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TOWN OF SPRINGSIDE

BYLAW NO. 2026-07

A BYLAW TO REGULATE FIRE SERVICES

Certified a true copy of Bylaw No. 2026-07
of the Town of Springside passed by resolution of Council this
17th day of AUGUST, 2026

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

The Council of the Town of Springside in the Province of Saskatchewan enacts as follows:

PART I – SHORT TITLE & INTERPRETATION

1. SHORT TITLE

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

2. PURPOSE

The purpose of this bylaw is as follows:

- a) To ensure the safety, health, protection and well-being of people and the safety and protection of property in the Town of Springside.
- b) To regulate recreational fire pits, fireworks and burning of any kind.
- c) To attempt to minimize the risk of accidental fires.

3. DEFINITIONS

In this Bylaw

- a) "Act" means *The Municipalities Act*.
- b) "Administrator" means the Administrator of the Town of Springside.
- c) "Adult" means any responsible person eighteen (18) years of age or older.
- d) "Council" means the Council of the Town of Springside.
- e) "Designated Officer" means the Administrator, a Peace Officer, a Bylaw Officer, the Fire Chief, and any person appointed by the Town to enforce this Bylaw.
- f) "Fire Chief" means the Chief of Springside Fire Rescue as appointed by resolution of Council and, in the Fire Chief's absence, the Deputy Fire Chief.
- g) "Fire Department" means Springside Fire Rescue.
- h) "Fireworks" means any article defined as a firework pursuant to *The Explosives Act* (Canada) and any regulations made thereunder, and includes low-hazard fireworks, high-hazard fireworks, manufactured fireworks, and fireworks used for recreation, including fireworks showers, fountains, golden rain, lawn lights, pin wheels, Roman candles, volcanoes, sparklers, rockets, serpents, shells, bombshells, tourbillions, maroons, large wheels, bouquets, barrages, waterfalls, mines, firecrackers, or any firework composition enclosed in any case or contrivance or otherwise manufactured or adapted for the production of pyrotechnic effects, signals, or sound, but does not include Christmas crackers or caps for

toy guns containing not more than twenty-five one-hundredths of a grain of explosive per cap.

- i) "Member" means any member of Springside Fire Rescue, including the Fire Chief, Deputy Fire Chief, or any other person approved by Council.
- j) "Recreational Fire Pit" means a fire built in the open air for cooking, warmth, entertainment, or celebration in a non-combustible, permanent or portable outdoor receptacle, including a chimenea, that provides a 360-degree view of the fire.
- k) "Town" means the Town of Springside.
- l) "Solid Fuel" means solid material that may be burned to release energy, heat, or light through combustion, including clean wood, charcoal, coal, and wood pellets.

4. EXEMPTIONS TO BURNING REGULATIONS

- a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this bylaw, the Fire Chief or any other member designated by the Fire Chief may burn buildings, structures, or other material for the purpose of training Fire Department personnel in structural firefighting methods, fire investigation procedures, for the purpose of elimination of hazards or any other municipal purpose.
- b) Notwithstanding any provision of this Bylaw, the Fire Chief may declare a complete Fire Ban prohibiting any burning within the Town limits.
- c) Notwithstanding the appliances listed in Sections 7 and 8, no person shall ignite or allow to be ignited any open fire when a Fire Ban has been declared by the Fire Chief.

PART II – RECREATIONAL FIRE PITS

5. RECREATIONAL FIRE PITS – PERMITS

- a) Notwithstanding the appliances listed in Sections 7 and 8, no person shall light, ignite, start, allow, or cause to be lighted, ignited, or started any fire in the open air without permission from the Town. To obtain permission, the owner or occupant must complete the Recreational Fire Pit Permit Application prescribed by the Town and submit it to the Town Office together with the \$10.00 permit fee. Upon payment of the permit fee and agreement to the conditions listed on the Recreational Fire Pit Permit Application, the receipt for payment issued by the Town shall serve as a Recreational Fire Pit Permit.
- b) The Recreational Fire Pit Permit Application process must be repeated each calendar year.
- c) At the discretion of the Administrator has the right to deny a Recreational Fire Pit Permit for any reason including but not limited to unpaid fines related to any current in-force Town Bylaw.

- d) Recreational Fire Pit Permits shall only be issued to registered property owners or to renters who provide the registered property owner's written permission on the Recreational Fire Pit Permit Application.
- e) Inspections may be conducted by a Designated Officer as outlined in Section 11 of this Bylaw to confirm that the owner or occupant has a valid Recreational Fire Pit Permit and that the Recreational Fire Pit complies with all conditions listed on the Recreational Fire Pit Permit Application.

6. RECREATIONAL FIRE PITS – REGULATIONS

a) Permanent Recreational Fire Pits shall comply with the following regulations:

- i) Be limited to a diameter of one (1) metre or forty (40) inches and be contained in a manufactured, non-combustible receptacle constructed of cement, brick, kiln-dried clay, or sheet metal with a minimum thickness of 18 gauge and designed to be used as a recreational fire pit. A permitted recreational fire pit or open-air fire shall not include a pit or hole dug in the ground.
- ii) The opening of the receptacle must be covered with a heavy gauge metal screen with an opening not exceeding 10 millimeters (0.5 inches).
- iii) The receptacle must be located on private property, a distance of at least 3.1 meters (10 feet) from any property line, building or other combustible structure, trees or combustible vegetation situated on the property.
- iv) The receptacle must be separated from grass and any other vegetation by a distance of at least forty-five (45) centimeters (18 inches) by means of clean earth, sand, gravel or other non-combustible material.

b) Chimenea and portable fire pits shall comply with the following regulations:

- i) Shall not be used indoors.
- ii) Shall not be used on wooden decks; but may be used on a non-combustible surface such as earth, stone, concrete, etc.
- iii) The receptacle must be separated from grass and any other vegetation by a distance of at least forty-five (45) centimeters (18 inches) by means of clean earth, sand, gravel or other non-combustible material.
- iv) Shall be located on private property a distance of at least 3.1 meters (10 feet) from any property line, building or other combustible structure.
- v) A chimenea shall be covered with a drip cap and spark-arresting screen with openings not exceeding 10 millimetres (0.5 inches).

c) General Requirements:

- i) One class ABC fire extinguisher (minimum 1.5 pound) or garden hose connected to a water supply must be located near the permanent or portable recreational fire pit or chimenea.
- ii) The fire must be under the supervision of an adult until extinguished.

- iii) No permanent or portable recreational fire pit or chimenea shall be permitted in any front yard.
- iv) No permanent or portable recreational fire pit or chimenea shall be used in windy conditions, conducive to spreading fire.
- v) Burning barrels or similar devices used for burning any household garbage or yard and garden refuse are strictly prohibited.
- vi) The fuel for permanent or portable recreational fire pits or chimenea shall consist only of dry seasoned wood, or manufactured logs.
- vii) The fire shall be adequately ventilated to ensure proper combustion and to prevent an unreasonable accumulation of smoke. If smoke from a fire causes unreasonable interference with the use or enjoyment of another person's property, a Designated Officer may direct the owner or occupant to extinguish the fire immediately.
- viii) The person who starts or allows a fire is responsible for any damage resulting from the use of the Recreational Fire Pit.
- ix) The burning of the following material is strictly prohibited:
 - (1) Household garbage.
 - (2) Tree branches, leaves, garden refuse or grass clippings.
 - (3) Pallets, pressure-treated wood, stained or painted wood, or wood products.
 - (4) Manure.
 - (5) Livestock or animal carcasses.
 - (6) Any material classified as dangerous goods.
 - (7) Any material that, when burned, creates black smoke, an offensive odour, or excessive heat or smoke, including insulation from electrical wiring or equipment, asphalt roofing materials, hydrocarbons, plastics, rubber materials, or creosote-treated wood.

PART III – OTHER REGULATIONS

7. BARBEQUING

- a) Every person who uses a barbeque or similar device shall:
 - i) Use the barbeque in a reasonable and safe manner.
 - ii) Ensure all manufacturer's specified directions are strictly adhered to.
 - iii) Keep the barbeque, when lit, a sufficient distance from all combustible materials ("combustible material" is not to be interpreted as the railing on a deck or balcony).
 - iv) Ensure that a portable grill or barbeque is located on a firm base and is firmly anchored.
 - v) Refrain from leaving the barbeque unattended.
 - vi) Keep the barbeque in a reasonable state of repair.
 - vii) Comply with all federal and provincial regulations regarding the use and storage of propane cylinders.

- viii) Ensure that propane cylinders and natural gas are shut off at the tank valve when not in use.
- ix) Ensure that propane cylinders and natural gas can be properly connected and secured to the barbeque.
- x) Ensure cylinders are always kept in an upright position, including when the cylinders are in transit, service or storage.
- b) Solid fuel burning hydronic heating systems shall not be allowed within the Town.

8. OTHER PROPANE AND NATURAL GAS APPLIANCES

- a) Every person who uses any type of propane and natural gas appliance shall:
 - i) Ensure all manufacturer's specified directions are strictly adhered to.
 - ii) Ensure that all propane and natural gas is shut off for outdoor heaters, outdoor deep fryers, and any other outdoor appliances when not in use.

9. OCCUPANT LOAD

- a) The Fire Chief shall determine the occupant load for any room or floor area in all assembly occupancies and shall issue an occupant load limit sign for that room or floor area. The owner or occupant of the premises shall ensure that the sign is posted in conspicuous locations near the principal entrances to the room or floor area.
- b) The occupant load of a room or floor area shall be determined in accordance with *The National Fire Code*.
- c) The number of occupants permitted to enter a room shall not exceed the maximum occupant load calculated in accordance with this Section.
- d) If the Fire Chief reasonably believes that the number of occupants in a room may exceed the maximum occupant load, the Fire Chief or Designated Officer may temporarily close the room or building in order to determine the number of occupants in the room.
- e) If the number of occupants in a room exceeds the maximum occupant load, the room shall not be re-opened to the public until the number of occupants is reduced to a number less than the maximum occupant load.

10. FIREWORKS

- a) No person shall discharge fireworks from any location within the Town without first having obtained written permission to do so from the Fire Chief.
- b) To obtain permission from the Fire Chief, community groups or individuals must first complete a Fireworks Display Permit Application in the form prescribed by the Town and submit the Application to the Town. Upon review and approval of the application by the Fire Chief, a Fireworks Display Permit will be issued.
- c) No person shall sell fireworks to children under the age of eighteen (18) years.

11. PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION

- a) The civic address for each building or structure must be prominently displayed at the front and clearly visible from the street.

PART IV – ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES

12. INSPECTIONS

- a) A Designated Officer is authorized to access any property to inspect for compliance with this Bylaw.
- b) Inspections under this Bylaw shall be carried out in accordance with section 362 of the Act.
- c) No person shall obstruct a Designated Officer, or any person assisting a Designated Officer, who is authorized to conduct an inspection under this Bylaw.
- d) Before entering any land, building, structure, or premises, a Designated Officer shall notify the owner or occupant of the purpose of the entry, if the owner or occupant is present at the time of entry.

13. ORDER TO REMEDY CONTRAVENTIONS

- a) If a Designated Officer finds that a person is contravening this Bylaw, the Designated Officer may, by written Order to Remedy, require the owner or occupant of the property to which the contravention relates to remedy the contravention.
- b) Orders to Remedy given under this Bylaw shall comply with section 364 of the Act.
- c) Orders to Remedy given under this Bylaw shall be served in accordance with section 390 of the Act.

14. REGISTRATION OF ORDER TO REMEDY

- a) If an Order to Remedy is issued pursuant to Section 12, the Town may, in accordance with section 364 of the Act, give notice of the existence of the Order to Remedy by registering an interest against the title to the land that is the subject of the Order to Remedy.

15. APPEAL OF ORDER TO REMEDY

- a) Any person who is served with an Order to Remedy under Section 12 may appeal the Order in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Act.

16. TOWN REMEDYING CONTRAVENTIONS

- a) The Town may, in accordance with section 366 of the Act, take whatever actions or measures are necessary to remedy a contravention of this Bylaw.
- b) Fire Department services provided to Town ratepayers in respect of structural fires shall be charged in accordance with the Fire Bylaw currently in force, to a maximum of \$10,000.00 per incident. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the maximum charge shall not apply where the Fire Chief determines that the fire originated from or was caused by the spread of a recreational fire, including but not limited to a fire pit or chiminea, and the property owner (or renter, pursuant to Section 5(c)) failed to obtain a valid recreational fire fit permit.

- c) In an emergency, the Town may take whatever actions or measures are necessary to eliminate the emergency in accordance with section 367 of the Act.
- d) Where an owner or occupant is directed by a Designated Officer to extinguish a recreational fire pit and fails or refuses to comply with that direction, the Fire Department may take such measures as are necessary to extinguish the fire. Fees to extinguish the fire will be charged in accordance with Section 16(b).
- e) Any fees, costs, or expenses incurred by the Town under this Section shall be invoiced to the person responsible and may be recovered in accordance with Section 17 of this By-law.

17. RECOVERY OF UNPAID EXPENSES AND COSTS

- a) Any unpaid expenses and costs incurred by the Town in remedying a contravention of this Bylaw may be recovered by civil action for debt in a court of competent jurisdiction in accordance with section 368 of the Act; or by adding the amount to the taxes on the property on which the work is done in accordance with section 369 of the Act.
- b) In addition to any actual cost associated with remedying a contravention of this Bylaw or the Act, the Administrator may levy an administrative fee of \$100.00 or ten percent (10%) of the cost, whichever is greater.

18. OFFENCES AND PENALTIES

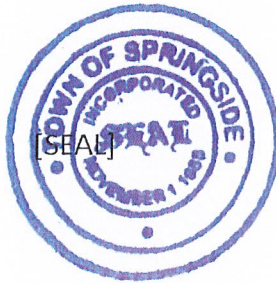
- a) If the Administrator, Fire Chief, or Designated Officer has reason to believe that a person has contravened any provision of this Bylaw, that Officer may serve that person with a Notice of Violation, which shall indicate that the Town will accept voluntary payment in the amount of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00), to be paid to the Town within ten (10) days.
 - i) Where the Town receives voluntary payment of the amount prescribed in Section 17(a) within the time specified, the person receiving the Notice of Violation shall not be liable to prosecution for the alleged contravention.
 - ii) Payment of any Notice of Violation does not exempt the person from enforcement of an Order to Remedy pursuant to Section 12 of this Bylaw.
 - iii) Every person who contravenes any provision of this Bylaw is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine of not more than:
 - (1) Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00), in the case of an individual;
 - (2) Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00), in the case of a corporation; and
 - (3) In the case of a continuing offence, Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) for each day that the offence continues.

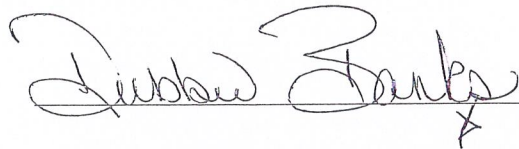
19. REPEAL OF FORMER BYLAWS

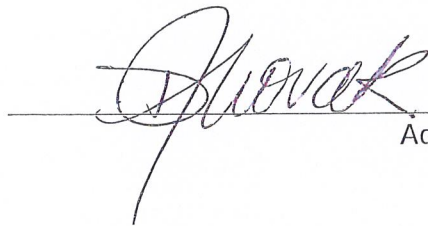
- a) Bylaw No. 2025-01 is hereby repealed.

20. COMING INTO FORCE

- a) This Bylaw shall come into force on the day of its final passing.




Mayor


Administrator