

BYLAW NO. 281-23

BEING A BYLAW OF CLEAR HILLS COUNTY, IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, TO ESTABLISH METHODS FOR ADVERTISING STATUTORY AND NON-STATUTORY NOTICES WITHIN CLEAR HILLS COUNTY

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 606 of the *Municipal Government Act*, a Council must give notice of certain bylaws, resolutions, meetings, public hearings or other things by advertising in a newspaper or other publication circulating in the area, mailing or delivering a notice to every residence in the affected area or by another method provided for in a bylaw under section 606.1; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 606.1(1) of the *Municipal Government Act*, a council may, by bylaw, provide for one or more methods, which may include electronic means, for advertising proposed bylaws, resolutions, meetings, public hearings and other things referred to in section 606; and

WHEREAS, the Council of Clear Hills County is satisfied that the advertising methods set out in Bylaw is likely to bring matters advertised by these methods to the attention of substantially all residents, or groups or area of the County to which the bylaw, resolution or other thing relates, or in which the meeting or hearing is to be held;

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of Clear Hills County, duly assembled, hereby enacts as follows:

A. TITLE

1. This Bylaw may be cited as the "Public Notification Bylaw".

B. PURPOSE

2. The purpose of this Bylaw is to establish methods for advertising statutory and non-statutory notices to the public within Clear Hills County.

C. DEFINITIONS

3. In this Bylaw,

(a) "Act" means the *Municipal Government Act*, RSA 2000, as amended.

(b) "Council" means the duly elected municipal Council of Clear Hills County.

(c) "Public" means residents, groups or other stakeholders located within the corporate boundaries of Clear Hills County required to be notified by the Act or a bylaw of the County of a proposed bylaw, resolution, meeting, public hearing or other things referred to in the Act or a bylaw of the Town.

(d) "Method" means the preferred method(s) chosen by the Council of Clear Hills County for advertising statutory and non-statutory notices to the public.

(e) "County" means the corporation of Clear Hills County.

D. ADVERTISING METHOD

4. The notice of any proposed bylaws, resolutions, meetings, public hearings or other thing required to be given under the *Municipal Government Act*, or a bylaw of the County, shall be advertised in accordance with the timelines prescribed in the Act or the bylaw by:
- (a) publishing in a newspaper or any other publication circulating in the County; and/or
 - (b) publishing electronically by posting the notice prominently on the
 - i. County website or
 - ii. any of the County's social media sites; and/or
 - (c) posting the notice prominently on the bulletin board provided for that purpose in
 - i. the County Office or
 - ii. public libraries or
 - iii. municipal recreational facilities.

E. SEVERABILITY

5. If any portion of this Bylaw is declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, then the invalid portion shall be severed.

F. EFFECTIVE DATE

6. This Bylaw shall come into full force and effect upon the date of its final passing thereof.

READ a First time this 24 day of OCT 2023.

PUBLIC HEARING held on this 28 day of NOV 2023.

READ a Second time this 12 day of DEC 2023.

READ a Third time this 12 day of DEC 2023.

SIGNED AND PASSED this 12 day of DEC 2023.

Amber Bean, Reeve: Amber Bean

Allan Rowe, CAO: Allan Rowe