


**A BYLAW OF THE RM OF MEADOW LAKE #588 TO PROVIDE FOR FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION, THE SUPPRESSION OF FIRE, AND ASSESSING AND LEVYING THE COST OF SAME**

- 1. Definitions**
  - a. For the purpose of this Bylaw:
    - i. “Municipal Inspector or designate” means a municipal inspector or designate as defined in The Fire Safety Act.
    - ii. “Rural Municipality” means the Rural Municipality of Meadow Lake #588.
- 2. Prohibitions – no person shall**
  - a. Start any outdoor fire for any purpose without first taking sufficient precautions to ensure that the fire can be kept under control at all times;
  - b. Start any outdoor fire for any purpose when weather conditions are conducive to a fire’s readily escaping control;
  - c. Fail to take reasonable steps to control a fire for the purpose of preventing it from spreading;
  - d. Deposit, discard or leave any burning matter or substance in a place where it might ignite other matter and result in a fire’s spreading;
  - e. Conduct any activity that involves the use of a fire or that might reasonably be expected to cause a fire to spread, unless he exercises reasonable care to prevent a fire from spreading;
  - f. Leave the place where he has started an outdoor fire without fully extinguishing the fire.
- 3. Fire Hazards**
  - a. Where a municipal inspector or designate finds conditions which, in his opinion, constitute a fire hazard endangering life or property, he may order the owner or occupant of the land on which the conditions exists to reduce or remove the hazard within a fixed period and in any manner that the municipal inspector or designate prescribes in writing.
  - b. Where a municipal inspector or designate finds that the order made pursuant to subsection (a) has not been carried out, he may enter upon the land with any equipment and persons that he considers necessary and may perform the required work to reduce or remove the fire hazard.
  - c. The owner or occupant of the land on which work is performed pursuant to subsection (b) shall, on demand, reimburse the rural municipality for the cost of the work performed, and that cost is a debt due to the rural municipality, is payable on demand and may be recovered in any court of competent jurisdiction or in accordance with paragraph 6 of this bylaw.
- 4. Powers RE: Extreme Fire Hazards**
  - a. Where, in the opinion of the municipal inspector or designate, an extreme fire hazard exists or the safety of persons or property is endangered by a prairie fire or forest fire, the municipal inspector or designate may by order, do any or all of the following:
    - i. Prohibit the setting or propagation of any fire or type of fire within a specified area;
    - ii. Require the evacuation of any area; or
    - iii. Prohibit entry into or occupation of any area
  - b. The municipal inspector or designate shall cause an order made pursuant to subsection (a) to be published in a daily or weekly newspaper that is widely circulated in the vicinity of the area.
  - c. No person shall fail to comply with an order made pursuant to subsection (a).
- 5. Fire Fighting**
  - a. Where a fire is burning in the rural municipality, the rural municipality may, subject to the availability of personnel and equipment, take any action that is necessary to control and extinguish the fire.
- 6. Assessing and Levying Costs**

- a. The cost of the fire fighting services, including fire prevention and fire suppression, provided by the rural municipality shall be assessed and levied, at the discretion of council;
    - i. Throughout the municipality or in any specified area of the municipality;
    - ii. In part throughout the municipality or in any specified area of the municipality, and in part by charging directly a portion of the cost to persons who receive the service; or
    - iii. Directly on persons who receive the service.
7. Any amount with respect to fire fighting services provided to a person within the municipality pursuant to paragraph 6 hereof that remains unpaid at the end of the year in which the service was provided shall at the end of that year be added to and form part of these taxes on any land, improvement or business owned by that person.
8. **Penalty**
- a. \$10,000.00 in the case of an individual with \$5,000.00 for each day or part of a day during which the offence continues;
  - b. \$25,000.00 in the case of a corporation with \$10,000.00 for each day or part of a day during which the offence continues;
9. Fires levied pursuant to paragraph 7 may be paid to the Administrator within 30 days of notice thereof, and on payment so provided, the person contravening the bylaw shall not be liable to prosecution for the offense.
10. Bylaw #10/06 is hereby Repealed.

  
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 RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MEADOW LAKE  
 INCORPORATED 1976  
 ADMINISTRATOR

Read a first time this 11<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2016  
 Read a second time this 11<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2016  
 Read a third time and passed this 11<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2016

 Certified a true copy of Bylaw 7/16  
 as passed by resolution of Council on July 11/2016  
 Administrator