

# **RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF BJORKDALE NO. 426**

## **BYLAW NO. 03 – 2020**

### **A BYLAW RESPECTING FIRE RESTRICTION**

The Council of the Rural Municipality of Bjorkdale No. 426, in the Province of Saskatchewan enacts as follows:

#### **TITLE**

This bylaw shall be referred to as the “Fire Restriction Bylaw”.

#### **PURPOSE**

To provide for public safety in times of extreme fire hazard conditions;  
To restrict or eliminate the use of fire within the municipality in areas of fire danger;  
To attempt to minimize the risk of accidental fire;  
To regulate open fires, fireworks and burning of any kind;

#### **PART I – DEFINITIONS**

1. “Administrator” shall mean the administrator of the municipality, or in their absence their designate.
2. “Council” shall mean the council of the Rural Municipality of Bjorkdale No. 426.
3. “Designated Officer” shall mean an employee or agent of the Rural Municipality of Bjorkdale No. 426 appointed by Council to act as a municipal inspector for the purpose of this bylaw.
4. “Discharge” includes to ignite, fire, or set off and the words “Discharging” and “Discharged” have a similar meaning.
5. “Enforcement and Protective Services” means the municipal department responsible for delivery of services and the law enforcement within its jurisdictional area.
6. “Fireworks” means any article defined as a firework pursuant to The Canada Explosives Act or any Regulations thereto, shall also include Low Hazard Fireworks and High Hazard Fireworks and Manufactured Fireworks and include fireworks for recreation such as firework showers, fountains, golden rain, lawn lights, pin wheels, Roman candles, volcanoes and sparklers and rockets, serpents, shells, bombshells, tourbillions, maroons, large wheels, bouquets, barrages, bombardos, waterfalls, fountains, mines and firecrackers, or any firework composition that is enclosed in any case or contrivance or is otherwise manufactured or adapted for the production of pyrotechnic effects, signals or sound but does not include sparklers, Christmas crackers, caps for toy guns containing not in excess of twenty-five one-hundredths of a grain of explosive per cap.
7. “Municipality” shall mean the Rural Municipality of Bjorkdale No. 426.
8. “Reeve” shall mean the person elected as Reeve to the Municipality, or in their absence the Deputy Reeve.

## **PART II – GENERAL REQUIREMENTS**

9. No person under 18 years of age shall discharge any fireworks within the Municipality except under the direct supervision of a parent, guardian or other responsible adult.
10. No parent or guardian of a child under 18 years of age shall permit the child to discharge any fireworks, except when under the direct supervision of the parent or guardian.

## **PART III – FIRE BAN**

11. A fire ban prohibiting open fire of any kind may be issued by a resolution of Council or jointly by any two officials of the Municipality identified in Section 12. A fire ban shall be issued in writing and shall identify:
  - 11.1 The time and date that the fire ban commences;
  - 11.2 The land location (s) the fire ban covers;
  - 11.3 The time and date the fire ban is lifted, or reviewed;
  - 11.4 Person or persons authorizing the fire ban;
  - 11.5 Authority allowing the fire ban;
  - 11.6 Other information that may be in the public interest.
12. Pursuant to section 11 the municipal officials so authorized, in any tandem, to issue a fire ban are the Administrator, Reeve, Deputy Reeve or Fire Chief.
13. No person shall light, or start or allow or cause to be lighted, ignited or started a fire of any kind whatsoever in the open air during a fire ban.
14. No person shall discharge, or start or allow or cause to be discharged, ignited or started any fireworks of any kind whatsoever during a fire ban.
15. A Designated Officer may order any fire be extinguished forthwith during any period for which a fire ban is in effect within the municipality.
16. No person shall fail to immediately comply with an order to extinguish a fire by a Designated Officer.
17. A Designated Officer may cause a fire to be extinguished forthwith during any period for which a fire ban is in effect within the municipality.
18. The cost of fire prevention, suppression, and emergency response services shall be charged directly on the persons who receive the service.
19. The Administrator shall as per Section 369 of The Municipalities Act add to the taxes of any property owned, occupied, or inhabited by the person referred to in Section 18 of this bylaw any amount which remains unpaid at the end of the calendar year.
20. Every person who contravenes any provision of this bylaw is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to:
  - a. In the case of a first offence, to a fine not less than \$500 and not more than \$10,000.
  - b. In the case of a second offence, to a fine not less than \$750 and not more than \$10,000
  - c. In the case of a third or subsequent offence, to a fine of not less than \$1000 and not more than \$10,000, to imprisonment for more than one year or to both.
21. A new offence is deemed to have been committed not less than two (2) hours from a previous offence.
22. Notwithstanding Section 20, a Designated Officer may issue a notice of violation to any person committing a first or second offence under this bylaw.

23. The notice of violation shall require the person pay to the Municipality:

- a. In a case of an individual, to a fine of \$300 for a first offence and \$450 for a second offence and \$1000 for each subsequent offence.
- b. In the case of a Company or Corporation, to a fine of \$500 for a first offence and \$1000 for each subsequent offence.

24. The amount in clause 23(a) and 23(b) may be paid:

- a. In person, during regular office hours, to the Municipality at the Municipal office, 213A Forest View in Bjorkdale, Saskatchewan.
- b. By mail, addressed to the RM of Bjorkdale, Box 60, Bjorkdale, Saskatchewan, S0E 0E0

25. If payment of fine is provided in Clause 23(a) and 23(b) is made prior to the due date noted on the notice of violation, the person shall not be liable to prosecution for that offence.

26. The imposition of any penalty for violation of this bylaw shall not relieve the person from complying with this bylaw.

### **Limitation of Prosecution**

27. Unless otherwise specifically stated, no prosecution for an offence pursuant to this bylaw is to be commenced two years from the date on which the offense is alleged to have been committed or, in the case of continuing offence, the last date on which the offence was created.

28. If any part, section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or other portion of this Bylaw is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by a Court of competent jurisdiction, that portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision and the holding of the Court shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of the Bylaw.

29. This bylaw shall come into force on final passing thereof.

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Reeve, Glen Clarke

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Administrator, Cherie Hudon

Read a third time and adopted  
this 7<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2020.

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Administrator

Certified a true copy of  
Bylaw No 03-2020 of  
the RM of Bjorkdale No.  
426 adopted by resolution  
of council this 7<sup>th</sup> day of  
May, 2020.

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Administrator