



**VULCAN COUNTY
BYLAW 2023-010**

Being a bylaw of Vulcan County in the Province of Alberta to for the purpose of the establishment and operations of Fire Services and to provide for the protection and preservation of life and property within Vulcan County.

WHEREAS The *Municipal Government Act*, R.S.A. 2000, c. M- 26, as amended, provides that a Council of a municipality may pass Bylaws for municipal purposes respecting the safety, health, and welfare of people and the protection of people and property;

AND WHEREAS The *Municipal Government Act* further provides that a municipality may pass bylaws to regulate or prohibit, impose a system of licenses, permits or approvals and to collect costs and expenses incurred by the municipality for extinguishing fires;

AND WHEREAS the Council of Vulcan County recognizes that:

- a) The *Forest and Prairie Protection Act*, R.S.A. 2000, c. F – 19 requires the Council of a Municipal District to fight and control all fires within the boundaries of the Municipal District, other than areas contained in a Forest Protection Area;
- b) The Alberta Fire Code provides that no person shall purchase, process, handle, discharge, fire, set off, sell, offer for sale or store for the purpose of sale, fireworks unless written permission issued by the Fire Department for the purpose has been obtained; and
- c) It is not possible to provide the same level of emergency services to all areas and persons within the County given limited resources, competing demands for resources, and the geographic size of the County;

AND WHEREAS the Council of Vulcan County wishes to establish Fire Services within the County and provide for the efficient operation of such a service;

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

1. GENERAL

- 1.1. This bylaw may be cited as the “Fire Service Bylaw”.
- 1.2. The operating name of the Members and Fire Departments operated by Vulcan County shall be “Vulcan County Emergency Services”.

2. DEFINITIONS

- 2.1. **“Acceptable Fire Pit”** means an outdoor receptacle that meets the following specifications:
 - (a) a minimum of three (3) meters clearance, measured from the nearest fire pit edge, is maintained from all buildings, property lines, or other combustible material;
 - (b) the fire pit height does not exceed .6 meters when measured from the surrounding grade to the top of the pit;
 - (c) the fire pit opening does not exceed 1 meter in width when measured between the widest points at the outside edges.
 - (d) the fire pit installation has enclosed sides made from bricks, concrete blocks, heavy gauge metal, or other non-combustible materials acceptable to the Regional Fire Chief; and,
 - (e) a spark arrestor mesh screen with openings no larger than 1.25 cm and constructed of a non-combustible material covers the fire pit in a manner sufficient to contain and reduce the hazards of airborne sparks;
- 2.2. **“Acceptable Fireplace”** means an outdoor receptacle that meets the following specifications:
 - (a) A minimum of 3.3 meter clearance from the nearest fireplace edge is maintained from all buildings, property lines, or other combustible material;

- 2.3. **“Approved”** means approved by the Authority Having Jurisdiction as defined by the *Municipal Government Act*, Council or the Regional Fire Chief;
- 2.4. **“Apron”** encircles a burning receptacle and is constructed of a non-combustible material such as concrete, gravel, shale or sand;
- 2.5. **“Authority Having Jurisdiction”** means a Safety Codes Officer in the fire discipline appointed in accordance with the Safety Codes Act;
- 2.6. **“Burning Barrel Fire”** shall mean any fire contained within a non-combustible structure or container covered with a spark arrester mesh screen made of expanded metal (or equivalent) with openings no larger than 13 millimeters (1/2”) to contain sparks over the fire at all times which is used for the purpose of burning household refuse other than Prohibited Debris;
- 2.7. **“Campground”** means an area with a development permit and developed for temporary short term recreational use;
- 2.8. **“CAO”** means the individual appointed by Council to the position of Chief Administrative Officer of the County in accordance with the Municipal Government Act, R.S.A. 2000 Chapter M-26 or his/her designate;
- 2.9. **“Consumer Fireworks”** means fireworks listed in Class 7, Subdivision 1 of Division 2 of the Explosives Act Regulation (Canada) which are commonly referred to as low hazard fireworks and are generally used for recreation. Examples include, but are not limited to fireworks showers, golden rain, lawn light pinwheels, roman candles, volcanoes and sparklers;
- 2.10. **“Council”** means the Council of Vulcan County;
- 2.11. **“County”** means Vulcan County;
- 2.12. **“County Fire Department”** means a Fire Department operated by the County;
- 2.13. **“Dangerous Goods”** means any material or substance that may cause an immediate or long term adverse effect to life, health, property or the environment when burned, spilled, leaked or otherwise released from its normal use, handling, storage or transportation environment and includes those products, substances and organisms covered by the Transportation of Dangerous Goods Regulations;

- 2.14. **“Display Fireworks”** means fireworks listed in Class 7, Subdivision 2 of Division 2 of the Explosives Act Regulation (Canada) which are commonly referred to as high hazard fireworks and are generally used for public display by trained professionals. Examples include, but are not limited to rockets, serpents, shells, bombshells, tourbillions, maroons, large wheels, bouquets, barrages, bombardos, waterfalls, fountains, batteries, illumination, set pieces, pigeons and firecrackers;
- 2.15. **“Director of Emergency Management”** shall mean that person appointed by the Council to act as the County’s Director of Emergency Management, or his/her designate;
- 2.16. **“Disaster”** shall mean a natural or manmade event that results or may result in serious harm to safety, health or welfare of persons, property or the environment;
- 2.17. **“Dispatcher”** means a member on duty of the organization given the responsibility to alert and notify the individual stations that a response is required;
- 2.18. **“District Chief”** means that person appointed by the Regional Fire Chief into the senior Member position in a County Fire Department in accordance with applicable County policies and the SOGs;
- 2.19. **“District Fire Association Chief”** has the same meaning as in Section 2.3 of Schedule ‘A’;
- 2.20. **“Enforcement Officer”** means a Bylaw Enforcement Officer, a Community Peace Officer or a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police who is authorized to enforce bylaws or for the purpose of inspection and enforcement under the Bylaw, an Officer is a Designated Officer of Vulcan County;
- 2.21. **“Equipment”** means any tool, contrivance, device or material used by the Emergency Services for the purpose of providing Fire Protection and Emergency Response Services to an Incident;
- 2.22. **“False Alarm”** means any alarm maliciously activated or otherwise falsely reported as an Incident, or an alarm caused by a mechanical failure or other activation of an alarm system that falsely reports an Incident;
- 2.23. **“Fire Ban”** shall mean the prohibition on the lighting of fires in the County;
- 2.24. **“Fire Department”** means a fire department operated by the County, a Fire Protection Association or another municipality or

legal entity which provides Fire Service Response within the County;

- 2.25. **“Fire District”** means a geographical Fire Service Response Area within the County, as defined by Council in Part 3 and Schedule "C";
- 2.26. **“Fire Guardian”** shall mean any individual who is a Fire Guardian under, and is subject to any limitations provided for in the *Forest and Prairie Protection Act*;
- 2.27. **“Fire Permit”** means a permit authorizing an applicant to light a fire, signed by both an appointed Fire Guardian and the applicant;
- 2.28. **“Fire Protection Association”** means one of the organizations set out in Part 3 and Schedule "A" which has entered into a Fire Service Protection Agreement with the County for the purposes of providing Fire Service Response within a designated Fire District;
- 2.29. **“Fire Service Response”** shall mean all aspects of Fire Department responses including but not limited to, fire prevention, firefighting and suppression, pre-fire planning, fire inspection, fire investigation, public education and information, training, search and rescue, and responses to disasters and accidents, including motor vehicle accidents and medical incidents, First Aid and Mutual Aid;
- 2.30. **“Fireworks Permits”** shall mean a document issued by the Fire Guardian, on the form adopted by the County from time to time, authorizing the possession, handling, discharging, firing or setting off of Consumer Fireworks or Display Fireworks;
- 2.31. **“First Aid”** has the same meaning as in the SOGs;
- 2.32. **“Illegal Fire”** shall mean any fire that is set in contravention of this Bylaw;
- 2.33. **“Incidents”** means a fire, or a situation where a fire or explosion is imminent or any other situation presenting a possible danger to life or property and to which the Fire Service has responded, including rescues of all types, medical assistance and attendance at motor vehicle incidents on roads and highways within the County;
- 2.34. **“Incident Commander”** means the most senior or otherwise qualified Member who is responsible for the coordination of the Members, apparatus and Equipment at an Incident.

- 2.35. **“Inspection Officer”** shall mean the Regional Fire Chief, District Chief, District Fire Association Chief, Community Peace Officer, Enforcement Officer, Fire Guardian or person designated by the Safety Codes Council in the fire discipline and is authorized to undertake inspections;
- 2.36. **“Level of Service”** means that level of service prescribed in the SOG’s and Vulcan County Policy 21-1007, Emergency Services Level of Service, as may be amended or replaced from time to time;
- 2.37. **“Member”** means any person that is a duly appointed member of a Fire Department;
- 2.38. **“Mutual Aid”** means the provision of Fire Protection Services outside of an assigned Fire District or outside of the County pursuant to a request for assistance from a Fire Association or another municipality that has a mutual aid or fire protection service agreement with the County;
- 2.39. **“Occupant”** means any person that is in control of property through a lease, rental or otherwise has the legal right to use or enjoy the land, building or other types of property including farm equipment, motor vehicles, water craft and all personal property;
- 2.40. **“Outdoor Fire”** shall mean any fire which is not an incinerator fire, pit fire or public park site fire and which, without limiting the generality of the foregoing shall include grass fires, forest and brush fires, running fires, structure fires, building fires, wood scrap fires, agricultural pit burns, ground thawing fires and chattel fires whether controlled or uncontrolled;
- 2.41. **“Owner”** means the registered owner of a parcel of land at the time that the County incurs the costs according to the records maintained by the Land Tittles Office where the Incident relates to real property and the owner and person in possession or either or both of them, of other types of property including farm equipment, motor vehicles, water craft, air craft and all other personal property;
- 2.42. **“Prohibited Debris”** shall mean any flammable debris or waste material that when burned may result in the release to the atmosphere of dense smoke, offensive odour’s or toxic air contaminants pursuant to the Substance Release Regulation, AR 124/93 of the *Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act*;
- 2.43. **“Recreation Fire”** shall mean a fire contained within a non-combustible container which is set for the purpose of cooking,

obtaining warmth or viewing for pleasure and may only be fueled with wood, charcoal, coal, natural gas or propane;

- 2.44. **“Regional Deputy Fire Chief”** shall mean the Deputy Regional Fire Chief as appointed by the Regional Fire Chief;
- 2.45. **“Regional Fire Chief”** means the Director of Protective Services of Vulcan County. The Regional Fire Chief oversees and provides oversight, support and assistance to all District Chiefs and District Fire Association Chiefs;
- 2.46. **“Smudge Fire”** shall mean a fire that is used for the purpose of protecting livestock from insects;
- 2.47. **“Specified Penalty”** shall mean a penalty that may be paid in response to an alleged contravention of any provision of this Bylaw as established in Schedule ‘B’ of this Bylaw;
- 2.48. **“SOGs”** means the County's Fire Service Standard Operating Guidelines and the Rules and Regulations Manual, as adopted by the County from time to time;
- 2.49. **“Structure Fire”** means a fire confined to or within any building, structure, machine or vehicle, which will, or is likely to cause the destruction of or damage to such building, structure, machine or vehicle; and
- 2.50. **“Violation Ticket”** shall mean a ticket issued for an alleged contravention of any provision in the *Provincial Offences Procedure Act*.

3. ESTABLISHMENT OF FIRE DEPARTMENTS AND DISTRICTS

- 3.1. The following Fire Departments are hereby established for the purpose of providing emergency services in the County:
 - (a) **Station 16** – Northwest Fire Department operated by the Northwest Fire Protection Association
 - (b) **Station 17** – Milo Fire Department operated by the Milo Fire Protection Association
 - (c) **Station 19** – Lomond Fire Department operated by Vulcan County Emergency Services
 - (d) **Station 20** – Champion Fire Department operated by Vulcan County Emergency Services

(e) **Station 21** – Carmangay Fire Department operated by Vulcan County Emergency Services

(f) **Station 27** – Vulcan Fire Department operated by Vulcan County Emergency Services

3.2. Council has divided the County into Fire Districts as deemed necessary for the provision of Fire Service Response. Fire District boundaries as well as reference to the Fire Departments and Fire Protection Associations who are primarily responsible to provide Fire Service Response in each Fire District are outlined in Schedule 'C' hereto.

4. FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATIONS

4.1. The role of Fire Protection Associations shall be established as per Schedule 'A' of this Bylaw.

5. FIRE SERVICES

5.1. The Council does hereby establish the Vulcan County Emergency Services, for the purpose of:

(a) operating County Fire Departments;

(b) providing Fire Service Response to Incidents involving fire, extinguishing fires, preservation of life and property, and protection of persons and property from injury or damage;

(c) providing vehicle extrication services;

(d) providing emergency medical care at a First Aid level,

(e) providing a response to other emergency rescue situations;

(f) providing a response to incidents involving Dangerous Goods at an awareness level only;

(g) Providing flatwater boat rescue in summer months, Ice Rescue in winter months.

(h) preventing and extinguishing prairie or running fires and enforcing the provisions of the Forest and Prairie Act;

- (i) investigating the cause of fires in accordance with the County's Quality Management Plan approved by the Safety Codes Council;
- (j) carrying out preventable patrols, pre-fire planning, and fire inspections in accordance with the County's Quality Management Plan approved by Safety Codes Council;
- (k) enforcing the provisions of the *Safety Codes Act* and the National Fire Code Alberta Ed, as amended from time to time;
- (l) entering into agreements or partnerships with other municipalities, or agencies for the joint use, control and management of apparatus and equipment;
- (m) purchasing and operating apparatus and equipment for preservation of life and property;
- (n) providing other services as directed by Council.

6. FIRE AND MUTUAL AID AGREEMENTS

- 6.1. The Regional Fire Chief shall develop and maintain fire and mutual aid agreements with other municipalities and agencies and present them to Council for approval.

7. AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITY OF REGIONAL FIRE CHIEF

- 7.1. Plans, directs, coordinates, and supervises the administrative, mechanical, support services, and operational services of the Vulcan County Emergency Services.
 - (a) In accordance with the SOG's and Occupational Health and Safety's best practices, the Regional Fire Chief may assume command of an emergency scene to ensure the safety of the public, and emergency services personnel and mitigation of property damage and environmental impact.
- 7.2. Ensures that Fire Department programs, which are directed to providing and maintaining an acceptable/responsible level of service to the region are developed, implemented, monitored, and subsequently critiqued for their effectiveness.
- 7.3. Develops, implements, and monitors short and long-term strategies for Vulcan County Emergency Services so that effective and consistent direction is provided.

- 7.4. Develops policies, procedures, and plans, directs, and monitors the activities of Vulcan County Emergency Services through effective utilization of human and financial resources.
- 7.5. Develops plans and controls the annual operational and capital budgets for Vulcan County Emergency Services, ensuring that an acceptable, responsible, and economically feasible level of fire protection and emergency services are provided.
- 7.6. Ensures that effective public awareness and educational programs are developed, implemented, and monitored, in an effort to prevent loss of life and to reduce property damage.
- 7.7. Maintains a current knowledge of firefighting statistical information, new technology, firefighting techniques, etc. in order to ensure that the Vulcan County Emergency Services provides an effective and efficient service to the region.
- 7.8. Implements and monitors an equipment management system for the Vulcan County Emergency Services fleet of emergency response vehicles and apparatus ensuring that they are both mechanically and financially maintained. Ensures that all new equipment/apparatus purchases meet approved firefighting standards and are appropriate for their utilization.
- 7.9. Ensures that all Vulcan County Emergency Services policies, procedures/guidelines, and legislative requirements are communicated to staff in an effective manner and that they are followed.
- 7.10. Ensures that Members are fully versed in all municipal Fire Bylaws for each urban municipality in which Vulcan County Emergency Services provides emergency response protection.
- 7.11. Attends fires and/or other emergencies of a major nature.
- 7.12. Ensures that a public information program is developed to inform and educate key stakeholders in the community on various areas of fire safety, fire prevention, building codes, and emergency management and create a program that can be implemented to monitor and subsequently critique their effectiveness.
- 7.13. Implements a Building Inspection Program and ensures that the program falls within acceptable guidelines of the Alberta Safety Codes Council through the creation and maintenance of a Quality Management Plan.

8. AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITY OF DISTRICT CHIEFS

- 8.1. The District Chiefs shall be responsible to the Regional Fire Chief for the performance of his/her duties pursuant to this Bylaw and other applicable policies and SOGs of the County. Suggested amendment to the bylaw in response to feedback.
- 8.2. The District Chiefs shall make and submit such reports and plans to the Regional Fire Chief as required.
- 8.3. The District Chiefs shall maintain and provide to the Regional Fire Chief on a timely basis:
 - (a) a record of all fires and emergency responses attended by the Fire Department;
 - (b) a record of all fire inspections carried out and actions taken on account of fire inspections according to the Quality Management Plan;
 - (c) a copy of all fire reports;
 - (d) a quarterly Workers Compensation Board members list update;
 - (e) annual membership attendance report;
 - (f) any other records incidental to the operation of his/her department.
- 8.4. The District Chiefs shall prepare and submit to the Regional Fire Chief and County annually for approval a list of Apparatus, Equipment and supplies that may be required for the administration and operation of the Fire Department for subsequent or future years.
- 8.5. The District Chiefs may obtain assistance from other officials of the County as they deem necessary in order to discharge their duties and responsibilities under the Bylaw and other applicable policies of the County.
- 8.6. The District Chiefs shall be responsible for the use, care and protection of Fire Department property.
- 8.7. The District Chiefs may appoint other Members to the Fire Department in accordance with the SOGs.

- 8.8. The District Chief may appoint other Members of the Fire Department to act as Deputy Chief or District Chief in their absence for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days.

9. AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF INCIDENT COMMANDER

- 9.1. The Incident Commander at an Incident in their Fire Department response area shall have control, direction and management of all apparatus, equipment and manpower assigned to that incident and shall continue to act as the member in Charge until relieved by another Member authorized to do so.
- 9.2. The Incident Commander shall be responsible to direct and manage the operations necessary as reasonably can be expected for a Volunteer Fire Department for the extinguishing of a fire or controlling other emergency incidents.
- 9.3. The Incident Commander shall take action as deemed necessary for preserving lives and property and protecting persons and property from injury or destruction from fire and other emergency incidents.
- 9.4. The Incident Commander is empowered to cause a building or structure pulled down, demolished or removed if they deem it necessary to prevent the spread of fire to other buildings or structures.
- 9.5. The Incident Commander is authorized to enter premises or property without permission where an incident is occurring and to cause any member or apparatus to enter without permission, as the Incident Commander deems necessary.
- 9.6. The Incident Commander is authorized to enter, pass through or over buildings, structures or property adjacent to the incident and to cause members or apparatus to enter or pass through or over the building, structure or property without permission, where the Incident Commander deems it necessary to gain access to the Incident or protect any persons or property.
- 9.7. The Incident Commander may establish boundaries or limits and keep persons from entering the area within the prescribed boundaries or limits unless authorized to enter by the Incident Commander. No person shall enter the boundaries or limits of an area unless he/she has been authorized to enter by the Incident Commander.

- 9.8. The Incident Commander may request Enforcement Officers to enforce restrictions on persons entering within the boundaries or limits outlined in Section 8.7.
- 9.9. The Incident Commander is authorized to require any adult who is not a Member, to assist in:
 - (a) extinguishing fire or preventing the spread thereof;
 - (b) removing furniture, goods, and merchandise from any building or structure on fire or in danger thereof and in guarding and securing same; and
 - (c) demolishing a building or structure at or near the fire or incident.
- 9.10. The Incident Commander is authorized to secure County employees and equipment which the Incident Commander considers necessary to deal with an Incident.
- 9.11. The Incident Commander is authorized to secure and commandeer privately owned equipment which they consider necessary to deal with an Incident and authorize payment for the use of said equipment.
- 9.12. The Incident Commander should obtain from every person found on the public land or leaving or entering public land that person's name, address and an account of the person's activities and route or the activities the person proposes to carry out and the route the person plans to follow on public land.
- 9.13. The Incident Commander shall, without a warrant, enter any private dwelling which is on fire and proceed to fight the fire.

10. FIRE GUARDIANS

- 10.1. Each year before April 1, Council shall appoint a sufficient number of Fire Guardians to enforce the provisions of the *Forest and Prairie Protection Act* and this bylaw within the boundaries of the County.
- 10.2. The Regional Fire Chief and the Regional Deputy Fire Chief are designated as Fire Guardians by virtue of their positions within the County.
- 10.3. Each Fire Guardian shall have the authority to:
 - (a) issue a Fire Permit in respect of any land within the County;
 - (b) issue a Fire Permit unconditionally or impose conditions upon the applicant which that the Fire Guardian deems appropriate;

- (c) decide whether an inspection of the burn site is warranted prior to the decision to issue or not to issue a Fire Permit;
- (d) may suspend or cancel at any time a Fire Permit and on receiving notice of the suspension or cancellation the person concerned shall immediately extinguish any fire set pursuant to his or her permit;
- (e) refuse issuance of a permit on reasonable and probable grounds that a public interest risk exists for the proposed fire;
- (f) inspect the property where a permit application for an Outdoor Fire has been received and impose conditions upon the applicant which that the Fire Guardian considers appropriate;
- (g) enforce provisions of the *Forest and Prairie Protection Act* and this Bylaw within the boundaries of the County;

11. FIRE PERMITS

- 11.1. Fire Permits are required year-round within the boundaries of Vulcan County, except for those areas designated as Forest and Prairie Protection areas.
- 11.2. Any restrictions to the lighting of open fires within the County shall be in effect for the areas identified within the County with the exception of those areas designated as Forest and Prairie Protection areas.
- 11.3. When conditions warrant, the Fire Guardians may require the Enforcement Officer or a Member of the Fire Service to inspect the site before a Fire Permit is issued.
- 11.4. The requirements of the *Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act* and Regulations as amended from time to time take precedence over any condition attached to a Fire Permit.
- 11.5. Fire Permits issued pursuant to this Bylaw are valid for such period of time as deemed appropriate to the Fire Guardian issuing the Fire Permit but shall not exceed a period of three (3) days.
- 11.6. A Fire Permit shall not be transferable to another property or individual.

- 11.7. All Fire Permits are to be applied for and approved through the online Fire Permit Program, found on Vulcan County's website.
- 11.8. The permit holder shall have a copy of the Fire Permit at the fire location and shall be able to produce it upon request by a fire official acting in the performance of their duties.
- 11.9. Where an emergency or a potential emergency exists, the Regional Fire Chief, the Deputy Regional Fire Chief, the District Fire Chief, the Fire Guardian, or their designate shall be empowered to suspend all structural fires, incinerator fires, Outdoor Fires, or any outdoor camping fire lit for cooking or warming purposes within all or portions of the County for such a period of time and on such conditions as may be determined by the above above-said persons.

12. FIRE PERMIT EXEMPTIONS

- 12.1. A Fire Permit is not required under this Bylaw for the following;
 - (a) A Recreation Fire that is contained in a barbeque or fire pit provided that:
 - i. A minimum of 3.3 meters of clearance from buildings, property lines, and combustible material is maintained;
 - ii. the barbeque or fire pit is constructed of bricks or concrete blocks, or heavy gauge metal, or other suitable non-combustible material;
 - iii. the barbeque or fire pit is supervised until such time as the fire has been completely extinguished. For the purpose of this clause, a fire is deemed to include hot ashes and smoldering embers resulting from the fire; and
 - iv. only wood, charcoal briquettes, manufactured fire logs, fireplace pellets, propane, or natural gas is used for/in:
 - a) a portable appliance;
 - b) a Burning Barrel Fire;
 - (b) An Outdoor Fire where:
 - i. The fire is an attended fire in an Acceptable Fire Pit in a designated Campground.
 - ii. The fire is totally confined within a non-combustible structure (burn barrel) or container that has the draft and smoke vents covered with heavy gauge metal screen having a mesh size

which is ventilated in such a manner as to preclude the escape of combustible materials and the container is located on a non-combustible surface that extends a minimum of 61 cm (24") or to a distance around the container equal or greater than the height of the container. A minimum of 3.3 meters (10 feet) clearance from buildings, property lines, and combustible materials is maintained;

- iii. The fire is a flare stack used in the petroleum industry;
- iv. The fire has been set by the Fire Services for the purpose of training firefighters or for hazard reduction;
- v. The fire has been set for the purpose of cooking or obtaining warmth;
- vi. Burning is conducted by the Fire Department or by Alberta Environmental Protection for the purpose of fire hazard abatement;
- vii. The fire is a Smudge Fire.

(c) Any industrial or commercial incinerator regulated under the *Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act*.

13. FIREWORKS

- 13.1. No person shall sell, offer for sale or store for the purpose of sale, Consumer Fireworks or Display Fireworks in the County without first obtaining a Fireworks Permit.
- 13.2. No person shall possess, handle, discharge, fire or set off Consumer Fireworks or Display Fireworks in the County without first obtaining a Fireworks Permit.
- 13.3. No person other than an individual who has a valid Display Supervisor or Pyro Technician card issued pursuant to the *Explosive Act (Canada)* shall possess, handle, discharge, fire or set off Display Fireworks in the County.
- 13.4. A Display Supervisor or Pyro Technician shall apply, in writing, to the Regional Fire Chief, the Deputy Regional Fire Chief, the District Fire Chief or the Fire Guardian, a minimum of fourteen (14) calendar days prior to the proposed Display Fireworks display for a Fireworks Permit. The application must address all information required by the *Explosive Act (Canada)*, the National Fire Code Alberta ED, including, but not limited to:

- (a) date, time and location of the proposed display;
- (b) names, addresses and certification numbers of all Display Supervisors or Pyro Technicians and assistants participating in the display;
- (c) the name of the sponsor or purchaser of the display;
- (d) a full description of the planned display and a list of all materials to be fired, detonated, burnt or energized during the display;
- (e) the emergency plan of the display;
- (f) verification of liability insurance, in an amount acceptable to the County; and
- (g) any other information deemed necessary by the County, Regional Fire Chief or District Chief.

13.5. The Regional Fire Chief, the Deputy Regional Fire Chief, District Fire Chief or the Fire Guardian, may impose such conditions and restrictions on the Fireworks Permit as they deem appropriate. Such conditions and restrictions may include, but are not limited to:

- (a) time of day;
- (b) days of the week;
- (c) duration of display;
- (d) geographic location;
- (e) requirements for notification of affected residents;
- (f) on-site fire suppression materials and resources; and
- (g) safety precautions to mitigate danger or nuisance to any person or property.

13.6. The Regional Fire Chief, the Deputy Regional Fire Chief, District Fire Chief, or the Fire Guardian may choose not to issue a Fireworks Permit or revoke a Fireworks Permit that has been issued if, in their opinion, such a display may create a risk to life, safety or property. Others reason why a Fireworks Permit may not be issued or revoked:

- (a) non-compliance with:

- i. the National Fire Code Alberta ED;
- ii. the *Explosive Act* (Canada); or
- iii. the Fireworks Permit.

(b) changes in environmental conditions.

14. FIRE BANS

14.1. A fire restriction or ban may be issued to restrict or temporarily ban types of fire used within Vulcan County because of high fire danger. Each fire restriction or ban will include a list of prohibited fire uses such as Fire Pits, chimneys, barbeques, Outdoor Fires, and other forms of open flame devices.

14.2. Notwithstanding the provisions in any other Bylaw, the Regional Fire Chief may, upon receiving input from any of the District Fire Chiefs of the Fire Departments serving the County, declare a Fire Ban on burning of any kind within the County. In the absence of the Regional Fire Chief, the CAO, acting on the recommendation of the District Fire Chief, or the Reeve and two Councillors (collectively), may also declare a Fire Ban within the County.

14.3. Two types of Fire Bans may be implemented:

- (a) a complete ban – no fires;
- (b) a partial ban – no fires except for approved cooking appliances and campfires in designated fire sites within campgrounds.

14.4. When determining whether to declare a Fire Ban within the County, consideration shall be given to any or all of the following factors:

- (a) levels of recent precipitation;
- (b) future weather forecasts;
- (c) water shortages or restrictions;
- (d) availability of fire crews, equipment and apparatus;
- (e) the overall fire danger including fire load and level of ground fuels;
- (f) the amount of, or increase in, recent outside fires; and
- (g) recommendation of District Fire Chiefs within the County.

- 14.5. The County authorizes the Regional Fire Chief, CAO or the Reeve and two Councillors (in the absence of the Director of Protective Services) the authority to remove any Fire Ban when conditions warrant.
- 14.6. When a Fire Ban is in effect, any person who contravenes the Fire Ban may be subject to the fines established within this Bylaw.
- 14.7. A Fire Ban may be imposed for the entire County or portions of the County.
- 14.8. Notice of a Fire Ban shall be provided to the public and will be posted on the County's website and social media accounts. Notice may also be in the form of signs posted throughout the County, through a public service message on the local radio stations, or by any other means which the CAO determines appropriate.
- 14.9. When a Fire Ban has been imposed, Fire Permits issued in accordance with this Bylaw are deemed to be cancelled and all existing fires that the Fire Ban applies to are to be extinguished.
- 14.10. For the duration of a Fire Ban, all Fire Departments within the County are authorized to extinguish any fire that the Fire Ban applies to, whether controlled or not, within the area subject to the Fire Ban.

15. CONTROL OF FIRE HAZARDS

- 15.1. Inspection Officers shall be given access at reasonable hours to both private and public land for the purpose of inspecting the property to determine whether a fire hazard exists.
- 15.2. No person shall light an Outdoor Fire, incinerator fire, Burning Barrel Fire, Recreation Fire, Smudge Fire or structural fire without first taking sufficient precautions to ensure that the fire can be kept under control at all times.
- 15.3. If an Inspection Officer determines, at their sole discretion, that a fire hazard exists on private or public land, the CAO may order the Owner or Occupant of the land on which the fire hazard exists to reduce or remove the hazard within a specified period of time and in a manner prescribed by the CAO.
- 15.4. No person shall set, permit or maintain any fire at any time of the year such that the smoke emitted from the fire impairs visibility on a highway, or which in the sole discretion of an Inspection Officer,

becomes a nuisance or safety concern on any highway or property. The person, who set, permitted or maintained such a fire shall extinguish the fire immediately upon the order of an Inspection Officer.

- 15.5. If an order pursuant to Sections 14.3 or 14.4 has not been carried out within the time specified, the County may enter the land with any equipment or personnel it considers necessary and perform any work required to reduce or remove the fire or smoke hazard.
- 15.6. The Owner or Occupant in which work was performed by the County pursuant to Section 14.5 shall, on demand, reimburse the County for the cost of the work performed, and in default of payment, the amount levied and unpaid shall be added to the tax roll of the subject parcel of land.

16. ILLEGAL FIRES

- 16.1. Any Enforcement Officer or Member may extinguish an Illegal Fire using whatever apparatus, equipment or procedure at his or her sole discretion may be deemed appropriate.
- 16.2. The Owner or Occupant on which work was performed by the County pursuant to Section 15.1, shall, on demand, reimburse the County for the cost of the work performed, and in default of payment, the amount levied and unpaid shall be added to the tax roll of the subject parcel of land.

17. RECOVERY OF COSTS

- 17.1. Where a Fire Department has taken any action whatsoever for the purpose of providing fire protection and emergency response services in or outside of the County, the County may charge any fees and costs so incurred to any or all of the following persons, namely:
 - (a) the person or persons causing or contributing to the fire; or
 - (b) the Owner or Occupant of the parcel of land or any other thing in respect to which the action was taken and all persons charged are jointly and severally liable for payment of the fees and costs to the County.
- 17.2. The fees and costs to be charged by the County for fire protection and emergency response services rendered are contained in Vulcan County's Fees for Service Bylaw.

- 17.3. Fees or costs levied or charged under this Bylaw may be recovered by the County as an amount due and owing to the County, and in the event that the amount due and owing is not paid within sixty (60) days of mailing of the invoice, collection of unpaid amounts may be undertaken by civil action in a court of competent jurisdiction, and any civil action does not invalidate any lien which the County is entitled to on the parcel of land in respect of which the indebtedness incurred.
- 17.4. The Owner of a parcel of land within the County to which fire protection and emergency response services are provided, is liable for fees and costs so incurred and the County may add to the tax roll of the parcel of land all unpaid amounts, which forms a special lien against the parcel of land in favour of the County from the date the amount was added to the tax roll.

18. OFFENCES

- 18.1. No person shall:
- (a) contravene any provision of this Bylaw;
 - (b) provide false, incomplete or misleading information to any person authorized to carry out duties authorized by this Bylaw;
 - (c) interfere with the efforts of any person authorized to carry out duties authorized by this Bylaw;
 - (d) damage or destroy any Fire Department apparatus or equipment;
 - (e) at an Incident, drive a vehicle over any Fire Department equipment without permission of the Incident Commander;
 - (f) falsely represent themselves as a Member or wear or display any Fire Department clothing, badge, insignia or other paraphernalia for the purpose of such false representation;
 - (g) light an Outdoor Fire or Structure Fire unless they are a holder of a Fire Permit if required under this Bylaw or the *Forest and Prairie Protection Act*;
 - (h) contravene any condition of a Fire Permit when lighting a fire or conducting a burn;
 - (i) burn Prohibited Debris;

- (j) set, permit or maintain any fire such that the smoke emitted from the fire impairs visibility on a highway, or which in the sole discretion of an Inspection Officer, becomes a nuisance or safety concern on any highway or to neighbouring persons or property;
- (k) let a fire burn out of control so as to threaten or cause damage to adjacent property;
- (l) light a fire without first taking sufficient precautions to ensure that the fire can be kept under control at all times;
- (m) fail to take reasonable steps to control a fire for the purpose of preventing it from spreading onto neighbouring property;
- (n) affix any tool or other device to a fire hydrant or paint or otherwise tamper with a fire hydrant without prior approval from the County;
- (o) fail to extinguish a fire once a Fire Ban has been imposed;
- (p) allow any fire to be lit upon land that is owned or occupied by the person or under their control except when such fire is permitted by this Bylaw;
- (q) light a Burning Barrel Fire:
 - i. without the fire being contained in a non-combustible structure or container, or
 - ii. without the structure or container being covered with a spark arrester mesh screen made of expanded metal (or equivalent) with openings no larger than 13 millimeters (1/2") to contain sparks over the fire at all times;
 - iii. in a multi-lot residential, commercial or industrial subdivision or in a Hamlet;
- (r) sell, offer for sale or store for the purpose of sale, Consumer Fireworks or Display Fireworks in the County without first obtaining a Fireworks Permit;
- (s) possess, handle, discharge, fire or set off Consumer Fireworks or Display Fireworks in the County without first obtaining a Fireworks Permit.

19. VIOLATION TAGS

- 19.1. An Enforcement Officer is hereby authorized and empowered to issue a Violation Tag to any person whom the Enforcement Officer

has reasonable and probable grounds to believe has contravened any provision of this Bylaw.

19.2. A Violation Tag may be issued to such person:

- (a) personally;
- (b) by regular mail sent to the postal address of the person as shown on the tax assessment roll or on the certificate of title for the property; or
- (c) by leaving it with a person over eighteen (18) years of age at the place of residency of the person to whom the Violation Tag is addressed.

19.3. The Violation Tag shall be in a form approved by the CAO and shall state:

- (a) the name of the person to whom the Violation Tag is issued;
- (b) a description of the offence and the applicable Bylaw section;
- (c) the specified penalty for the offence;
- (d) that the penalty shall be paid within thirty (30) days of the issuance of the Violation Tag in order to avoid prosecution;
- (e) and any other information as may be required by the CAO.

20. VIOLATION TICKETS

20.1. In the event a Violation Tag has been issued and the specified penalty has not been paid within the prescribed time, an Enforcement Officer may issue a Violation Ticket, pursuant to Part 2 of the *Provincial Offences Procedure Act*, to the person to whom the Violation Tag was issued.

20.2. Notwithstanding Section 19.1, an Enforcement Officer may immediately issue a Violation Ticket to any person whom the Enforcement Officer has reasonable and probable grounds to believe has contravened any provision of this Bylaw.

20.3. If a Violation Ticket is issued in respect of an offence, the Violation Ticket may:

- (a) specify the fine amount established by this Bylaw for the offence: or

(b) require a person to appear in court without the alternative of making a voluntary payment.

20.4. A Violation Ticket issued with respect to a contravention of any provision of this Bylaw shall be served upon the person responsible for the contravention in accordance with the *Provincial Offences Procedure Act*.

20.5. The person to whom a Violation Ticket with a specified penalty has been issued may plead guilty by making a voluntary payment in respect of the summons by delivering to the Provincial Court, on or before the initial appearance date, the Violation Ticket together in amount equal to the specified penalty.

20.6. When a clerk records in the court records the receipt of a voluntary payment pursuant to Section 19.5 and the *Provincial Offences Procedure Act*, the act of recording receipt of that payment constitutes acceptance of the guilty plea and constitutes the conviction and the imposition of a fine in the amount of the specified penalty.

21. SEVERABILITY

21.1. Should any section or part of this Bylaw be found to have been improperly enacted, for any reason, such section or part shall be regarded as being severable from the rest of the Bylaw and the Bylaw remaining after such severance shall be effective and enforceable as if the section or part found to be improperly enacted had not been enacted as part of this Bylaw.

22. EFFECTIVE DATE

22.1. This Bylaw shall be in effect on the date of the final passing thereof.

23. REPEAL

23.1. This Bylaw repeals Bylaw 2017-003.

READ a first time on this 17th day of May, 2023.
READ a second time on this 17th day of May, 2023.
READ a third time and passed on this 17th day of May, 2023.

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Jason Schneider, Reeve

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Nels Petersen, CAO

SCHEDULE 'A' – FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATIONS

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1. The purpose of this part is to provide provisions addressing the role, responsibilities and authority of the Fire Protection Associations which continue to operate within the County.
- 1.2. At the time that a Fire Protection Association decides to become regionalized, and Fire Response Service is provided by the County's Fire Departments and Vulcan County Emergency Services, this part will cease to apply to that Fire District and the Fire Protection Association previously authorized to provide Fire Service Response within that Fire District will no longer have such authorization.

2. DEFINITIONS

- 2.1. "**Approved Budget**" means the capital and operating budgets of the Fire Protection Associations, as approved by Council from time to time;
- 2.2. "**Assistance Call**" means a request for Fire Service Response in an area outside the Fire Protection Area assigned to that Fire Protection Association made by:
 - a) the County
 - b) a County Fire Department
 - c) the Regional Fire Chief
 - d) another Fire Protection Association, or
 - e) another municipality that has a Mutual Aid or Fire Protection Service Agreement with the County.
- 2.3. "**District Fire Association Chief**" means that person who meets the requirements of "District Chief" in the SOGs and appointed by the Fire Protection Association into the position;
- 2.4. "**District Fire Department**" means a Fire Department operated by a Fire Protection Association and includes the District Fire Association Chief and all Members;
- 2.5. "**Fire Protection Association**" means an organization incorporated pursuant to the *Societies Act*, R.S.A. 2000 Chapter S-14 for the purpose of providing Fire Service Response within the County and includes the **Northwest Fire Protection Association** and the **Milo Fire Protection Association**, together with their

respective District Fire Departments. A Fire Protection Association is a "fire service organization" as defined in Section 535.2(a)(iv) of the *Municipal Government Act*, R.S.A. 2000 Chapter M-26;

- 2.6. "**Fire Protection Area**" means those areas set out in Schedule C to this Bylaw;
- 2.7. "**Fire Service Agreement**" means a written agreement between the County and a Fire Protection Association setting out the terms and conditions of the provision of Fire Service Response by the Fire Protection Association to the County;
- 2.8. "**Funding Amounts**" means the amount of funding provided by Vulcan County, as approved by Council, for use in a calendar year.
- 2.9. "**Level of Service**" means that level of service prescribed in the SOG's and Vulcan County Policy 21-1007, Emergency Services Level of Service, as may be amended or replaced from time to time;
- 2.10. "**Member**" means a member of a District Fire Department including but not limited to paid on call and volunteer firefighters. A Member is a "firefighter" as defined in Section 535.2(b) of the *Municipal Government Act*, R.S.A. 2000 Chapter M-26; and,
- 2.11. "**SOG's**" means the County's Fire Service Standard Operating Guidelines and the Rules and Regulations Manual, as adopted by the County from time to time.
- 2.12. All other defined terms as set out in Part 1 of this Bylaw shall also apply.

3. FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION AUTHORIZATION

- 3.1. The Fire Protection Associations are authorized to provide Fire Service Response within the County in accordance with the terms of this Bylaw, any applicable Fire Service Agreement, the Level of Service, the Standard Operating Guidelines and all applicable Federal, Provincial and County legislation, regulations, bylaws, and guidelines including but not limited to the *Occupational Health & Safety Act* R.S.A. 2000 Chapter O-2 and its regulations, and the Work Safe Alberta Bulletin "Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) Guide for Firefighting".
- 3.2. Northwest Fire Protection Association is authorized to provide Fire Service Response within the Northwest Area shown on Schedule "C" as well as other areas of the County as may be requested by

the Regional Fire Chief, the Deputy Regional Fire Chief, or another District Fire Association Chief, from time to time;

- 3.3. Milo Fire Protection Association is authorized to provide Fire Service Response within the Milo Area shown on Schedule "C" as well as other areas of the County as may be requested by the Regional Fire Chief, the Deputy Regional Fire, Chief, or another District Fire Association Chief, from time to time;
- 3.4. All Fire Protection Associations are authorized to provide Fire Service Response in response to an Assistance Call.
- 3.5. The provisions of this Bylaw, the Level of Service and the SOG's are binding on the Fire Protection Associations in their provision of Fire Service Response within the County.
- 3.6. Fire Protection Associations are required to maintain an active status pursuant to the *Societies Act* R.S.A. 2000 Chapter S-14. Failure to maintain an active status pursuant to the *Societies Act*, will result in the Fire Protection Association no longer having the authorization to provide Fire Service Response within the County as provided within this Bylaw; Fire Service Response within the Association's Fire Protection Area would therefore be provided by County Fire Departments or as otherwise deemed appropriate by Council.

4. FIRE SERVICE AGREEMENTS

- 4.1. Subject to ratification by Council, the CAO is authorized to negotiate Fire Service Agreements with the Fire Protection Associations.

5. REGIONAL FIRE CHIEF

- 5.1. All District Fire Departments are subject to the direction and authority of the Regional Fire Chief with respect to ensuring compliance with this Bylaw.

6. DISTRICT FIRE ASSOCIATION CHIEF

- 6.1. The District Fire Association Chiefs have the same authority and responsibility as District Chiefs in Section 7 of this Bylaw.
- 6.2. The District Fire Association Chiefs shall be jointly responsible to the Regional Fire Chief as well as the applicable Fire Association

for the performance of their duties pursuant to this Bylaw and other applicable policies and SOGs of the County.

7. ASSISTANCE CALLS

7.1. Where in the reasonable opinion of the District Fire Association Chief, additional assistance is required to respond to an Incident in the Fire Protection Area, the District Fire Association Chief may request such other additional personnel, apparatus or equipment through the Regional Dispatch Centre, or from any of the following organizations in the following order of priority as set out below:

- a) County Fire Department and/or Fire Protection Association within the County;
- b) another municipality which is a party to an existing Fire Protection Service Agreement or Mutual Aid Agreement with the Fire Protection Association or the County;
- c) where no such Fire Protection Service Agreement or Mutual Aid Agreement exists, the next closest municipality; or,
- d) private individuals, companies or services providers.

8. FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION BUDGET AND EXPENDITURES

8.1. Each Fire Protection Association which requests funding from the County must submit operating and capital budgets to the County for Council's consideration and approval no later than October 1 of each calendar year for the subsequent year.

8.2. Council retains the full discretion to approve in whole or in part, or disallow the Fire Protection Association's budget request, as Council deems appropriate.

8.3. All capital cost funding requests shall be subject to all applicable County policies.

8.4. All capital purchases shall be coordinated with the Regional Fire Chief prior to submitting the funding request to Council for approval.

8.5. All capital items purchased, funded wholly or in part by the County, shall be in the name of the Association where a service agreement is in place between the County and that Association. In the event that the Association ceases to provide service, the capital assets

will be sold back to the County for the sum of \$1.00. Assets purchased by the County for that particular District shall remain in primary service to the District regardless of ownership.

- 8.6. The Fire Protection Associations are responsible to utilize all funding amounts provided by the County (the "Funding Amounts") in accordance with the Approved Budget. Any portion of the Funding Amounts expended by the Fire Protection Association other than in accordance with the Approved Budget becomes immediately repayable to the County unless otherwise approved by Council.
- 8.7. Any portion of the Funding Amounts not utilized by a Fire Protection Association in the calendar year for which the Funding Amount was approved is:
 - a) immediately returnable to the County, unless otherwise approved by Council; or,
 - b) subsequent to an advertisement by the County in accordance with Section 386(2) of the *Municipal Government Act*, any unused portion of the Funding Amounts not utilized within the calendar year for which the Funding Amount was approved will be rolled forward as operating income in the next calendar year, decreasing the amount of eligible funding from the County for that calendar year in the same amount as the amount rolled forward.
- 8.8. Requests to use the Funding Amounts for a purpose not authorized by the Approved Budget or to use the Funding Amounts in a calendar year other than the year for which the Funding Amount was approved must be made to Council in writing together with the reasons for the request. Council has full and unfettered discretion to approve the request, approve the request subject to modifications, or deny the request.
- 8.9. Within sixty (60) days of receipt of a request from the County, a Fire Protection Association shall provide the County with a written report in a form satisfactory to the County detailing the manner in which the Funding Amounts were utilized. The Fire Protection Association is responsible to demonstrate to the reasonable satisfaction of the County that the Fire Protection Association utilized the Funding Amounts in accordance with the Approved Budget for that calendar year.
- 8.10. The Fire Protection Associations shall keep and maintain, according to generally accepted accounting principles and practices consistently applied, full, complete and detailed records, books and documents relating to the Funding Amounts and present them to the County no later than May 1 of each calendar

year for the previous year and within 30 days of receipt of a written request by the County.

- 8.11. The County may require that any such report, records, books and documents provided in accordance with Sections 8.9 and 8.11 of this Schedule A be reviewed by the County's auditors. Upon request by the County, the Fire Protection Association will provide further details on any particular aspect of any such report, record, book and other document.
- 8.12. Funding Amounts shall not be released to the Fire Protection Associations until all financial documentation which has been previously requested by the County has been received by the County.

SCHEDULE 'B' – SPECIFIED PENALTIES

Bylaw Section	Offence	1 st Offence Penalty	2 nd Offence Penalty	Subsequent Offences
14.6	When a Fire Ban is in effect, any person who contravenes the Fire Ban may be subject to the fines established.	\$500	\$1,000	\$2,000
18.1(a)	Contravene any provision of this Bylaw that does not have a specified penalty indicated.	\$250	\$500	\$1,000
18.1(b)	Provide false, incomplete, or misleading information to any person authorized to carry out duties authorized by this Bylaw.	\$500	\$1,000	\$2,500
18.1(c)	Interfere with efforts of any person authorized to carry out duties authorized by this Bylaw.	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$5,000
18.1(d)	Damage or destroy any fire department apparatus or equipment.	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$5,000
18.1(e)	At an incident, drive a vehicle over any Fire Department Equipment without permission of the Incident Commander.	\$250	\$500	\$1,000
18.1(f)	Falsely represent themselves as a Member or wear or display any Fire Department clothing, badge, insignia or other paraphernalia for the purpose of such false representation.	\$500	\$1,000	\$2,500
18.1(g)	Light an Outdoor Fire or Structure Fire unless they are a holder of a Fire Permit if required under this Bylaw or the <i>Forest and Prairie Protection Act</i> .	\$250	\$500	\$1,000
18.1(h)	Contravene any condition of a Fire Permit when lighting a fire or conducting a burn.	\$250	\$500	\$1,000
18.1(i)	Burn Prohibited Debris.	\$250	\$500	\$1,000
18.1(j)	Set, permit or maintain any fire such that smoke emitted from the fire impairs visibility on a highway, or which in the sole discretion	\$250	\$500	\$1,000

	of an Inspection Officer, becomes a nuisance or safety concern on any highway or to neighbouring persons or property.			
18.1(k)	Let a fire burn out of control so as to threaten or cause damage to adjacent property.	\$250	\$500	\$1,000
18.1(l)	Light a fire without first taking sufficient precautions to ensure that the fire can be kept under control at all times.	\$250	\$500	\$1,000
18.1(m)	Fail to take reasonable steps to control a fire for the purpose of preventing it from spreading onto a neighbouring property.	\$500	\$1,000	\$2,500
18.1(n)	Affix any tool or other device to a fire hydrant or paint or otherwise tamper with a fire hydrant without approval from the County.	\$500	\$1,000	\$2,500
18.1(o)	Fail to extinguish a fire once a Fire Ban has been imposed.	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$5,000
18.1(p)	Allow any fire to be lit upon land that is owned or occupied by the person or under their control except when such fire is permitted by this Bylaw.	\$250	\$500	\$1,000
18.1(q)	Light a Burning Barrel Fire without the fire being contained in a non-combustible structure or container or without the structure or container being covered with a spark arrester mesh screen made of expanded metal (or equivalent) with openings no larger than 13 millimeter (1/2") to contain sparks over the fire at all times; or in a multi-lot residential, commercial or industrial subdivision or in a Hamlet.	\$250	\$500	\$1,000
17.1(r)	Sell, offer for sale or store for the purpose of sale, Consumer Fireworks or Display Fireworks in the County without first obtaining a Fireworks Permit.	\$250	\$500	\$1,000

18.1(s)	Possess, handle, discharge, fire or set off Consumer Fireworks or Display Fireworks in the County without first obtaining a Fireworks Permit.	\$500	\$1000	\$1,500
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SCHEDULE 'C' – FIRE DISTRICTS

