

## TOWN OF SPRINGSIDE

### BYLAW NO. 2023-02

#### A BYLAW OF THE TOWN OF SPRINGSIDE FOR THE PREVENTION OF FIRE, THE PREVENTION OF THE SPREAD OF FIRE, AND FOR THE PRESERVATION OF LIFE IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY RESPONSE

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**WHEREAS** the Council of the Town of Springside, Saskatchewan has deemed it expedient to enact a bylaw for the purpose of prescribing regulations governing conditions hazardous to life and property from fire or explosions in the Town of Springside, in the Province of Saskatchewan.

**NOW THEREFORE** the Council of the Town of Springside in open meeting assembled Enacts as follows:

1. This Bylaw may be cited as the **Fire Bylaw**, for the Town of Springside

2. **GOVERNING LEGISLATION**

The Springside Fire Department shall be established, governed by and obtain its authorities from the provisions of this bylaw, the current National Fire Code of Canada, the Saskatchewan Fire Prevention Act and the Constitution of the Springside Fire Department, together with their appendices, amendments, supplements and revisions, as they are published from time to time which are hereby adopted and form a part of this Bylaw.

3. **DEFINITIONS**

In this Bylaw:

- 1) **"Approval"** or **"Approved"** means the written approval of the authority having jurisdiction.
- 2) **"Authority having jurisdiction"** shall mean the Fire Chief.
- 3) **"Fire Chief"** means the Chief of the Town of Springside, Fire Department appointed by resolution of the Council of the Town of Springside and in his absence the Deputy Fire Chief appointed by the Fire Chief.
- 4) **"Fire Inspector"** means the same as Fire Chief.
- 5) **"Fire Agreement District"** means the district boundaries within which the Springside Fire Department is contracted to provide specific protective services.

- 6) **"Fire Services"** means fire suppression, inspections, rescue and hazardous materials spill control.

4. **ADMINISTRATION OF BYLAW**

The provisions of this Bylaw shall be administered and enforced by the Fire Chief, who shall also be the Town of Springside "Fire Inspector" and local assistant to the Saskatchewan Fire Commissioner as defined in the Saskatchewan Fire Prevention Act.

5. **OPEN FIRES – PERMITS**

- 1) Subject to Subsection 5, no person shall light, ignite or start or allow or cause to be lighted, ignited or started a fire of any kind whatsoever in the open air without permission from the Fire Chief. To obtain permission, residents must first complete the Recreational Fire Pit Application - Form 1 shown in Schedule "A" to this Bylaw and submit it to the Town Office together with the \$10.00 permit fee. Upon payment and agreement to the conditions listed in the Recreational Fire Pit Permit – Form 2 shown in Schedule "A" to this Bylaw said Permit will be issued by the Local Government Authority.
- 2) There shall be a \$10.00 annual permit fee for all recreational fire pits. A Recreational Fire Pit Application (Form 1 & Form 2, Schedule "A") must be completed and the application process repeated each year.
- 3) Permits will only be issued to registered property owners; or renters with a letter indicating written approval from the property owner.
- 4) A person to whom a permit has been issued under Subsection 1, shall place and at all times keep a competent person in charge of the fire while it is burning or smoldering and shall provide that person with sufficient equipment in order to prevent the fire from getting beyond control or causing damage or becoming dangerous. Equipment to be used may include a garden hose connected to a water supply or portable fire extinguisher.
- 5) Nothing contained in this section shall relieve any person from complying with the provisions of The Air Pollution Control Act of the Province of Saskatchewan and the regulations passed pursuant thereto.

**SOLID FUEL BURNING APPLIANCES – PERMITS**

- 1) No permit shall be required to light, ignite, or start or cause to be lighted a charcoal or gas operated barbeque, grill or similar appliance used to cook food.

- 2) Open air fires must be contained in a manufactured, non-combustible appliance constructed of cement or precast brick or clay chimenea, or sheet metal (minimum 10 gauge) and designed for use as a fire pit and be approved by the Fire Chief. Permitted fire pits shall not include a pit or hole dug in the ground.
- 3) A permitted appliance must be located on private property, a minimum distance of 3 meters or ten (10) feet from any property line, building or other combustible structure or from trees or combustible vegetation situated on the property.
- 4) Any opening in the appliance must be covered with heavy gauge expanded metal screen with opening not exceeding 10 millimeters. A chimney must be covered with a drip cap and spark arrester screen with openings not to exceed 10 millimeters.
- 5) An area under 45 centimeters (18") out from the circumference of the appliance shall be free of combustible material or vegetation and shall be covered with sand, concrete, brick or other non-combustible material acceptable to the Fire Chief.
- 6) Natural wood products are to be used as the only fuel for this appliance. Never burn pallets, pressure treated, stained or painted wood or wood products. Petroleum products, rubbish, grass, plastics, rubber or any material that may flow out of the containment chamber or cause excessive heat/smoke are not permitted.
- 7) No open air fires shall be permitted in any front yard.
- 8) Open air fires are not to be set in windy conditions conducive to creating a running fire, and if smoke from an open air fire causes unreasonable interference with the use and enjoyment of another person's property, the fire will be ordered extinguished immediately, the permit revoked and no further permit issued for the appliance on that property.
- 9) Exterior solid fuel burning hydronic heating systems shall not be allowed in any residential, commercial or industrial areas within the town limits of Springside.
- 10) Burning barrels or similar devices used for burning of any household or yard waste are prohibited.
- 11) Outdoor fires are prohibited during a fire ban as enacted by the Fire Chief or their representative.

6. **FIREWORKS/PYROTECHNICS**

- 1) No person shall discharge fireworks from any location within the Town Limits without first having obtained written permission to do so from the Fire Chief. To obtain permission from the Fire Chief, residents must first complete a Fireworks Display Permit – Form 1 in Schedule “B” of this Bylaw and submit to the Town Office. Upon review and approval of the application by the Fire Chief, a permit will be issued as show in Form 2, Schedule “B” to this Bylaw.
- 2) No person shall sell fireworks to children under the age of eighteen (18) years.

7. **TRANSPORT VEHICLES**

No person shall park, place or leave any vehicle containing any hazardous substances or waste dangerous goods on any highway, street, lane or any other public place except in accordance with the provisions of the transportation of dangerous goods regulations of Saskatchewan. This section references the Saskatchewan Hazardous Substances and Waste Dangerous Goods Regulations, E-10-2 Regulation 3 as amended by Saskatchewan Regulations 29/94.

8. **EMERGENCIES**

If any emergency arising from a fire hazard or from a risk of explosion causes the Fire Chief to be apprehensive of imminent and serious danger to life or property, or of a panic, he shall forthwith take such steps as he thinks advisable to remove the hazard or risk, and he may cause the evacuation of any building or area, and he may call upon the police and fire prevention authorities to assist him.

9. **DUTIES OF THE FIRE CHIEF**

Council of the Town of Springside shall appoint the Fire Chief for a one-year term of service. At the end of each term, the Council may either re-appoint or call for applications from the Fire Department at the discretion of the Council.

It shall be the duty of the Fire Chief:

- a) To make a general inspection of the business district and other areas within the Town for the purpose of ascertaining any violation of the provisions of this Bylaw and obtaining information concerning conditions liable to cause fire.
- b) To keep a permanent record of all fires and causes thereof and at the end of the year to make a written report thereon to the Council.
- c) To be the director of operations at and regulate the conduct of all persons present at or assisting in the suppression of a fire or rescue incident.
- d) To investigate or cause to be investigated, all fires in order to ascertain the cause, origin or other circumstances thereof.
- e) To foster Fire Prevention.

- f) To keep a permanent record of all emergency calls and causes thereof and to make a monthly written report thereon to the Council.
- g) To keep a permanent record of all orders issued to remedy fire hazardous conditions and to make a monthly written report thereon to the Council.
- h) To provide training to the members of the Fire Brigade making them familiar with all fire/rescue apparatus and equipment thereof by holding practices at least once monthly.
- i) To uphold the regulations set forth in this Bylaw in accordance with Section 2 of this Bylaw.
- j) To uphold the standards as established under the O. H. & S. Act as it relates to the Fire Service.

10. **PERSONS PRESENT AT A FIRE**

It shall be the duty of all persons at a fire to assist in its suppression if called upon to do so by the Fire Chief and all persons present at or assisting in the suppression of fire shall obey the commands of the Fire Chief.

11. **ORDERS TO REMEDY HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS**

- 1) When, upon an inspection under the provisions of this Bylaw, the Fire Chief finds that any part of this Bylaw have been contravened or has not been complied with or has been complied with improperly or only in part, or that conditions exist in or upon a building or property to which this Bylaw applies, which in his opinion constitutes a fire hazard, or otherwise constitutes a hazard to life or property or both, he may make such orders to ensure full and proper compliance with this Bylaw and in particular, but without limiting the generality of the foregoing, he may make to the owner, occupier or lessee of the building or property such recommendations as he deems necessary to correct the contravention or to ensure compliance with this Bylaw or cause the removal of the hazards.
- 2) The Chief of the Springside Fire Department may order that a property be evacuated and boarded up and secured and be kept in a safe condition to guard against fire or other dangerous risk or accident, and that if the work directed to be done is not done by the owner within a specified period of time as shall be set out in the order, the work shall be done by the municipality and the cost thereof added to the taxes on the property on which the work was done subject to the right of appeal to Town Council by the owner, occupant or lessee.
- 3) An order under this section:
  - a) shall specify:
    - 1. the contravention;
    - 2. the civic address and the legal description of the building, structure, premises or land in or on which the contravention is occurring;

3. any terms and conditions to be complied with to remedy the contravention; and
4. the date by which the terms and conditions of the Order are to be complied with;

b) shall provide:

1. a statement that if the terms and conditions of the Order have not been complied with within a time specified in the Order, the Fire Chief may carry out the remedy at the expense of the owner;
2. the date and place at which and the process by which an appeal from the Order may be made; and
3. a statement that filing an appeal does not stay the Order but that the appellant may apply to the Fire Commissioner for a stay of the Order pursuant to Section 25 of The Fire Prevention Act, 1992.

## 12. FEES FOR SERVICE

- 1) The Town of Springside is authorized to charge the applicable fees for the various services, tests and emergency responses listed in Schedule "C" of this Bylaw.
- 2) The fees shall be reviewed and set by the Town Council on the recommendation of the Fire Chief, as required.
- 3) Services for structural fires will be provided free of charge to ratepayers of the Town of Springside in good standing with the Municipality.
- 4) The Town of Springside shall charge Residents and Non-Residents the current SGI rate for any/all Motor Vehicle Collisions, Traffic Incidents, Suppression Efforts or Emergencies involving Motor Vehicles both within and outside the Town Boundaries.

## 13. FIRE PROTECTION SERVICE AGREEMENTS

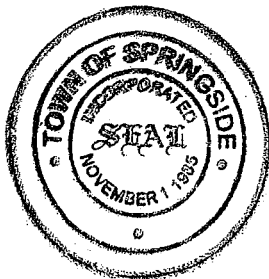
- 1) The Springside Fire Department may enter into fire protection service agreements with neighboring municipalities at the rates set in Schedule "C".


14. **OFFENSES AND PENALTIES**

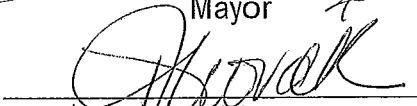
- 1) Every person who violates any of the provisions of this Bylaw or fails to comply with an order made by the Fire Chief, is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to the penalties set out in The Fire Prevention Act of the Province of Saskatchewan, and where the said Act is not specific on an offence the provisions of the General Penalty Bylaw of the Town of Springside shall apply. Everyone who commits an offence under this Bylaw is guilty of a summary offence and liable to a fine of not more than \$5,000.00 for an individual and not more than \$10,000.00 for a corporation.

15. **REPEAL OF BYLAWS**

- 1) Bylaw No. 2023-01 is hereby repealed.
- 2) This Bylaw shall come into force and take effect on the day of the final passing thereof.



  
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Mayor

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Administrator



# Recreational Fire Pit Application

Applicants Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Civic Address: \_\_\_\_\_

P.O. Box #: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

For Renters Only:

Property Owner's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Property Owner's Signature of Consent: \_\_\_\_\_

Drawing of the location of the fire pit (Front yard, backyard, side)

\*\*\* Drawing required only if this is your first time applying for a Fire Pit at this Property or if the location of your fire pit has changed from previous years\*\*\*

\*\*\*Cost of a permit is \$10.00\*\*\*

For Administrative Purposes Only

Administrator's Initial \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Receipt # \_\_\_\_\_



TOWN OF SPRINGSIDE

RECREATIONAL FIRE PIT PERMIT

Permission is hereby granted to \_\_\_\_\_ residing at \_\_\_\_\_ in the Town of Springside, to burn wood products only in an outdoor burning receptacle which has received prior approval by the Local Authority. This burning for recreational purposes only shall take place in an approved location at the address above while under competent and constant adult supervision to ensure that the fire is kept well under control and until the fire is extinguished.

It is an express condition of this permit that the applicant, whose signature appears hereunder, is familiar with local fire codes and adheres strictly to such codes so as to minimize the risk of injury or damage to persons or property arising from the use of this permit.

Conditions

- Only dry seasoned wood products may be burnt
- One class ABC fire extinguisher must be located near the fire pit (min. 2 ½ lb.) or garden hose connected to a water supply
- Must be located a minimum of 10' from the nearest combustible as determined by the Local Authority
- Must be under supervision of an adult until extinguished
- Should the Town receive complaints from neighbors wishing the fire be Extinguished citing health reasons this permit will be immediately revoked until such time as circumstances change or the cause of complaint is rectified
- A site plan must be attached.

Issued this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Local Authority

TOWN OF SPRINGSIDE

APPLICATION FOR FIREWORKS PERMIT

Printed Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsoring Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsoring Organization Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Location of Event: \_\_\_\_\_

Event Date(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Any other details regarding the event: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Application: \_\_\_\_\_

Please attach a copy of the Certificate of Insurance for the event.

TOWN OF SPRINGSIDE FIRE DEPARTMENT

PERMIT - FIREWORKS

Permission is hereby granted to \_\_\_\_\_ of  
\_\_\_\_\_ to conduct a fireworks display  
at \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_,  
between the hours of \_\_\_\_\_(am/pm) and \_\_\_\_\_(am/pm)  
while competent and constant attendants are in charge.

It is the express condition of this permit that the applicant, whose signature appears hereunder, shall be responsible for any injury or damage to person or property arising from the use of this permit.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Fire Chief

**TOWN OF SPRINGSIDE  
FEES FOR SERVICE**

**1. GENERAL SERVICES**

- 1) File search.....\$30.00
- 2) Third party requests outside town limits: as above plus present km charges as established by Council for the Town of Springside.

**2. STANDBY SERVICES**

- 1) Standby for special events such as demolition derby, fireworks, large tent functions.....up to \$3,000.00/event/day

**3. EMERGENCY RESPONSE CHARGES**

- 1) Initial call out fee shall be .....\$2,500.00
- 2) After the 1<sup>st</sup> hour;
  - a) Rescue 1.....\$ 600.00/HR
  - b) Wildland 1.....\$ 600.00/HR
  - c) Engine 1.....\$ 600.00/HR
  - d) Rescue 2 .....\$ 200.00/HR
  - e) Tanker 1 .....\$ 600.00/HR
- 3) Firefighter Hourly Rate \$30.00/hour per responding member - time calculated from time at hall to time all units back in service.
- 4) Any mutual aid fees from other fire departments and/or fees from other agencies will be added to the billing.
- 5) Incidental Expenses (ie; fire-fighting foam) will be added to the billing.
- 6) Motor Vehicle Collisions for residents and non-residents shall be charged the current SGI rate.
  - a) Motor Vehicle Collisions Out of Town
    - Resident ..... Current SGI Rate
    - Non-Resident ..... Current SGI Rate
  - b) Motor Vehicle Collisions In Town
    - Resident ..... Current SGI Rate
    - Non-Resident ..... Current SGI Rate

**4. FIRE GRANT FEES**

- 1) Fire Grant fees will be billed on an annual basis.

**5. FIRE PREVENTION SERVICES/PUBLIC EDUCATION**

- 1) Outside of Springside & within the Springside Fire Protection District  
..... Mileage at present km. charge as established by Council for the Town of Springside.
- 2) Outside of the Springside Fire Protection District boundary  
..... \$40.00/hr. plus mileage at present km. charge established by Council for the Town of Springside.