

**BYLAW 1493/20  
AMENDMENT TO BYLAW 1354/15 – FIRE SERVICES BYLAW  
STURGEON COUNTY, MORINVILLE, ALBERTA**

**A BYLAW OF STURGEON COUNTY, IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE FIRE SERVICES BYLAW 1354/15 TO MAXIMIZE COST RECOVERY OPPORTUNITIES BY INVOICING INSURANCE COMPANIES FOR COSTS OF FIRE DEPARTMENT ATTENDANCE WITH RESPECT TO INSURED PERILS**

**WHEREAS**, the *Municipal Government Act*, RSA 2000 c.M-26 (the Act), and any amendments thereto, provides that a council of a municipality may pass bylaws for municipal purposes respecting the safety, health and welfare of people and the protection of people and property;

**AND WHEREAS**, the Act, and any amendments thereto, authorizes Council to amend bylaws;

**AND WHEREAS**, Council deems it appropriate to amend Bylaw 1354/15, the Fire Services Bylaw, for the purpose of maximizing cost recovery opportunities by invoicing insurance companies for costs of fire department attendance with respect to insured perils;

**NOW THEREFORE** the Council of Sturgeon County, in the Province of Alberta, duly assembled, enacts as follows:

Bylaw 1354/15 is amended as follows:

1. The following text is added to section 2. DEFINITIONS:
  - 2.16 “Indemnification Technology®” means Fire Department incident reporting, data collection and property insurance policy wording interpretation to maximize billing opportunities on behalf of fire departments by invoicing insurance companies for costs of fire department attendance with respect to insured perils.
2. Section 2. DEFINITIONS - Subsequent definitions shall be renumbered accordingly.
3. The following text is added to section 10. RECOVERY OF FIREFIGHTING COSTS:
  - 10.5 The County may use Indemnification Technology® to assess applicable insurance coverage for costs and fees charged by the Fire Department for services rendered pursuant to this bylaw.
  - 10.6 Where the County believes and/or Indemnification Technology® indicates that costs or fees were charged by the Fire Department for services rendered pursuant to this bylaw but the owner does not have, in part or in full, insurance coverage for Fire Department charges for the property, the County may adjust costs or fees to the extent of insurance

coverage upon provision by the owner of evidence, to the satisfaction of the County, that no such insurance coverage exists or to demonstrate the limits of such coverage.

10.7 The owner's insurer may remit payment of costs or fees charged by the Fire Department for services rendered pursuant to this bylaw directly or indirectly to the County on the owner's behalf. Where fees or charges payable under this bylaw are not remitted to the County, the amount may be added to the tax roll of the property to which the costs or fees relate.

4. This Bylaw shall come into force and take effect upon being passed.

Read a first time this 25<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2020.

Read a second time this 25<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2020.

Read a third time this 25<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2020.

  
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 MAYOR  
  
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 COUNTY COMMISSIONER (CAO)

February 25, 2020  
DATE SIGNED

**If any portion of this bylaw is declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, then the invalid portion must be severed and the remainder of the bylaw is deemed valid.**