

# UNCERTIFIED CONSOLIDATION

**BYLAW NO. 389  
OF THE CITY OF LACOMBE  
IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA**

**CONSOLIDATED TO SEPTEMBER 8, 2025**

**A bylaw of the City of Lacombe, in the Province of Alberta, to provide for the establishment and operation of a Fire Department and to provide for the protection and preservation of life and property within the municipality.**

**WHEREAS** the Municipal Government Act RSA, 2000, c. M-26, s. 7(a) provides that a Council of a Municipality may pass bylaws for the safety, health and welfare of people and the protection of people and property;

**WHEREAS** the Municipal Council of the City of Lacombe wishes to establish a fire service within the City of Lacombe and;

**WHEREAS**, the Municipal Council of the City of Lacombe wishes to establish joint fire services with other municipalities;

**NOW THEREFORE** the Council of the City of Lacombe in the Province of Alberta duly assembled enacts as follows:

**SECTION 1 NAME OF BYLAW**

- 1.1 This Bylaw may be cited as "The City of Lacombe Fire Services Bylaw"

**SECTION 2 DEFINITIONS**

- 2.1 In this bylaw:
- a. "Apparatus" shall mean any vehicle provided with machinery, devices, equipment or materials for fighting fires, as well as vehicles used to transport firefighters or supplies.
  - b. "Chief Administrative Officer" shall mean any person appointed as Chief Administrative Officer of the City pursuant to the Municipal Government Act, RSA 2000, c. M-26, and City of Lacombe Bylaw 58, or any person that holds the position in an acting capacity.
  - c. "Chief Officer" shall mean a person whose responsibility is above a company officer's, automatically responding or dispatched beyond initial company assignments, who is in command of the incident. (b.389.1, 09/08/2025)
  - d. "Company Officer" shall mean a fire department member appointed by the Fire Chief or Designate to a supervisory position within the City of Lacombe Fire Department. (b.389.1, 09/08/2025)
  - e. "City" shall mean the City of Lacombe.
  - f. "Council" shall mean the Municipal Council of the City of Lacombe
  - g. "Dangerous Goods" shall mean a product, substance, or organism included by its nature or by the regulations in any of the classes listed in the Dangerous Goods Transportation and Handling Act, RSA 2000, c. D-4.
  - h. "Emergency" shall mean a present or imminent event that requires prompt coordination of action or special regulation of persons or property to protect the health, safety or welfare of people or to limit damage to property.
  - i. "Enforcement Officer" shall mean a Peace Officer or a person appointed by Chief Administrative Officer to enforce the provisions of this Bylaw.
  - j. "Equipment" shall mean any tools, contrivances, devices or materials used by the Fire Department to combat an incident or other emergency.

- k. "False Alarm" shall mean any fire alarm that is set needlessly, through willful or accidental, human or mechanical error, and to which the Fire Department responds and determines there is no incident or emergency.
- l. "Fire Alarm" shall mean any mechanical or electrical device which is designed or used for the detection and alert of heat, smoke, or fire. (b.389.1, 09/08/2025)
- m. "Fire Chief" shall mean the person appointed by the City of Lacombe as a Senior Manager under the provisions of this Bylaw, or designated delegate and who performs the duties and responsibilities as assigned by the Bylaw. (b.389.1, 09/08/2025)
- n. "Fire Department" shall mean the City of Lacombe Fire Department established under this Bylaw. (b.389.1, 09/08/2025)
- o. "First Responder" shall mean those persons who in the course of their normal duties may be the first on the scene of an incident and are trained to recognize that a hazard exists, call for trained personnel and secure the area.
- p. "Fire Protection" shall mean all aspects of fire safety including, but not limited to, fire prevention, fire fighting or suppression, rescue, pre-fire planning, fire investigation, public education and information, training or other staff development and advising.
- q. "Fireworks" shall mean fireworks listed in Part 1, Section 11, Subsections A, B, and C of the Explosives Regulations, 2013 (SOR/2013-211). (b.389.1, 09/08/2025)
- r. "Illegal Fire" shall mean any fire that is set in contravention of this Bylaw.
- s. "Incident" shall mean a fire, a situation where a fire or explosion is imminent or any other situation presenting a danger or possible danger to life or property and to which the Fire Department has responded.
- t. "Inspection Officer" or "Fire Safety Codes Officer" shall mean the Fire Chief, Deputy Fire Chief, Assistant Deputy Chief, Enforcement Officer, or any Fire Department Member directed to undertake inspections. (b.389.1, 09/08/2025)
- u. "Member" shall mean any person appointed as a paid-on-call firefighter of the City of Lacombe Fire Department under this Bylaw. (b.389.1, 09/08/2025)
- v. Deleted. (b.389.1, 09/08/2025)
- w. "Municipal Government Act" Shall mean the Municipal Government Act, RSA 2000, c. M-26 and any amendments thereto;
- x. "Municipal Ticket" means a form, marked as Schedule "C" and attached hereto and forming part of this bylaw, allowing for voluntary payment to the City for a fine amount established by this bylaw;
- y. "Mutual Aid Agreement" shall mean an agreement between the City and other municipalities or persons for the joint use, control and management of fire extinguishing apparatus, and rescue equipment. (b.389.1, 09/08/2025)
- z. Deleted.(b.389.1, 09/08/2025)
- aa. "Open Fires" shall mean any Fire which is not contained within a fire pit, an outdoor fireplace, a stationary barbeque, or an incinerator approved by Alberta Environment, and includes, but is not limited to:
  - i. Fire for the burning of weeds, grass, leaves, brush or any other plant matter;
  - ii. Fire related to recreational uses in an area that has not been designated for recreational fire by the City; and
  - iii. Any fire set for the purpose of thawing frozen ground.

- bb. "Property" shall mean any real or personal property, including but not limited, to land and structures.
- cc. "Qualified Personnel" shall mean a person in possession of a Fireworks Supervisor Card issued pursuant to the Explosives Act (Canada), R.S.C., 1985, c. E-17 and the Fire Code Regulation (Alberta) A/R 32/2015. (b.389.1, 09/08/2025)
- dd. Deleted. (b.389.1, 09/08/2025)
- ee. Deleted. (b.389.1, 09/08/2025)
- ff. "Safety Codes Act" shall mean the Safety Codes Act, RSA 2000, c. S-1 and any amendments thereto
- gg. "Safety Codes Officer" shall mean an individual designated as a Safety Codes Officer in accordance with the Safety Codes Act, RSA 2000, c. S-1.
- hh. "Security Alarm" shall mean an alarm system intended to detect an unauthorized entry to a premise or to alert people to the commission of an unlawful act or both.
- ii. "Violation Ticket" means a violation ticket as defined in the Provincial Offences Procedure Act, R.S.A. 2000, c. P-34.

## **SECTION 3 ESTABLISHMENT OF FIRE DEPARTMENT**

- 3.1 Council hereby establishes Lacombe Fire Department for the purpose of:
  - a. preventing and extinguishing fires;
  - b. investigating the cause of fires;
  - c. preserving life and property and protecting persons and property from injury or destruction by fire;
  - d. acting as first responders preserving life and property and protecting persons from injury or destruction by Dangerous Goods, or Industrial incidents;
  - e. providing rescue services;
  - f. preventing, combating and controlling incidents;
  - g. carrying out fire inspections and prevention patrols; and
  - h. entering into agreements with other municipalities or persons for the joint use, control and management of fire extinguishing;
- 3.2 The Fire Department shall respond within the authorized scope and at the level of service as established by Council policy, City of Lacombe Fire Service Level Policy, and as the Fire Department's manpower, equipment and training permit. (b.389.1, 09/08/2025)

## **SECTION 4 JURISDICTION**

- 4.1 The limits of the jurisdiction of the Fire Department, the Fire Chief and Members shall extend to the area and boundaries of the City and those service areas within the Emergency Response District of Lacombe County as established by Lacombe County Council or by agreement. (b.389.1, 09/08/2025)
- 4.2 No apparatus or equipment shall be used beyond the limits of the City without the express authorization provided within a Mutual Aid Agreement or fire services agreement.

## SECTION 5 FIRE CHIEF

- 5.1 The Fire Chief shall be appointed by and be responsible to the Chief Administrative Officer or designate.
- 5.2 The Fire Chief shall be responsible to the Council through the Chief Administrative Officer or designate.
- 5.3 The Fire Chief may appoint Officers as required for the operation of the fire department, subject to the fire department's approved organization chart and operating budget. Officers shall be supervised by the Fire Chief or designate. (b.389.1, 09/08/2025)
- 5.4 The Fire Chief may appoint additional members to the Fire Department as required for the proper and efficient operation of the Fire Department. These Members shall be supervised by the Fire Chief or designate and other Company Officers in accordance with the Fire Department's organizational chart. (b.389.1, 09/08/2025)
- 5.5 The Fire Chief has complete responsibility and authority over the Fire Department, subject to the direction and control of the Chief Administrative Officer or designate, and in particular, may carry out all Fire Protection activities and such other activities as directed in the approved annual budget including but not limited to:
  - a. rescue;
  - b. emergency medical services, excluding ambulance services;
  - c. pre-fire planning including inspections and building familiarization;
  - d. disaster services;
  - e. preventative patrols; and public awareness patrols; and
  - f. fire inspections.
- 5.6 Subject to the ratification of the Administrative Policies and Directives by the CAO, the Fire Chief may establish rules, regulations, and standard operating procedures and committees necessary for the proper organization and administration of the Fire Department including, but not limited to:
  - a. Use, care and protection of Fire Department property,
  - b. Training, conduct, and discipline of Members and Company Officers; and
  - c. Efficient operation of the Fire Department
  - d. Recommending Paid on Call rates

These regulations, rules, and policies shall be consistent with City policies.  
(b.389.1, 09/08/2025)
- 5.7 The Fire Chief or designate, or in their absence, Deputy Chief, or Assistant Deputy Fire Chief shall have control, direction and management of any Fire Department apparatus, equipment or human resources assigned to an incident. When a Company Officer is in charge, they shall continue to act until relieved by a Chief Officer if the call warrants a Chief Officer response. (b.389.1, 09/08/2025)
- 5.8 The Fire Chief or the Officer in Charge, who is at the site of an incident or other emergency, may, at their discretion:
  - a. order persons in a building to vacate the building and not re-enter the building unless authorized by the Fire Chief or the Officer in Charge;
  - b. establish a perimeter around the site and prevent persons from entering the perimeter;

- c. request enforcement officers' assistance to prevent persons from entering a building or establish a perimeter;
- d. cause a building, structure or any other property to be pulled down, demolished or otherwise removed so as to prevent the spread of fire or hazard to other buildings, structures or property; and
- e. cause any Member, fire apparatus, or equipment to enter on any Property, including adjacent Property to combat, control or deal with an Incident.

(b.389.1, 09/08/2025)

## **SECTION 6 POWERS OF MEMBERS**

- 6.1 Each person duly appointed by the Fire Chief is a Member of the Fire Department by virtue of their appointment (b.389.1, 09/08/2025).
- 6.2 Every Member shall have the authority and power to:
  - a. extinguish or control any Fire;
  - b. perform the operations necessary to preserve life and property;
  - c. enter onto any Property for the purpose described in clauses (a) or (b); and
  - d. regulate the conduct of the public in and around the vicinity of any place where a Member is performing the activities described in clauses (a) or (b);
- 6.3 The Fire Chief, Deputy Chief, Company Officer in Charge, or a Member directed by a Chief Officer or a Company Officer in Charge shall have the authority to:
  - a. compel any able-bodied, adult persons who are not Members to assist in extinguishing fires and to assist in the prevention and spread thereof;
  - b. authorize payment for the possession or use of any equipment for the purposes of fighting a fire;
  - c. enter into a closed area without a permit or written permission for purposes of controlling or mitigating a Fire or Incident;
  - d. obtain from any person found leaving, entering, or situated on public lands:
    - i. That person's name, address and an account of activities;
    - ii. The activities the person proposes to carry out; and
    - iii. The route the person intends to travel on public land.
  - e. without a warrant, enter onto any land or premises, except a private dwelling house, for the purpose of discharging duties under this Bylaw;
  - f. without a warrant, enter any private dwelling house which is on fire and proceed to extinguish the Fire or to prevent the spread thereof;
  - g. without a warrant, enter any private dwelling to rescue an individual whose life is in imminent danger;
  - h. direct the operations necessary to extinguish or control the Fire, or to preserve life and Property; and

- i. regulate the conduct of the public in and around the vicinity of any place where a Member is performing the activities necessary to extinguish or control the fire or to preserve life or Property.

(b.389.1, 09/08/2025)

6.4 Deleted.(b.389.1, 09/08/2025)

## **SECTION 7 FIRE HYDRANTS**

- 7.1 No person, other than Members or employees of the City, shall, without prior approval from the Fire Chief, affix any tool, hose or other device to any fire hydrant or fire hydrant valve.
- 7.2 No person shall, without prior approval from the Fire Chief, paint any fire hydrant, or any portion thereof.

## **SECTION 8 CONTROL OF FIRE HAZARDS**

- 8.1 In accordance with the Safety Codes Act, accredited Safety Codes Officers shall be given access at reasonable hours to both public and private property for the purpose of investigating an unsafe condition, accident or fire to determine its cause and make recommendations related to safety.
- 8.2 If, in the opinion of an Inspection Officer or Fire Safety Codes Officer there exists a fire hazard on land within the City, whether private or public, the Inspection Officer or Fire Safety Codes Officer may order the owner or person in control of the said land to reduce or remove the hazard within the time and in the manner prescribed by the Inspection Officer or Fire Safety Codes Officer. (b.389.1, 09/08/2025)
- 8.3 In the event of non-compliance with an order made pursuant to section 8.2, the Inspection Officer or Fire Safety Codes Officer may enter onto the land with any equipment and human resources necessary to eliminate or reduce the fire hazard at the property owner's expense. (b.389.1, 09/08/2025)
- 8.4 The owner or person in control of the land or building on which work was performed pursuant to section 8.3 shall, upon receipt of a written demand by the City, reimburse the City for the cost of the work performed. (b.389.1, 09/08/2025)
- 8.5 If payment is not received within 30 days of the issuance of a demand pursuant to section 8.4, the City shall add the cost of the work performed to the tax roll and cause a corresponding lien to be registered against the property at the Land Titles Office. (b.389.1, 09/08/2025)

## **SECTION 9 REQUIREMENTS TO REPORT**

- 9.1 The owner or authorized agent of any property damaged by fire shall immediately report to the Fire Department particulars about the fire which is satisfactory to the Fire Chief and failure to do so is an offence.
- 9.2 The owner or authorized agent of any property containing dangerous goods shall immediately report to the Fire Department the particulars regarding any accidental or unauthorized release of such dangerous goods and failure to do so is an offence.
- 9.3 Any person who has spilled or released any Dangerous Good shall immediately report particulars of such spill or release to the Fire Department and failure to do is an offence.

## **SECTION 10 OPEN FIRES**

- 10.1 No person shall cause an open fire to be ignited or allow an open fire to continue burning within the City.

- 10.2 Any person fails to comply with any of the provisions of subsection 10.1 herein is guilty of an offence.
- 10.3 Subsection 10.1 shall not apply to fires set by the Fire Department for training purposes or as a backfire.
- 10.4 Any Member, Peace Officer or Employee of the City may extinguish an illegal fire using whatever apparatus or procedure that the Member may deem appropriate or necessary to extinguish an illegal fire.
- 10.5 The costs of controlling or extinguishing any illegal fire shall be recovered from the person causing the illegal fire under the provisions of the Municipal Government Act.

## **SECTION 11 RESPONDING TO FALSE ALARMS**

- 11.1 The City may charge a fee for the Fire Department responding to a Residential, Commercial, or Industrial False Alarm, as set out in Schedule "A" of this Bylaw, where the Fire Department responds to:
  - a. more than one False Alarm at the same building;
  - b. more than one False Alarm from the same alarm system; or
  - c. more than one False Alarm from the same parcel of land where there is more than one building on that parcel of land. (b.389.1, 08/09/2025)
- 11.2 Where the Fire Department responds to any alarm that is the result of a Security Alarm being routed to the Fire Department, the City may charge a fee for the Fire Department responding as set out in Schedule "A" of this Bylaw.
- 11.3 Where the Fire Department responds to an alarm as set out in subsection 11.2 and the Business Owner, Property Owner, or Property Manager does not provide access to the interior of the building within 15 minutes of the arrival of the Fire Department, the City may charge, in addition to the False Alarm fee set out in Schedule "A", a standby fee as set out in Schedule "A", until access is provided to the interior of the building.
- 11.4 If a Business Owner, Property Owner or Property Manager has installed a lock-box in an accessible location at the building and if that lock-box contains current keys or codes to provide access to the building, a person or key holder does not have to be present to satisfy the access requirements as set out in subsection 11.3.
- 11.5 If the Fire Department is dispatched to respond to an alarm but is notified that the alarm is a False Alarm before a vehicle leaves the fire station, one vehicle shall continue in a cold response mode to ensure the building is safe for occupancy or habitation. If only one vehicle responds to the False Alarm to reset that alarm system or provide a safety inspection of the building, the fee set out in Schedule "A" for that response shall be reduced by 50%. The 50% fine reduction shall apply to only fire alarms and not to a Security Alarm routed to the Fire Department. (b.389.1, 09/08/2025)
- 11.6 The fees provided for in this section may be charged to a Property Owner, Business Owner, Property Manager, Alarm Company or person responsible for the False Alarm.

## **SECTION 12 CONTRACTS & AGREEMENTS**

- 12.1 The City may, by Council approval:
  - a. enter into a written contract providing the supply of Fire Protection services outside the municipal boundaries of the City with another municipality;

- b) enter into mutual aid agreements with other surrounding municipalities within a 50 km radius of the City; or
- c) upon request, supply Fire Protection services outside the municipal boundaries of the City.

## **SECTION 13 FIRE PITS, OUTDOOR FIREPLACES, STATIONARY & PORTABLE BARBECUES**

- 13.1 For the enjoyment of dwelling residents use of fire pits, outdoor fireplaces and stationary barbeques may be permitted.
- 13.2 The use of fire pits, outdoor fireplaces and stationary barbeques may be restricted or prohibited during a fire ban.
- 13.3 Fire pits, outdoor fireplaces and stationary barbecues that burn combustible material shall:
  - a. be located in a rear yard with a minimum of 3.4 meters (10 feet) clearance from buildings, property lines and combustible materials, or as approved by the Fire Chief;
  - b. be constructed of bricks or concrete blocks, or heavy gauge metal, or other suitable non-combustible components;
  - c. have a spark arrestor mesh screen of 1.30 centimeters (.50 inches) expanded metal (or equivalent) to contain sparks over the fire at all times;
  - d. be the sole responsibility of the owner or tenant of the property;
  - e. be supervised at all times by a responsible adult person over the age of eighteen (18) until such time as the fire has been completely extinguished. For the purpose of this clause, a fire shall be deemed to include any hot ashes and smouldering embers resulting from the fire;
  - f. only burn wood, charcoal briquettes, propane or natural gas; and
  - g. have flames no higher than one hundred (100) cm (3.28 feet) above the fire pit or the barbecue fire box. (b.389.1, 08/09/2025)
  - h. Fire pits must not exceed the following dimensions in City of Lacombe boundaries:
    - i. Be less than 0.6 metres high (1.97 feet)
    - ii. Be less than 1.0 metres wide (3.28 feet)
    - iii. Be no less than 0.3 metres high (0.98 feet)(b.389.1, 09/08/2025)
  - i. Permitted Fire Pit wood must be dry, untreated, natural (or “clean”) with low moisture content—ensuring efficient burning with minimal smoke and sparks
    - i. Not allowed: painted, stained, pressure-treated, or chemically treated lumber
    - ii. Not allowed: yard waste, garbage, plywood, pallets, or green (unseasoned) wood(b.389.1, 09/08/2025)
- 13.4 Except during a fire ban, fires are permitted in portable barbecues which burn propane, natural gas, compressed briquettes, or charcoal when used for the purpose of cooking or obtaining warmth, provided the appliances for cooking or obtaining warmth are used on private property or in public areas, as approved by the City, or the Fire Chief or designate.

- 13.5 Except during a fire ban, fires are permitted within City owned outdoor fireplaces located within public areas.
- 13.6 Any person fails to comply with any of the provisions of section 13 herein is guilty of an offence.

## **SECTION 14 FIREWORKS**

- 14.1 Subject to the exceptions set out following, no person shall discharge any fireworks within the corporate limits of the City.
- 14.2 The Fire Chief may, upon written application, permit qualified personnel to ignite fireworks and conduct fireworks displays. The Fire Chief may impose, at the sole discretion of the Fire Chief, such conditions and restrictions on their use and display as may be appropriate. Such conditions and restrictions might address:
  - a. hours of the day days of the week;
  - b. length of display;
  - c. height of display and type of fireworks used;
  - d. geographic location requirements for notification of affected residents; and
  - e. safety.
- 14.3 As per Division C Section 2.1.2.1. Firecrackers and Pyrotechnic Devices of the National Fire Code 2023 (AE), all fireworks shall be stored, used and ignited in accordance with NRCan R.S.C., 1985, c.E-17, "Explosives Act" and its regulations. (b.389.1, 09/08/2025)
- 14.4 No person shall be permitted to sell fireworks within the City.
- 14.5 Any person who fails to comply with any of the provisions of subsection 14.1 or 14.4 herein is guilty of an offence.

## **SECTION 15 FIRE BANS**

- 15.1 The Fire Chief may impose a complete or partial fire ban within the City at his/her discretion. When a fire ban is imposed, the City shall post the fire ban information on the City's website and provincial fire ban website detailing the conditions of the fire ban.
- 15.2 No person shall start or allow a fire on private or public property within the City at any time while a complete fire ban is in place.
- 15.3 The Fire Chief or designate, a Member, or an Enforcement Officer may direct a person to extinguish any fire when a fire ban is in place. (b.389.1, 09/08/2025)
- 15.4 A person who fails to comply with an order issued pursuant to subsection 15.3 is guilty of an offence, and the Fire Chief or designate, Member, or Enforcement Officer may extinguish the fire.(b.389.1, 09/08/2025)

## **SECTION 16 RECOVERY OF COSTS**

- 16.1 Where the Fire Department has taken any action whatsoever for the purpose of extinguishing a fire, responding to a fire call, false alarm or incident for the purpose of preserving life or property from injury or destruction by fire or other incident on land, the Fire Chief:
  - a. in respect of any cost incurred in taking such action, may charge any cost so incurred to the person who caused the fire, or to the owner or occupant of the land in respect of which the action was taken; or

- b. in respect of any action taken on railway rights of way, may charge any cost so incurred to the company or its agent; or
  - c. in respect of any action taken to mitigate or control a hazardous materials or dangerous goods incident, may charge any cost so incurred to the company or its agent.
- 16.2 Notwithstanding subsection 16.1, an owner or occupant of land shall not be charged for costs incurred due a False Alarm unless such owner or occupant is responsible for such False Alarm.
- 16.3 The costs and fees to be charged by the Fire Department for services rendered pursuant to this Bylaw are as set out in Schedule "A".
- 16.4 In respect of any costs or fees levied or charged under this Bylaw:
- a. the City may recover such costs or fees as a debt due and owing to the City; and
  - b. in default of payment, where permitted by the Municipal Government Act, add the amounts to the tax roll. (b.389.1, 09/08/2025)

## SECTION 17 OFFENCES

- 17.1 No person shall damage or destroy Fire Department apparatus, equipment or supplies.
- 17.2 No person shall falsely represent themselves as a Member or wear or display any Fire Department badge, cap, button, insignia or other paraphernalia for the purpose of such representation.
- 17.3 No person shall:
- a. cause any open or illegal fire in the City of Lacombe contrary to any provisions of this Bylaw; or
  - b. provide false, incomplete or misleading information to the Fire Department on or with respect to an incident, fire or fire related information; or
  - c. interfere with the efforts of any persons authorized to extinguish fires or preserve life or property or in the carrying out of other duties imposed by this Bylaw; or
  - d. at an incident, impede, obstruct or hinder a member or other person assisting or acting under the direction of a Chief Officer or Company Officer in Charge; or (b.389.1, 09/08/2025)
  - e. at an incident, drive a vehicle or any apparatus without the permission of a Chief Officer or Company Officer in Charge; or (b.389.1, 09/08/2025)
  - f. impede, obstruct or hinder a Member from carrying out duties imposed by this Bylaw; or
  - g. burn or be responsible for the burning of any garbage or refuse; or
  - h. allow any fire to give off dense smoke or any offensive odor in a manner which creates nuisance to neighboring persons and property; or
  - i. allow any fire to burn out of control so as to threaten or cause damage to adjacent property; or
  - j. light an open fire or a structure fire; or
  - k. fail to take reasonable steps to control a fire for the purpose of preventing it from spreading onto land other than his own; or

- I. deposit, discard or leave any burning matter or substance in a place where it might ignite other matter and result in a fire.

## **SECTION 18 PENALTIES**

- 18.1 A person who fails to comply with or breaches any provision of this Bylaw is guilty of an offence.
- 18.2 If a Municipal Ticket is issued in respect of an offence, the Municipal Ticket will specify the fine amount listed in Schedule "B" annexed hereto.
- 18.3 A person who is issued a Municipal Ticket in respect of an offence may pay the fine amount established by this bylaw for the offence at the Lacombe City office located at 5432 – 56th Avenue, Lacombe, Alberta T4L 1E9 and if the amount is paid on or before the required date, the person will not be prosecuted for the offence.
- 18.4 If a Violation Ticket is issued in respect of an offence, the Violation Ticket may:
  - a. specify the fine amount established by this bylaw for the offence; or
  - b. require a person to appear in court without the alternative of making a voluntary payment; and a person who enters a guilty plea or is found guilty of an offence is liable to a fine in an amount not less than that specified in this bylaw and not exceeding \$10,000.00 and liable to imprisonment for not more than 6 months for non-payment of the fine. Nothing in this Bylaw shall prevent an Enforcement Officer from immediately issuing a Violation Ticket for the mandatory Court appearance of any person who contravenes any provision of this Bylaw.

## **SECTION 19 LIABILITY**

- 19.1 The Fire Chief or a Member charged with any duty of this Bylaw, acting in good faith and without malice for the City in the discharge of their duties, shall not hereby render themselves personally liable and the Fire Chief or Member is hereby relieved from all personal liability for any damage that may accrue to persons or property as a result of any act required or by reason of any act or omission in the discharge of the Fire Chief or Member's duties.
- 19.2 Any suit brought against the Fire Chief or a Member, because of an act or omission performed by the Member in the enforcement of any provision of this Bylaw, shall be defended by the City until final determination of the proceedings. The Fire Chief and any Member will be reimbursed or indemnified against any loss or expense which the Fire Chief or Member may incur as a result of any inquiry relating to, or any action brought or judgment obtained arising out of the Fire Chief or Member's duties. The City shall not be required to pay any fines or penalties levied or imposed against the Fire Chief or any Member by reason of any conviction or charge for any violation of any statute or Bylaw.

## **SECTION 20 SCHEDULES**

- 20.1 Schedule A as attached shall form part of this Bylaw.
- 20.2 Schedule B as attached shall form part of this Bylaw.
- 20.3 Schedule C as attached shall form part of this Bylaw.

## **SECTION 21 SEVERABILITY**

- 21.1 Should any section or part of this Bylaw be found to have been improperly enacted for any reason, then such section or part shall be regarded as being severable from the rest of the Bylaw and the Bylaw remaining after such severance shall be effective and enforceable as if the section found to be improperly enacted had not been enacted as part of this Bylaw.

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## SECTION 22 REPEALED

22.1 City of Lacombe Bylaw #270 and any amendments are hereby repealed.

This Bylaw shall take effect on the day of the final passing thereof

INTRODUCED AND GIVEN FIRST READING this 9<sup>th</sup> day of September, A.D. 2013

GIVEN SECOND READING this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September A.D. 2013

GIVEN THIRD AND FINAL READING this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September, A.D. 2013

Original Signed

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MAYOR

SEAL

Original Signed

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

**Schedule "A"**  
**Lacombe Fire Department Fees & Charges**  
 (b. 389.1, 09/08/2025)

1. Response Fees that include personnel costs are aligned with Alberta Transportation Rates. These rates are subject to change each year.
  - a. Aerial Unit Per Alberta Transportation Rates
  - b. Pumper Unit Per Alberta Transportation Rates
  - c. Medium Rescue Unit Per Alberta Transportation Rates
  - d. Rapid Response Unit Per Alberta Transportation Rates
  - e. Command Unit Per Alberta Transportation Rates
  - f. Standby Fee \$175.00 per 15 minutes per unit.
  
2. Response fees may be assessed on the following types of response:
  - a. responses to railway rights of way;
  - b. dangerous goods incidents; or
  - c. a fire which results in an arson conviction under the Criminal Code of Canada.
  
3. Response fees may be charged for an 'open fire' which is intentionally set, and becomes out of control, or some other emergency results.
  
4. Replacement costs of equipment and/or materials used, lost or damaged will be assessed at City of Lacombe cost plus 10%.
  
5. Response fees for false alarms will be assessed in the following manner:
  - a. first response - written warning; and
  - b. each subsequent response - \$300 per response
  
6. Other Fees:
  - a. File Search (investigations and inspections) \$50 per search
  - b. Occupancy Load Certificates (licensed premises) \$150 per certificate
  - c. Fire Investigation Services \$100 per hour
  - d. Fire Inspection
    - i. During regular business hours \$150 per hour
    - ii. After regular business hours \$250 per hour
  - e. Re-inspection for Outstanding Fire Code Violations \$100 per visit
  - f. Fire Pit Site Inspection \$50 per visit

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**SCHEDULE "B"**  
**Schedule of Fines**  
(b. 389.1, 09/08/2025)

<b>Offence</b>	<b>Section, Subsection or Clause</b>	<b>Fine</b>
Failure to Report a Fire	9.1	\$250
Failure to Report a Dangerous Good Spill or Release	9.2 or 9.3	\$250
Have an Open Fire	10.2	
1 <sup>st</sup> Offence		\$250
2 <sup>nd</sup> Offence		\$500
Subsequent Offence		\$1,000
Failure to have a permitted fire pit/fireplace or Barbecue	13.6	\$250
Sell or Discharge Fireworks	14.5	
1 <sup>st</sup> Offence		\$250
2 <sup>nd</sup> Offence		\$500
Subsequent Offence		\$1,000
Failure to Comply during a Fire Ban	15.4	
1 <sup>st</sup> Offence		\$250
2 <sup>nd</sup> Offence		\$500
Subsequent Offence		\$1,000
Damage/Destroy Fire Department Property	17.1	\$1,000
Impersonating a Member	17.2	\$250
Cause any open or illegal fire	17.3(a), 17.3(j), or	\$250
Provide False Information	17.3(b)	\$250
Interfere with efforts to extinguish a fire or carry out a rescue	17.3(c), 17(d), or 17(e)	\$500
Interfere with a Member in carrying out duties under bylaw	17.3(f)	\$500
Burning of Garbage or Waste	17.3(g)	\$250
Allow a fire to create smoke, odour or spark	17.3 (h)	\$250
Failure to Control a fire	17.3(i), or 17.3(k)	\$500
Deposit, discard or leave burning material/substance	17.3(l)	\$250

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## SCHEDULE "C" Municipal Ticket



### MUNICIPAL TICKET

Municipal Ticket Issued for Breach of:

Traffic Bylaw <input type="checkbox"/>	Other Bylaw <input type="checkbox"/>	Bylaw Section	
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Offence Description: \_\_\_\_\_

Vehicle Licence #		Province	
Make		Colour	

Date of Offence: \_\_\_\_\_  
Month Day Year

Time of Offence: \_\_\_\_\_ : \_\_\_\_\_  AM  PM

Location of Offence: \_\_\_\_\_

Penalty	\$	Warning Only	
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Name of Offender: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Offender: \_\_\_\_\_

City/Town/Village Province Postal Code

Issued by  
Peace Officer: \_\_\_\_\_

You may avoid prosecution for the offence by paying the penalty within 22 calendar days from the offence date to the address indicated below:

**Payable to:**  
City of Lacombe  
5432 - 56 Avenue  
Lacombe, AB T4L 1E9

If paid within the 22 days, the penalty amount may be paid:

1. In person at City Hall by cash, cheque or money order; or
2. By mail or deposit in the drop box (located at the front entrance to City Hall) by cheque or money order payable to the **City of Lacombe**

If payment is not received at City Hall within 22 days of the offence, a Provincial Violation ticket will be issued to you and prosecution will proceed in Provincial Court.

Further information regarding this offence may be obtained by contacting **City of Lacombe Enforcement Services** at (403) 782-1269

**If you receive a "Warning Only" ticket, this does not authorize the violation or its continuation. Failure to comply may result in enforcement action by the City of Lacombe.**

Once a Provincial Violation ticket is issued, bylaw penalties may be subject to additional sanctions imposed by the Province. The City has no control over these sanctions and they accrue to the benefit of the Provincial Government only. For example, administrative fees may be added to the penalty if a person is convicted in their absence by the Court. Unpaid penalties will have to be paid in order to renew a vehicle registration or operator's license.

#### NOTES:

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5432 - 56 Avenue  
Lacombe, AB T4L 1E9  
Phone: 403.782.6666  
Fax: 403.782.5655