

BYLAW NO. 286-24

A BYLAW OF CLEAR HILLS COUNTY, IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, REGARDING THE EXTINGUISHING OF FIRES AND THE PRESERVING OF LIFE AND PROPERTY FROM INJURY OR DESTRUCTION BY FIRE.

WHEREAS, the Council of Clear Hills County wishes to establish fees for services provided by volunteer fire departments for the extinguishing of fires or preserving of life or property from injury or destruction by fire and for the collection of the said fees from the occupant or owner of the property when a fire ban is in effect; and

WHEREAS, the Council of Clear Hills County has determined it is in the best interests of the municipality to pass such a bylaw.

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

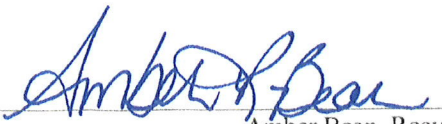
1. THAT, where equipment is operated by or on behalf of Clear Hills County in the extinguishing of fires or preserving of life or property from injury or destruction by fire when a fire ban is in effect, the costs incurred therein may be charged to the owner or occupant of the land.
2. THAT, if the owner or occupant of the land on which the service was performed refuses to pay the account incurred or if the account is in arrears for sixty (60) days or more, the account will be charged against the land as taxes due and owing in the respect of that land.
3. THAT, the fees for Emergency Services provided under this bylaw shall be as per the attached Emergency Service Schedule of Fees.
4. THAT, the Emergency Service Schedule of Fees may be amended from time to time by a resolution of Council passed at a duly constituted meeting of the Council of Clear Hills County
5. THAT, the Council of Clear Hills County shall adopt a policy to provide staff with clear guidelines for implementation of this bylaw.
6. THAT, this bylaw shall come into effect upon the date of final passing hereof.


Schedule A - Emergency Service Schedule of Fees

READ a first time this 14 Day of May 2024.

READ a second time this 14 Day of May 2024.

READ a Third time this 14 Day of May 2024.


Amber Bean, Reeve


Allan Rowe, CAO

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Emergency Services Schedule of Fees
Schedule “A”

Clear Hills County will NOT charge any fees for the following:

- a) Residential fires
- b) Building structure fires
- c) Medical aid responses
- d) Motor vehicle accidents (MVs) involving fatalities.

Other Fires will be charged at the current rate, as established by Council.

Emergency Call out-Flat Rate	\$100.00
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Clear Hills County may, regarding any costs incurred by Fire Services in responding to an incident, charge these costs to:

- a) The person who caused the incident.
- b) The owner of the property or vehicle involved; or
- c) The owner or person in possession of the land where the incident occurred.

Note: This includes situations where Fire Services extinguishes a fire during a fire ban or responds to an incident inside or outside the County under mutual aid agreements. Charges apply for actions taken to preserve life or property, including responses to false alarms.

Equipment rates include firefighter fees, and all supplies used will be charged at cost. Any other disbursements or expenses incurred by the Municipality in providing Fire Protection, such as Mutual Aid charges from other fire departments or the hiring of independent contractors for services, equipment, or air attack, will also be charged back at cost.

Emergency Services Schedule of Fees			
Pumper	\$350.00	/hour	no GST
Tender	\$350.00	/hour	no GST
First response Unit	\$350.00	/hour	no GST
MCR Unit	\$350.00	/hour	no GST
Squad Vehicle for Transport	\$50.00	/hour	no GST
Grass Fire Fighting Unit	\$200.00	/hour	no GST
SxS Unit	\$200.00	/hour	no GST
Command Vehicle	\$100.00	/hour	no GST
Sprinkler Protection Unit (SPU)	\$400.00	/day	no GST
Response to Numbered Highway Callouts: Invoice Alberta Transportation, As per Alberta Transportation Current Rates			
Fire Containment (HazMat)	Cost recovery		
Additional equipment/resources	Cost recovery		

Date Adopted: May 14, 2024