO PRESENT BYLAW 757-2010 FOR THIRD READING.

READ A THIRD TIME IN COUNCIL AND FINALLY PASSED THIS 22<sup>nd</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2010.

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**Greg Krischke**  
**MAYOR**

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**Laura Knoblock**  
**CITY CLERK**

November 23, 2010

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Date Signed