

CITY OF TERRACE
CONSOLIDATED FOR CONVENIENCE
BYLAW NO. 1373-1994
AND AMENDING BYLAW NO. 1517-1996

**"A BYLAW TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGULATION OF
SECURITY ALARM SYSTEMS IN THE CITY OF TERRACE"**

WHEREAS Section 726 of the Municipal Act provides that Council may establish fees to be paid by the owner or occupier of real property to which policing services are provided in response to a false alarm of a security alarm system;

AND WHEREAS excessive numbers of false alarms are being permitted to occur by some of the owners or users of security alarm systems;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the City of Terrace, in open meeting assembled, hereby enacts as follows:

1.0 **DEFINITIONS:**

For the purpose of this bylaw:

"Alarm Service Technician" means a technician who is licenced under the Private Investigators and Security Agencies Act;

"City" means the Corporation of the City of Terrace;

Amended by **"Excessive False Alarm - Residential"** means the fourth (4th) and subsequent
#1517-1996 false alarm occurring in any calendar year, as recorded by the R.C.M.P.;

Added by **"Excessive False Alarm - Non - Residential"** – means the fifth (5th)
#1517-1996 and subsequent false alarm occurring in any calendar year, as recorded by the R.C.M.P.

"False Alarm" means the activation of a security alarm system, as a result of which R.C.M.P. services are provided by or on behalf of the City, and upon their attendance at the alarm location, the R.C.M.P. do not find any evidence of criminal activity or unauthorized entry;

"Licenced Alarm Company" means a business that holds a current licence in one or more of the alarm service categories under the Private Investigators and Security Agencies Act, responsible for the direct sale, installation, maintenance, servicing, inspection or monitoring of a security alarm system;

"R.C.M.P." means the Terrace Detachment of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police;

"Security Alarm System" means a device or devices installed on or in real property and designed to warn of criminal activity or unauthorized entry by activating an audible alarm signal or alerting a monitoring facility.

2.0 **OWNER'S RESPONSIBILITY:**

The owner of a security alarm system shall be responsible for the proper use, maintenance and operation of such system, on or in real property. In order to ensure the prevention of false alarms, it is suggested that the security alarm system be installed by a Licenced Alarm Company, and regularly inspected and maintained by a Certified Alarm Service Technician.

3.0 **CHARGE FOR OCCURRENCE OF EXCESSIVE FALSE ALARMS:**

For each occurrence in any calendar year of an excessive false alarm (as defined in Section 1.0 above), to which the R.C.M.P. respond, the owner of the security alarm system shall be subject to a charge of:

<i>1st Excessive False Alarm</i>	<i>\$100.00</i>
<i>2nd Excessive False Alarm</i>	<i>\$200.00</i>
<i>3rd & Subsequent Excessive False Alarm</i>	<i>\$300.00 for each occurrence</i>

3.0A MAJOR UPGRADES TO SECURITY SYSTEMS: added by #1517-1996

Where a non-residential security system user can prove to the City's and the R.C.M.P.'s satisfaction that a major upgrade to their security alarm system [over five hundred dollars (\$500.00)] has been completed in the current year to address problems being experienced with false alarms, their number of false alarms will be calculated starting from zero (0) for that current year, subsequent to the system upgrade.

4.0 **REPORTING AND INVOICING:**

4.1 *Following the occurrence of an excessive false alarm, the R.C.M.P. shall forward to the City a report advising of the occurrence date, time, location and particulars of the occurrence.*

4.2 *Based on the R.C.M.P. report, the City shall invoice the owner of the security alarm system for the R.C.M.P. response.*

4.3 *An invoice issued under this section shall be due and payable upon receipt.*

5.0 **UNPAID INVOICES:**

Any invoice for an excessive false alarm remaining unpaid at December 31 in any year shall be added to and form part of taxes in arrears on the real property within which the security alarm system is installed.

6.0 CITING CLAUSE:

*This bylaw may be cited as "**City of Terrace Security Alarm Systems Regulation Bylaw No. 1373-1994**".*

BYLAW #1373-1994 READ a first time this 24th day of May, 1994.

BYLAW #1373-1994 READ a second time this 24th day of May, 1994.

BYLAW #1373-1994 READ a third time this 24th day of May, 1994.

BYLAW #1374-1994 ADOPTED this 13th day of June, 1994.

Original signed by "J. Talstra"

Mayor

Original signed by "E.R. Hallsor"

Clerk-Administrator