



TOWN OF COCHRANE BYLAW 22/2014

A Bylaw of the Town of Cochrane in the Province of Alberta respecting fire prevention in and for the Town of Cochrane.

WHEREAS the *Municipal Government Act* authorizes a Council of a Municipality to pass bylaws for municipal purposes respecting the safety, health and welfare of people, the protection of people and property, and for services provided by or on behalf of the municipality;

AND WHEREAS the *Municipal Government Act* authorizes a Council of a Municipality to pass bylaws establishing a system of licenses, permits or approvals including the establishment of fees;

AND WHEREAS the Town of Cochrane is an accredited municipality pursuant to the *Safety Codes Act*;

AND WHEREAS the *Safety Codes Act* authorizes an accredited municipality to pass bylaws respecting fees for anything issued or any material or service provided pursuant to that *Act*;

AND WHEREAS the *Safety Codes Act* authorizes an accredited municipality to pass bylaws respecting the carrying out of its powers and duties as an accredited municipality;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Town of Cochrane in the Province of Alberta, duty assembled, hereby enacts as follows:

SECTION 1. NAME OF BYLAW

1.1 This Bylaw may be cited as the "Safety Codes-Fire Discipline Bylaw".

SECTION 2. INTERPRETATION

2.1 In this Bylaw and any schedules to this Bylaw the following terms when capitalized shall have the following meanings:

- (a) "Council" means the Council of the Town of Cochrane;

- (b) "Fire Code" means the Alberta Fire Code 2006 and any amendments or replacements thereto as adopted pursuant to the *Safety Codes Act*;
 - (c) "Fire Code Branch" means the section of the Cochrane Fire Services established pursuant to this Bylaw and comprised of Safety Codes Officers employed by the Town for the purpose of carrying out the Town's obligations as an accredited municipality in the fire discipline;
 - (d) "Fire Services Chief" means the person designated as the fire services chief by Council;
 - (e) "*Municipal Government Act*" means the *Municipal Government Act* RSA 2000 c M-26 and any regulations thereunder;
 - (f) "Quality Management Plan" means the Town of Cochrane Uniform Quality Management Plan – Fire Discipline and any amendments or replacements thereto;
 - (g) "*Safety Codes Act*" means the *Safety Codes Act*, RSA 2000 c S-1 and any regulations thereunder;
 - (h) "Safety Codes Officer" means a safety codes officer pursuant to the *Safety Codes Act*; and
 - (i) "Town" means the Town of Cochrane.
- 2.2 Any references in this Bylaw to any statutes, regulations, bylaws or other enactments is to those statutes, regulations, bylaws or other enactments as amended or replaced from time to time and any amendments thereto.
- 2.3 Whenever a singular or masculine form of a word is used in this Bylaw, it shall include the plural, feminine or neutral form of the word as the context so requires.
- 2.4 The headings in this Bylaw do not form part of this Bylaw and shall not affect its interpretation.

SECTION 3. FIRE CODE BRANCH

- 3.1 The Fire Code Branch is hereby established.
- 3.2 The Fire Code Branch shall report to the Fire Services Chief.
- 3.3 The Fire Code Branch shall carry out the following duties on behalf of the Town in accordance with the *Safety Codes Act* and the Quality Management Plan:
- a) administer and enforce the provisions of the Fire Code for which the Town is responsible as an accredited municipality;
 - b) review permit applications and grant or deny permits;

- c) investigate fires and explosions for cause and origin;
 - d) carry out inspections; and
 - e) review fire safety plans and other fire safety documents provided pursuant to the Fire Code.
- 3.4 The Fire Code Branch may provide the following services on behalf of the Town:
- a) designing and implementing fire prevention and safety education and awareness programs for groups or industries at risk of injury or loss due to fire; and
 - b) reviewing plans for proposed developments within the Town of Cochrane.

SECTION 4. RECOVERY OF COSTS

- 4.1 The fees for any actions taken, services provided or materials provided pursuant to this Bylaw shall be as set out in Schedule "A" to this Bylaw.
- 4.2 Fees payable pursuant to this Bylaw shall be payable at the time the action is taken or service or material is provided. If, in the opinion of the Fire Services Chief, this is impractical, the Fire Codes Branch may subsequently issue an invoice and fees shall be payable and due when invoiced.
- 4.3 Unpaid fees pursuant to this Bylaw shall be recoverable as an amount owing to the Town.

SECTION 5. GENERAL

- 5.1 Each provision of this Bylaw is independent of all other provisions. If any provision of the Bylaw is declared invalid for any reason by a court of competent jurisdiction, all other provisions of this Bylaw shall remain valid and enforceable.
- 5.2 The Schedules to this Bylaw may be amended or replaced from time to time by resolution of Council.
- 5.3 This Bylaw shall come into force and effect on the date of the third and final reading and signing thereof.

Read a first time September 8, 2014
Read a second time September 8, 2014
Unanimous consent September 8, 2014
Read a third time September 8, 2014



Mayor

Manager, Legislative Services

**SCHEDULE A
FEES**

Bylaw 22/2014	Description	Fee*
	Initial Inspection – new construction or new occupancy	\$50.00/inspection
	Annual Inspection	\$50.00/inspection
	1 st Re-inspection	\$100/hour
	2 nd Re-inspection (Minimum 1 hour charge)	\$200/hour
	Investigation	\$50.00/hour
	Investigation after hours	\$100/hour
	Fire Incident Report (copy)	\$75.00/report
	Fire Search – external agency	\$75.00/hour
	Fire Search – with inspection	\$125.00/hour
	Occupancy Load Certificate	\$35.00/permit
	Permit – Fire works	\$35.00/permit
	Permit – Special Event	\$35.00/permit
	Plan reviews/consultation	\$75.00/hour
	False Alarms 1 st and 2 nd occurrence within 1 calendar year	N/C
	Subsequent occurrences	\$400/apparatus/hour, includes personnel