

**SUMMER VILLAGE OF LARKSPUR  
A BYLAW TO BE KNOWN AS THE FIRE BYLAW**

<b>Bylaw Name:</b>	<b>Fire Bylaw</b>		
<b>Bylaw number</b>	<b>25-15</b>	<b>Date Approved:</b>	<b>July 22, 2025</b>
<b>Reviewed By:</b>		<b>Date Reviewed:</b>	

**WHEREAS** the Municipal Government Act, R.S.A. 2000, c. M-26, as amended, provides that a council may pass bylaws for the safety, health, and welfare of people and the protection of people and property;

**AND WHEREAS** the Council of the Summer Village of Larkspur wishes to regulate and control the use and setting of fires within the Summer Village;

**AND WHEREAS** the Council of the Summer Village of Larkspur wishes to provide for the recovery of fire protection costs incurred by the Summer Village;

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Council of the Summer Village of Larkspur, duly assembled, enacts as follows:

**1. NAME OF BYLAW**

1.1 This Bylaw may be cited as the "Fire Bylaw."

**2. DEFINITIONS**

2.1 In this Bylaw:

- a) "Council" means the Council of the Summer Village of Larkspur.
- b) "CAO" means the Chief Administrative Officer of the Summer Village.
- c) "Designated Officer" means a person appointed under the MGA whose duties include bylaw enforcement.
- d) "Fire" means any combustible material in a state of combustion.
- e) "Fire Department" means any fire or emergency service organization providing service to the Summer Village.
- f) "Fire Department Property" means all property designated for Fire Department use.
- g) "Fire Hazard" means a condition increasing the risk of fire.
- h) "Fire Protection Services" includes prevention, suppression, investigation, and public education.
- i) "Fire Protection Charge" means any costs incurred by the Summer Village in providing Fire Protection Services.
- j) "Illegal Fire" means any fire not permitted by this Bylaw.
- k) "Incident" means any situation where there is danger to life or property to which the Fire Department responds.
- l) "Member" means a member of the Fire Department.

- m) "Officer" means the Fire Chief or Deputy Fire Chief.
- n) "Peace Officer" means as defined in the Provincial Offences Procedure Act.
- o) "Property" means any real or personal property.
- p) "Recreational Fire" means a small, controlled fire for light, warmth, or cooking.
- q) "Running Fire" means a fire not under control.
- r) "Violation Ticket" means a ticket issued under the Provincial Offences Procedure Act.
- s) "Alberta Fire Code" means the current Alberta Fire Code.
- t) "Authority having jurisdiction" means the Fire Chief or delegate.
- u) "Fireworks" includes high and low hazard as defined in the Alberta Fire Code.

### **3. POWERS OF MEMBERS**

#### **3.1 Members may:**

- a) Enter property to extinguish or control fires.
- b) Regulate conduct of the public near fires.

### **4. POWERS OF OFFICERS**

#### **4.1 Officers may:**

- a) Authorize use or commandeering of equipment.
- b) Perform fire suppression activities.
- c) Regulate conduct of the public near fires.

### **5. FIRE PROTECTION CHARGES**

#### **5.1 Costs may be recovered from:**

- a) Persons responsible for the fire.
- b) Owners or occupants of property benefiting from fire services.

#### **5.2 Charges are payable within 60 days.**

#### **5.3 Unpaid charges may be recovered through court or added to the tax roll.**

### **6. FIRE HAZARDS**

#### **6.1 Council may order removal of fire hazards.**

#### **6.2 If the order is not followed, the CAO or Designated Officer may perform the work.**

#### **6.3 Costs may be added to the tax roll.**

### **7. PERMITTED & PROHIBITED FIRES**

#### **7.1 Fires may only be set as permitted by this Bylaw.**

#### **7.2 The burning of brush piles, garbage, structures, or other large/noxious materials is prohibited.**

7.3 Illegal fires must be extinguished immediately or reported to the Fire Department.

## **8. FIRE BANS**

8.1 The CAO may impose a fire ban at the direction of the Regional Fire Chief or in alignment with the Forest Protection Area (FPA) restrictions.

8.2 A fire ban remains in effect until lifted or until a date specified in the notice.

8.3 Notice will be posted at the Summer Village entrance and on AlbertaFireBans.ca. Residents are encouraged to download the Alberta Fire Bans app.

8.4 During a ban, no person shall ignite or allow recreational fires on their property.

8.5 Council may impose additional restrictions by unanimous written agreement.

## **9. GENERAL OFFENSES**

9.1 No person shall:

- a) Contravene this Bylaw.
- b) Leave burning material where it may cause a fire.
- c) Provide false or misleading information.
- d) Obstruct Fire Department members or damage their property.
- e) Falsely represent themselves as a member.
- f) Interfere with firefighting infrastructure.
- g) Allow a recreational fire to become uncontrolled or hazardous.
- h) Cause visibility hazards due to smoke.
- i) Light fires on Summer Village land without written permission.

## **10. PENALTIES**

10.1 Fines shall be as set out in the Summer Village's Fees and Charges Bylaw.

## **11. VIOLATION TICKETS**

11.1 The CAO, Designated Officer, or Peace Officer may issue Violation Tickets for any contravention of this Bylaw.

## **12. LIABILITY**

12.1 Village officials and members of fire services are not liable for actions taken in good faith under this Bylaw.

### **13. GENERAL**

13.1 This Bylaw comes into force on the date of final passing.

13.2 Any invalid portion shall not affect the remainder of the Bylaw.

13.3 This bylaw repeals bylaw 12-1.

Read a first time this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of July, 2025

Read a second time this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of July, 2025

Received Unanimous Consent to proceed to third reading this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of July, 2025

Read a third time and finally passed this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of July, 2025

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Mayor

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Administrator