



TECUMSEH POLICE SERVICES BOARD

BY-LAW NUMBER PSB 2000-01

Being a By-Law to Impose Fees and Charges

For Services or Activities Provided by

The Ontario Provincial Police, Tecumseh Detachment

On Behalf of The Corporation of the Town of Tecumseh

Police Services Board Related to Alarms

WHEREAS pursuant to section 220.1 of the Municipal Act, R.S.O. 1990c.M.45, as amended, the Municipality of Tecumseh being a local Board as defined in section 1 of the Municipal Affairs Act, R.S.O. 1990 c.M.46, is authorized to pass by-laws imposing fees or charges on any class of persons for services or activities provided or done by it and for the use of its property:

AND WHEREAS the Ontario Provincial Police, Tecumseh Detachment will register information pertaining to premises equipped with alarms;

AND WHEREAS the Ontario Provincial Police, Tecumseh Detachment incurs costs responding to call for service initiated by alarm systems installed in residential and commercial premises which are false alarms;

AND WHEREAS response to false alarms interferes with the ability of the Police Service to respond to actual incidents;

NOW THEREFORE the Police Services Board enacts as follows:

1. In this By-Law:

“ALARM” is the signal activated for the legitimate purpose of notification of a criminal act, an attempted criminal act, or any bona fide emergency situation.

‘AT FAULT FALSE ALARM’ will be defined as follows:

- I.** the testing of an alarm without police knowledge and approval, alarms caused by the negligence or carelessness of the alarm company, the
- II.** alarm monitoring company, the alarm owner or alarm user;
- III.** alarms activated due to mechanical failure or improper installation,
- IV.** alarms activated by internal or external atmosphere conditions, vibrations or power surges.

A ‘BONA FIDE’ emergency is defined to exist where there is

- VI.** an attempted or completed criminal act, or any other valid emergency situation occurring at, or in relation to the premise.

‘REGISTERED PREMISES’ means any premises containing an alarm which, validly registered with the Ontario Provincial Police, Tecumseh Detachment.

‘SUSPENSION NOTICE’ means a document issued by the Ontario Provincial Police, Tecumseh Detachment after three (3) “at fault false alarms” which suspends response to an alarm at a specified location upon service of the Notice, for a period of one(1) year.

2. The Ontario Provincial Police, Tecumseh Detachment shall maintain a registration system of any alarmed premises which are voluntarily registered by the owner/occupier. For any premises owner/occupier who wishes to register the alarmed premises, there will be an annual registration fee of \$10.00 including applicable taxes, payable to the Town of Tecumseh upon registration and every 365 days subsequent. Upon payment of the fee, the Police Service will register, retain and update information relating to the registered premises.
3. Registration fees for new alarms are due and payable prior to the first request for response to the premises.
4. The Police Service will respond to two "at fault false alarms" as defined herein, to any registered premises with an alarm during each 365 day period without charge to the premises owner/occupier
5. A charge in the amount of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) will be imposed on the premises owner/occupier of any registered premises for response by the Police Service for the third "at fault false alarms" within a period of 365 days.
6. A charge in the amount of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) will be imposed on the premises owner/occupier of any unregistered premises for response by the Police Service for each "at fault false alarms" with a period of 365 days.
7. Unless otherwise specified, all fees collectable shall be due and payable at the time of invoicing.
8. In the event that the premises owner/occupier fails to pay "at fault false alarms" charge within thirty (30) days of remittance, the Town of Tecumseh will take appropriate steps in relation to collection thereof, which may include civil action and or the addition of the charge to the appropriate municipal tax roll and or suspension of further response by the Police Service to that premises for any alarm calls.
9. Where the Police Service has responded to a premises as a result of an "at fault false alarm" as defined herein, on three (3) occasions within a 365 day period, the premises may be suspended from Police Service response for one (1) year, effective upon the date of notification of suspension. A suspension may be lifted prior to the completion of one(1) year, and the premises reinstated to Police Service response, at the discretion of the Ontario Provincial Police, Tecumseh Detachment Alarm Co-ordinator or designate. The re-instatement fee of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) is payable upon full police response being restored.
10. Fees and charges shall be collected in cash or by cheque, at the discretion of the Police Service.
11. User fees and service charges may also be collected by addition of the fee or charge to the tax roll for any real property in the municipality, to be collected in a like manner as municipal taxes.
12. This By-Law shall come into force upon the date which Municipal Council passes a resolution approving this By-Law pursuant to subsection 220.1(8) of the Municipal Act.
13. No person shall install, maintain or use an automatic calling device designated to transmit a message to the Ontario Provincial Police, Tecumseh Detachment.

The premise owner/agent shall:

- a) Attend the premise where the alarm is activated, within 30 minutes of the activation;
- b) Be available between 0800-2100 hours to allow access to the premise where the alarm is located for inspection purposes and to answer inquiries from the Ontario Provincial Police, Tecumseh Detachment.

This By-Law #PSB 2000-01 is herein enacted and passed this 21st day of September, 2000.


Kenneth Towers, CHAIR


Gerald Sykes, Secretary