

BY-LAW # 315A.1

OPEN FIRES & FALSE ALARMS

WHEREAS, notice of motion has been duly given at a previous sitting of Council according to the provisions of the Municipal Code;

1. **REPLACING BY-LAW # 193 & BY-LAW # 277**

The following By-Law # 315 is repealing and replacing By-Law # 193 & By-Law # 277 pertaining to Open Fires.

2. **APPLICATION**

The present by-law shall apply to the entire territory of the Municipality of Bristol;

3. **OPEN FIRES**

A) **Permits**

Open fires are not permitted without first obtaining a burning permit from the municipality. These permits are only available from November 1st to April 30th inclusively and authorize the burning of yard waste and/or natural wood only. No burning permits will be issued in the following residential areas: Norway Bay, Bristol Village, Pontiac Station, Pine Lodge and Elmside. In addition, no discharging of fireworks is permitted in the aforementioned areas.

Open fires for a special event requires a personalized authorization from the Bristol Fire Department. The request is to be presented to the Municipality of Bristol three weeks prior to the event.

B) **Devices Not Permitted**

Fires are not permitted in appliances such as used barrels, outside containers or discarded oil drums;

C) **Prohibited Materials**

Burning of materials such as treated wood, tires, building materials, garbage, plastic etc. are not permitted.

4. **OUTDOOR FIREPLACES**

Uses of outside manufactured enclosed fireplaces with solid spark arresters, camp stoves or appliances are permitted.

- The Fire Department has jurisdiction to demand that a fire be extinguished and a verbal warning will be issued.
- The SOPFEU website will be used to determine when a fire ban is in effect due to dry weather conditions.

D) Chimneys & Flues

Chimneys and flues shall be fitted with spark arresters.

E) Burning of Buildings

The burning of buildings is prohibited on the territory of the municipality.

5. **FALSE ALARMS**

A) Definition

“False Alarm” shall mean the activation of a Fire Alarm System or emergency system through a mechanical failure, equipment malfunction, improper use/improper installation of the system or failure to maintain the system as prescribed by the Fire Code.

B) Responsibilities of Owners and Occupants

Every owner and occupant of a property shall be responsible for the proper use, installation, maintenance and operation of any Fire Alarm System installed on or in the property in order to ensure the prevention of False Alarms.

Every owner must also inform the Bristol Fire Department if any work is undertaken on any Fire Alarm System that could potentially result in a False Alarm.

C) **Warning**

When a False Alarm occurs, the property owner receives a written warning for the first offense.

For any second, third or subsequent offenses within a one-year time frame, the property owner or the occupant is liable to a fine as identified in section 6 of the present by-law.

6. **ENFORCEMENT OF BY-LAW**

The By-Law Enforcement Officer shall have the power to enforce the present by-law.

7. **FINES**

Property owner or occupant in violation with the present by-law shall be liable to a fine as follows:


Offenses are calculated over a one-year time frame (365 days);

OPEN FIRES	Individual	Business
1 st Offense	\$150.00	\$300.00
2 nd Offense	\$300.00	\$400.00
All Subsequent Offences	\$450.00	\$500.00


FALSE ALARMS	Individual	Business
1 st Offense	N/A	N/A
2 nd Offense	\$200.00	\$400.00
All Subsequent Offenses (when measures are not undertaken)	\$300.00	\$600.00

8. **COMING INTO FORCE**

The present bylaw shall come into force according to law.



Brent Orr, Mayor



Christina Peck, Director General

Amendments:

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