


BYLAW NO 2024-02

A BYLAW TO RECOVER PROTECTIVE SERVICES COSTS


The Council of the Rural Municipality of Aberdeen No. 373 in the Province of Saskatchewan enacts as follows:

1. This Bylaw may be referred to as the Fire Charges Bylaw.
2. In this bylaw:
 - a) "Administrator" shall mean the administrator of the municipality;
 - b) "Council" shall mean the council of the municipality; and
 - c) "Municipality" shall mean the Rural Municipality of Aberdeen No. 373
2. The cost of fire prevention, suppression, false alarm response services, and emergency response services shall be charged directly on to the owner and/or occupant of the parcel(s) of land in which the fire was ignited in accordance with Schedule "A" which is attached to and forming part of this Bylaw.
3. The costs mentioned in Section 2 shall be payable directly to the Municipality.
4. The Administrator shall be authorized to add to the taxes of any property owned by the person referenced in Section 3 of this bylaw any amount which remains unpaid at the end of the calendar year or 90 days after the person has been invoiced for said services, whichever is earlier, in accordance with *The Municipalities Act*. Any amount added to the taxes shall be added as arrears and shall be subject to penalty and interest charges.





Mayor / Reeve



Administrator

Read a third time and adopted
this 9 day of May, 2024



Administrator

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SCHEDULE "A"

For both the Aberdeen & District Fire & Rescue and the Blucher Aberdeen Fire Department, the minimum call-out rate shall be set at \$1,000.00 for each Fire Department dispatched within the limits of the RM of Aberdeen No. 373.

Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, all costs for supplies used such as suppression foam or water shall also be charged in addition to the minimum call-out rate.

Call out rates for responding outside of the limits of the RM of Aberdeen No. 373 shall be invoiced in accordance with the applicable joint use or mutual aid agreements.

Additional service providers may be called upon by the Fire Chief, his/her designate, or on-site incident commander, if, in their opinion, back up or additional equipment is necessary for the suppression of the fire. Any charges incurred by the municipality as a result of additional service providers being called upon shall be invoiced, in full, to the property owner.

R.M. equipment, such as a grader, if deemed necessary by the on-site incident commander, may be requested by contacting the RM Foreman to assist in the fire suppression activity. The use of the R.M. equipment may be charged out at the current year's custom work rates.

In addition to the above, the Municipality has the discretionary power to waive or discount the fees in a consistent manner to their own ratepayers.

In the event of a Controlled Burn that was not reported to the Municipal Office and/or the Provincial Fire Hotline 1-866-404-4911 results in Fire Protective Services being dispatched, the minimum call-out rate shall apply and be charged directly on to the owner and/or occupant of the parcel(s) of land in which the fire was ignited.

No maximum charge shall be prescribed. Ratepayers are encouraged to discuss appropriate firefighting coverage with their insurance provider.