

District of West Vancouver



## **Fire Alarm System Regulation Bylaw No.3869, 1994**

Effective Date – March 14, 1994

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<b>Amendment Bylaw</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
Bylaw No.4066, 1997	July 21, 1997

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A Bylaw to establish fees for fire services provided  
in response to a false alarm of a fire system.

*Amendment Bylaw: 4066*

WHEREAS Section 932.1 of the *Municipal Act* provides that Council may establish fees to be paid by the owner or occupier of real property to which fire services are provided in response to a false alarm of a fire system;

AND WHEREAS false alarms are being permitted to occur by the owners or users of fire alarm systems;

AND WHEREAS these false alarms require unnecessary emergency responses from the fire department, posing a threat to the safety of fire department personnel and members of the public, and may result in delayed response to a true emergency;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of The Corporation of the District of West Vancouver, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

## **1. Title**

This bylaw may be cited as Fire Alarm System Regulation Bylaw No.3869, 1994.

## **2. Definitions**

In this Bylaw, the following definitions shall apply:

**"District"** means The Corporation of the District of West Vancouver;

**"False Alarm"** means the activation of an alarm system resulting in the direct or indirect notification of the fire department to attend the address of the alarm system where there has been no fire on or in relation to the building, structure, residence or facility or where there has been no emergency situation and includes:

- a) Testing of an alarm, which results in a fire response;
- b) An alarm reporting a fire or an emergency situation occurring on or in relation to the premises in which the alarm device or system is installed, where no fire exists or where no such fire took place;
- c) An alarm actually or apparently activated by mechanical failure, malfunction or faulty equipment;
- d) An alarm activated by user negligence or carelessness;
- e) An alarm actually or apparently activated by atmospheric conditions, excessive vibrations or power failure.

**"Fire Chief"** means the Fire Chief of the West Vancouver Fire Department.

**"Fire or Fire Department"** means the West Vancouver Fire Department.

**"Fire Alarm System"** means a device or devices installed on real property and designed to activate either an audible alarm signal or to alert a monitoring facility.

### **3. Owner's Responsibilities**

The owner of real property shall be responsible for the proper use, installation, maintenance and operation of any Fire Alarm System installed on or in the real property in order to ensure the prevention of false alarms.

### **4. Exception**

This Bylaw does not apply to smoke alarm systems that are intended to alert only the occupants of the dwelling unit in which they are installed.

### **5. Administration of the Bylaw**

The Fire Chief will administer the application of the Bylaw.

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## 6. Fees to be Charged for Attendance to False Alarms

- a) On the occurrence of a second false alarm, during any consecutive twelve month period, there will be a fee charged of \$75.00.
- b) On the occurrence of a third false alarm, during any consecutive twelve month period, there will be a fee charged of \$100.00.
- c) On the occurrence of a fourth and fifth, during any consecutive twelve month period, there will be a fee charged of \$125.00.
- d) On the occurrence of a sixth, and for each subsequent false alarm, during any consecutive twelve month period, there will be a fee of 200.00.

## 7. Invoicing

- a) Where a fee is charged, the Fire Department shall invoice the owner of the premises for fire response services.
- b) An invoice issued under this section shall be due and payable upon receipt.

## 8. Collection of Fees

- a) Any fees remaining unpaid at December 31<sup>st</sup> (and where the bill is more than 30 days in arrears) shall be added to and form part of the taxes payable on the real property as taxes in arrears.
- b) All fees collected become the property of the District.

PASSED by the Council on 1994 March 07.

RECONSIDERED AND ADOPTED by the Council on 1994 March 14.

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Mayor

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Municipal Clerk