

**BEAVER EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMISSION  
(THE "COMMISSION")**

**BYLAW NO. 8-2021**

**BEING A BYLAW RESPECTING THE FEES CHARGED BY THE COMMISSION**

**WHEREAS:**

- A. the Commission has been established by Ministerial Order;
- B. pursuant to 602.09(1)(e) of the Municipal Government Act, the Commission must pass a bylaw respecting the fees to be charged by the Commission for services provided to its customers or to any class of its customers;

**NOW THEREFORE** the Board of Directors of the Commission enacts the following:

**1. DEFINITIONS**

- 1.1. "**Act**" means the *Municipal Government Act*, RSA 2000, c M-26, as amended from time to time;
- 1.2. "**ATV**" means an off-road vehicle that functions as a firefighting apparatus which is ideal for wildfire fighting, search, or rescue;
- 1.3. "**Board**" means the Board of Directors of the Commission;
- 1.4. "**Commission**" means the Beaver Emergency Services Commission;
- 1.5. "**Emergency Incident**" means a fire, a situation wherein a fire or explosion is imminent, or any other situation presenting a fire or possible danger to life, property, or the environment, and to which the Fire Services Department has responded. For clarity, such situations can include transportation accidents, hazardous materials releases, or potential releases, medical assists, or any life threatening situation;
- 1.6. "**False Alarm**" means an emergency call which is activated accidentally or maliciously that does not require any services from the Commission's fire personnel;
- 1.7. "**Fire Engine**" or "**Engine**" or "**Pumper**" means a road vehicle that functions as a firefighting apparatus, the primary purposes of which include transporting firefighters and water (2000L to 5000L) to an incident as well as carrying equipment including a pump for firefighting operations;
- 1.8. "**Fire Hydrant Flow Test**" means a testing process used to determine the amount of flow available from a fire hydrant;

- 1.9. **“Fire Inspection”** means a process used to examine any publicly occupied building, business, or assembly area, or other building the public may enter, to determine whether it is compliant with Alberta Fire Code standards and Alberta Building Code standards pursuant to the *Safety Codes Act*, RSA 2000, c S-1, as amended from time to time;
- 1.10. **“Fire Investigation”** means a process used to determine the cause and origin of a fire;
- 1.11. **“Incident Command Vehicle”** or **“Command Unit”** or **“Utility Unit”** means a light-duty command vehicle used to support the incident site and assist with smoothly channeling information from the field to the district fire station or emergency operations centre, It may also be used for traffic control management or transporting personnel to a scene;
- 1.12. **“Interest Rate”** means an interest rate of 2% per month (24% per annum) on balances which remain outstanding sixty (60) days after being rendered;
- 1.13. **“Member”** or **“Members”** means the member municipal authorities as set out in the Ministerial Order;
- 1.14. **“Municipality”** means a municipality that is not a Member of the Commission;
- 1.15. **“Mutual Aid”** means a request for assistance from a Municipality with whom the Commission has a mutual aid agreement;
- 1.16. **“Occupant Load”** means the maximum number of people that may be present in a specific area of a building at any time as set out in the Alberta Fire Code standards and Alberta Building Code standards pursuant to the *Safety Codes Act*, RSA 2000, c S-1, as amended from time to time;
- 1.17. **“Regional Emergency Manager”** means the person appointed or hired by the Board in this role or capacity;
- 1.18. **“Rescue Truck”** or **“Rescue”** means a road vehicle that functions as a firefighting apparatus, the primary purpose of which includes transporting firefighters and equipment to an incident involving trapped individuals or animals that require extrication, traffic control management, or transporting personnel to a scene;
- 1.19. **“Water Tender”** or **“Tender”** or **“Tanker”** means a road vehicle that functions as a firefighting apparatus, the primary purpose of which includes carrying large volumes of water (5000L to 16,000L), a portable water tank, and associated equipment to an incident, as well as traffic control management and transporting personnel to a scene; and
- 1.20. **“Wildland Fire Engine”** or **“Brush Truck”** or **“Grass Truck”** means a specialized fire engine that can negotiate difficult terrain for wildfire

suppression and can pump water while driving to minimize the rate of spread of vegetation fires.

**2. FEES**

- 2.1. Where the Commission has taken any action whatsoever for the purposes of extinguishing a fire or responding to an Emergency Incident within or outside of the boundaries of the Member municipalities, including any such action taken on a False Alarm, the Commission may, in respect of any costs incurred in taking such action, charge any costs so incurred to the person who caused the fire or the landowner or the occupant of the land or property in respect of which the action was taken as agent of the Member municipality or other Municipality.
- 2.2. The Commission shall charge fees for the provision of its services in accordance with the fee schedule appended as Schedule "A" hereto.
- 2.3. Any balance which remains outstanding after sixty (60) days shall accrue interest at the Interest Rate.
- 2.4. The Regional Emergency Manager may, in their sole discretion, waive all or a portion of the fees due to be paid in each instance in accordance with the factors outlined in the Commission's policies.
- 2.5. Nothing contained in this Bylaw and no action taken by the Commission in the recovery of its fees pursuant to the provisions of this Bylaw shall preclude the Commission from pursuing such recovery through a civil claim under the *Forest and Prairie Protection Act*, RSA 2000, c F-19, as amended from time to time, or otherwise.

**3. AMENDMENTS**

- 3.1. A bylaw to amend this Bylaw does not come into force until the bylaw is passed by a majority of the Board.

READ A FIRST TIME this 11<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2021

  
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 CHAIRPERSON

  
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 REGIONAL EMERGENCY MANAGER

**SCHEDULE "A"**

**FEEES FOR SERVICE**

<b>Schedule A</b>	
<b>Fire Fees</b>	
<b>Incident Responses (excluding incidents on provincial highways) within Beaver County</b>	
Pumper/Engine	\$630 per hour per unit
Rescue Truck	\$630 per hour per unit
Tanker	\$630 per hour per unit
Wildland Fire Engine/ATV/Incident Command Vehicle	\$185 per hour per unit
<b>Incident Response on a provincial highway</b>	
Per Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation Policy TCE-DC-501 Rate Table (attached).	
<b>Mutual Aid</b>	
Rates are as set by the mutual aid agreement with the requesting municipality.	
<b>Alarms</b>	
1st Alarm within a calendar year	\$0
2nd Alarm within a calendar year	Personnel time – minimum 1 hour per member
Subsequent Alarms within a calendar year	\$630 per incident
<b>Alarms from Beaver Foundation Facilities</b>	
1st Alarm within a calendar year	\$0
Subsequent Alarms within a calendar year	Firefighter time-minimum 1 hour per member
<b>Inspections/Investigations</b>	
Fire Code Inspections and Investigations performed by BESC	\$75.00 per hour plus kilometres, plus costs
Fire Code Inspections or Investigation Performed by outside agencies	Actual Cost
Occupancy Load certificates including building inspections	\$75 per hour plus kilometres
Required by Provincial Legislation	\$75 per hour plus kilometres and incidentals
<b>Fire Hydrant Flow Test</b>	\$100 per hour

<b>Personnel Only</b>	\$20 per hour per person
<b>Consumables (i.e. firefighting foam, absorbent material, etc.)</b>	at cost