

**FALSE ALARMS BYLAW, AMENDMENT BYLAW (NO. 1)**

A BYLAW OF THE CITY OF VICTORIA

The purpose of this Bylaw is to amend the False Alarms Bylaw to update it in accordance with current practices and standards.

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Under its statutory powers, including sections 8(3)(g), 8(3)(h), and 196(1) of the *Community Charter*, the Council of the Corporation of the City of Victoria in a public meeting assembled enacts the following provisions:

**Title**

- 1 This Bylaw may be cited as the “FALSE ALARMS BYLAW, AMENDMENT BYLAW (NO. 1)”.

**Amendments**

- 2 Bylaw No. 10-073, the False Alarms Bylaw, is amended as follows:
  - (a) in section 2, at the definition of “Fire Department”, by inserting “City of” immediately before “Victoria”;
  - (b) in section 7, by repealing subsection (2) and substituting the following:
    - “(2) When an Alarm System has been activated and neither the owner or occupier of the real property at which the Alarm System is activated can be reached or is able to attend the premises, and there are no keys or other method of access for the Fire Department, the Fire Department may forcibly enter the premises to determine the cause of the Alarm, and the Fire Department may take any of the following actions at the cost of the owner or occupier of the premises:
      - (a) secure the premises; and
      - (b) provide twenty-four hour security until the building can be secured.”;
  - (c) in section 8(1), by striking out “in any 12 month period” and substituting “within a calendar year”; and
  - (d) in section 10, by striking out “\$10,000.00” and substituting “\$50,000.00”.

**Commencement**

3 This Bylaw comes into force on adoption.

READ A FIRST TIME the **15<sup>th</sup>** day of **April** 2021

READ A SECOND TIME the **15<sup>th</sup>** day of **April** 2021

READ A THIRD TIME the **15<sup>th</sup>** day of **April** 2021

ADOPTED on the **22<sup>nd</sup>** day of **April** 2021

CITY CLERK

MAYOR