

BYLAW 767

A bylaw to regulate Security Alarm Systems.

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 security alarm system;

AND WHEREAS excessive number 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 result in a significant cost to the community, 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 Castlegar, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

CITATION:

1. This Bylaw may be cited for all purposes as the "Security Alarm System Bylaw 767, 1996".

DEFINITIONS:

2. In this bylaw, unless the context otherwise requires:

"City" means the City of Castlegar;

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

"Property Representative" means a person, capable of gaining access to or securing the premises containing a security alarm system, and who has been named by an owner or occupier as a person who can be contacted in the event of an alarm from an alarm system;

"RCMP" means the Castlegar 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.

GENERAL:

3. Upon the installation of a security alarm system, every property owner or occupier of real property shall provide to the RCMP with a list of at least two names, addresses and phone numbers of persons who are property representatives, and that this list shall be kept current at all times.

FEES TO BE PAID:

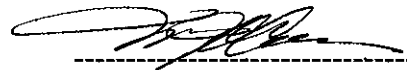
4. The fees set out in Schedule "A", which is attached to and made part of this bylaw, are hereby imposed on the owner or occupier of real property to which policing services are provided by and on behalf of the City, including policing services under section 3(2) of the *Police Act*, in response to a false alarm of a security alarms system.
5. The fees impose pursuant to section 4 shall be:
 - a. imposed on the owner of the real property, unless
 - b. The occupier is known to the RCMP, in which case the fees shall be imposed on the occupier of the real property,and the notice of the fees shall be mailed to the owner or occupier, as the case may be.
6. Where the fees imposed pursuant to section 4 are imposed on the occupier pursuant to section 5 (b), the owner shall be provided with a copy of the notice of the fees.
7. A fee imposed pursuant to section 4, if overdue 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 arrears.

READ A FIRST TIME on the 7th day of May, 1996.

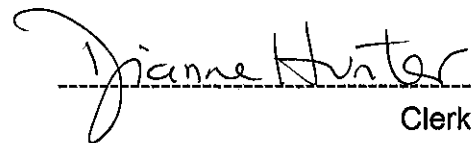
READ A SECOND TIME on the 7th day of May, 1996.

READ A THIRD TIME AND PASSED on the 7th day of May, 1996.

ADOPTED on the 21st day of May, 1996.



Mayor



Clerk

City of Castlegar

**Security Alarm System Bylaw No. 767, 1996
Schedule A**

Fees 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 or more false alarms of the alarm system with the preceding 12 months: **\$125.00**
3. For attendance at a false alarm of an alarm system, where the owner or occupier has not provided the RCMP with the names, addresses and phone numbers of at least two property representative: **\$100.00**
4. For attendance at a false alarm of an security alarm system, where the owner or occupier, or the named property representatives have not attended at the premises within thirty (30) minutes of being request to do so by the RCMP: **\$100.00**