

CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NEW WESTMINSTER

BYLAW NO. 6404, 1997

A Bylaw to provide for the Regulation of Security Alarm Systems

- A. Section 726 (1)(b) of the Municipal Act R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 323 provides that Council may be bylaw establish fees to be paid by the owner or occupier of real property to which services are provided by or on behalf of the municipality, including policing services under Section 3(2) of the Police Act, in response to a false alarm of a security alarm system.
- B. Section 726 (1)(c) of the Municipal Act R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 323 provides that a fee to the owner or occupier of real property in response to a false alarm of a security alarm system may, if unpaid, be added to and form part of the taxes payable on the real property as taxes in arrear.

THE CITY COUNCIL of the Corporation of the City of New Westminister in open meeting assembled ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

**Title**

1. This Bylaw may be cited for all purposes as “Security Alarm System Regulation Bylaw No. 6404, 1997”.

**Definitions**

2. (a) **“City”** means the Corporation of the City of New Westminister.
- (b) **“City Treasurer”** means the City Treasurer of the Corporation of the City of New Westminister.
- (c) **“Excessive False Alarm Occurrence”** includes the third and any additional false alarm occurring in relation to a particular real property in any 12 month period.
- (d) **“False Alarm”** means the activation of a security alarm system on or in real property to which the Police respond and for which, upon their attendance at the alarm location, the Police find no evidence of criminal activity or unauthorized entry.
- (e) **“Police”** means the City of New Westminister Police Service.

- (f) **“Security Alarm System”** means a device or devices installed on or in real property and designed to activate either an audible alarm signal or to alert a monitoring facility in the event of criminal activity or unauthorized entry.

### **Owner’s and Occupier’s Obligation**

3. The owner or occupier of real property on or in which a security alarm system is installed shall pay all fees established and charged in relation to that real property pursuant to this Bylaw.

### **Payment of Fees**

4. The fee payable to the City for each excessive false alarm occurrence is \$100.
5. (1) The Police will give notice in writing to the owner or occupier of the real property in respect of which there has been an excessive false alarm occurrence, of the following:
- (a) the date, time, location and particulars of the excessive false alarm occurrence; and
  - (b) the fee which is payable to the City under this Bylaw.
- (2) Notice is deemed to be given 7 days following the mailing or delivery of the notice.
- (3) The Police will provide the City Treasurer with the particulars of all notices sent out in relation to excessive false alarm occurrences.
6. On receipt of a notice given under Section 5, the owner or occupier of the real property in respect of which there has been an excessive false alarm occurrence shall within 30 days pay the fee to the City by submitting the fee payment to the City Treasurer.

### **Enforcement**

7. Any fees payable pursuant to a notice given under Section 5 which remain unpaid by December 31<sup>st</sup> in the year in which the notice was given, will be added to and form part of the taxes payable on the subject real property as taxes in arrear.

Adopted July 21, 1997.