

DISTRICT OF SOOKE

BYLAW No. 66

A bylaw to establish fees for responding to false alarms.

Under section 726 of the *Local Government Act* the Council may, by bylaw, establish fees to be paid for municipal services in response to a false alarm of a system.

The Council of the District of Sooke, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

1. This Bylaw is cited as the *False Alarm Bylaw, 2001*.
2. In this bylaw

calendar year means a period of twelve consecutive months beginning on January 1st.

false alarm means the activation of a *system* that results in a response from the RCMP where a situation requiring an RCMP response does not exist or does not appear to exist, and includes a situation where

- (a) the *system* malfunctioned;
- (b) the *system* has been activated in error;
- (c) the *system* has been activated during testing; or
- (d) there is no evidence of illegal entry or attempted illegal entry;

but does not include a situation where it is substantiated that the activation was caused by:

- (e) severe storm conditions;
- (f) the disruption or disturbance of the equipment or facilities of any utility company;

system means any system, device or equipment intended to signal the presence of an illegal entry or any other situation to which the RCMP is or could reasonable be expected to respond, but does not include an alarm system in a motor vehicle.

3. The owner of real property to which the services of the RCMP are provided in response to a *false alarm* of a *system* must pay to the District of Sooke the following fees:
 - (a) \$100.00 for the fourth *false alarm* in a *calendar year*,
 - (b) \$150.00 for the fifth *false alarm* in a *calendar year*, and
 - (c) \$300.00 for each of the sixth and subsequent *false alarm* in a *calendar year*.
4. Any fee payable under section 3 of this bylaw that is unpaid as of December 31 of the year in which it is imposed may be added to and form part of the taxes payable on the real property to which the services were provided as taxes in arrear.

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Read a third time the 22nd day of October 2001.

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