

**THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF WEST GREY**

**BY-LAW NUMBER 85 - 2018**

**BEING** a By-law to establish a system for the registration of security alarm systems and reduction of false alarms for enforcement by the West Grey Police Service;

**WHEREAS** the Police Services Board is responsible for the provision of police services within the Municipality of West Grey;

**AND WHEREAS** pursuant to Section 391 of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25, as amended, a municipality and a local board may pass by-laws imposing fees or charges on any class of persons, subject to certain conditions;

**AND WHEREAS** the number of false alarms in West Grey has been identified as consuming a significant quantity of police resources which could be better directed to enhancing the police presence in the community;

**AND WHEREAS** the registration of Security Alarm Systems is an integral part of the strategy to reduce the number of false alarms in West Grey and to enhance officer safety;

**NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF WEST GREY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:**

1. In this by-law:

- a) **“Alarm Coordinator”** means the person appointed by the Chief of Police pursuant to Section 3 of this by-law;
- b) **“Alarm Incident”** means the activation of a Security Alarm System and the direct or indirect reporting of the activation to the Police Service;
- c) **“Alarm Registration Certificate”** means a certificate issued pursuant to Section 7 of this by-law;
- d) **“Chief of Police”** means the Chief of Police of the West Grey Police Service, or his or her designate;
- e) **“False Alarm”** means an Alarm Incident where there has been no evidence that an unauthorized entry or unlawful act has been made or made into, on or in respect of a building, structure or premises and includes, but not limited to:
  - i. the activation of a security alarm system during its testing;
  - ii. a security alarm system activated by mechanical failure, malfunction or faulty equipment;
  - iii. a security alarm system activated by atmospheric conditions, vibrations or power failure;
  - iv. a security alarm system activated by user error.
- f) **“Registration Certificate Holder”** means the person or entity in possession of a valid alarm Registration Certificate;
- g) **“Police Service”** means the West Grey Police Service;
- h) **“Security Alarm System”** means an assembly of mechanical or electrical devices which is designed or used for:
  - i. the detection of entry into or damage to a building, structure or premises and which emits sound or transmits a sound, signal or message when activated, but does not include a device that is installed

in a “motor vehicle” or “motor home” as those terms are defined in the Highway Traffic Act”; or

- ii. the transmission of manually activated emergency signal to an alarm monitoring company, but does not include a device designed to alert in case of medical emergency.

## **GENERAL REQUIREMENTS**

2. The Chief of Police shall establish a Security Alarm System Registry.
3. There shall be an Alarm Coordinator who shall be appointed by the Chief of Police. The Alarm Coordinator shall maintain and administer the Security Alarm System Registry and carry out such other duties in respect of this by-law as assigned by the Chief of Police.
4. Every owner or occupant (“Applicant”) of premises on which is installed a Security Alarm System shall apply to have that Security Alarm System registered with the Police Service within 5 days of the Security Alarm System installation on the form provided for that purpose by the Chief of Police. Every application for registration shall contain the names, addresses and telephone numbers of:
  - a. an alarm monitoring company; or
  - b. at least three persons who may be contacted in the event of a security alarm activation.
5. The alarm monitoring company or the persons names are provided pursuant to subsection 4(b) shall be:
  - a. available to receive telephone calls from the police in the event of an Alarm incident;
  - b. able to attend at the address of the Alarm Incident within 30 minutes of being requested to do so by the police;
  - c. capable of affording police access to the premises where the Security Alarm System is installed; and
  - d. capable of operating the Security Alarm System and able to safeguard the premises.
6. The applicant shall ensure that the information required by Section 4 is accurate and shall notify the Alarm Coordinator forthwith, in writing, of any changes in the information.
7. Upon receipt of the completed application and payment of the prescribed fee, the Alarm Coordinator shall cause the Security Alarm System to be entered on the Police Service’s Alarm Registry and shall issue an Alarm Registration Certificate. The prescribed registration fee is set out in Schedule “A” to this by-law.
8. No person shall be deemed to have been issued an Alarm Registration Certificate until the Chief of Police has issued the Alarm Registration Certificate. An application for an Alarm Registration Certificate shall not be deemed to constitute an Alarm Registration Certificate.
9. An Alarm Registration Certificate that has been granted shall be issued in the name of the person or entity occupying the premises in which the Security Alarm Certificate is installed.
10. An Alarm Registration Certificate shall not be assigned or transferred.



