

## BYLAW NO. 1571

**BYLAW NO. 1571** A Bylaw of Camrose County in the Province of Alberta, to adopt a Discharge of Firearms Bylaw.

**WHEREAS** The Municipal Government Act R.S.A. 2000, Chapter M-26 and amendments thereto provides that a council of a municipality may pass Bylaws respecting the safety, health, and welfare of people and the protection of people and property and for services provided by or on behalf of the municipality,

**AND WHEREAS** Section 74 of the Municipal Government Act, RSA 2000, Chapter M-26, as amended, states, "A Bylaw of a municipal district prohibiting in all or a part of the municipal district the shooting or use of a firearm or other device that propels a projectile does not come into force until the Bylaw has been approved by the Minister responsible for the Wildlife Act".

**AND WHEREAS** The Council of Camrose County wishes to prohibit the shooting and use of firearms and/or weapons or other devices that propel a projectile in specified areas of Camrose County;

**NOW THEREFORE:** The Municipal Council of Camrose County duly assembled, hereby enacts as following:

### 1) **Title and Application**

- a) This Bylaw may be cited as the "Discharge of Firearms" Bylaw:

### 2) **Definitions**

In this Bylaw:

- a) "**Council**" means the Council of Camrose Council
- b) "**County**" means Camrose County
- c) "**County Land Use Bylaw**" means Camrose County Land Use Bylaw as amended or replaced from time to time, which regulates and controls the use and development of land and buildings within the municipality,
- d) "**Firearms**" as defined in the Criminal Code of Canada, Section 2 (or amendments thereto), "means a barreled weapon from which any shot, bullet or other projectile can be discharged and that is capable of causing bodily injury or death to a person, and includes any frame or receiver of such barreled weapon and anything that can be adapted for use as a firearm",
- e) "**Hamlet**" means any area of Camrose County designated as a hamlet under Section 59 of the Municipal Government Act and at the time of this Bylaw passing includes the Hamlets of Armena, Duhamel, Kelsey, Kingman, Meeting Creek, New Norway, Ohaton and Round Hill. Additional Hamlets may be added in the future.
- f) "**Higher Density Subdivision**" means any quarter where there are 5 or more lots as defined by the Municipal Development Plan Bylaw 1372, as amended from time to time.
- g) "**Livestock**" as defined in the Stray Animals Act, Section 1, (d) (or amendments thereto), "means:
  - (i) any horse, head of cattle, sheep, swine, goat, mule or ass, or

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- (ii) any other animal specified in the regulations as livestock to which the Act and the regulations apply”,
- h) **“Peace Officer”** means a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, a Community Peace Officer as defined under the Peace Officer Act, SA 2006, Chapter 3.5, or a person appointed under Section 555 and 556 pursuant to the Municipal Government Act, RSA 2000, Chapter M-26.
- i) **“Weapon”** as defined in the Wildlife Act, Section 1 (w), “weapon means a firearm or any other device that propels a projectile by means of an explosion, spring, air, gas, string, wire or elastic material or any combination of those things”.
- j) **“Wildlife”** means big game, birds of prey, fur-bearing animals, migratory game birds, none-game animals, non-license animals and upland game birds, and includes any hybrid offspring resulting from the crossing of 2 wildlife animals.

### 3) Offences

No Person shall use or discharge:

- a) A Firearm or Weapon on any land owned or leased by the County described as follows:
  - i) County Transfer Stations, Landfill Sites and Waste Water Property,
  - ii) County Operated Parks,
  - iii) County Gravel Pits,
  - iv) Camrose County owned land.
- b) A Firearm or Weapon on any land within:
  - i) A Hamlet within Camrose County,
  - ii) A higher density subdivision,
- c) A Firearm or Weapon that would cause a projectile to pass within 200 yards of any occupied building.
- d) Section (c) does not apply to the owner or occupant of the land on which the building is situated, or a person authorized to perform the activity by the owner or occupant.

### 4) Exemptions

This Bylaw shall not apply to:

- a) A Peace Officer who may be required to use or discharge a Firearm, or Weapon in the operation of their duties as such,
- b) A person who uses or discharges a Firearm, or Weapon at a shooting range or gun club or any similar facility which is designed and operated in accordance with the County Land Use Bylaw and all federal, provincial and municipal laws and regulations,
- c) The discharge of a Firearm or Weapon at a site or place where wildlife or domestic animals are present and being hunted by a Peace Officer or an individual who has been given authority pursuant to a Damage Control License under the Wildlife Act, R.S.A. 2000, Chapter W-10 and amendments thereto have been granted and regulations thereunder, issue for such purpose by the department of the Alberta Government responsible for the management of Wildlife within the Province.

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**5) Penalty**

Any person who contravenes this Bylaw is guilty of an offence and liable upon summary Conviction,

- a) For a first offence to a fine of not less than two hundred (\$200.00) dollars or in default of payment of the fines and costs, to imprisonment for three (3) months;
- b) For a second or subsequent offence within twelve (12) months, to a fine of not less than five hundred (\$500.00) or in default of payment of the fine and costs, to imprisonment for six (6) months.
- c) Notwithstanding Sections (5)(a) and (5)(b) of this Bylaw, a Peace Officer may issue a municipal tag to any person who the Peace Officer has reasonable and probable grounds to believe have contravened any provisions of this Bylaw.
- (d) A municipal tag may be issued to such person;
  - i. either personally;
  - ii. or by mailing a copy to such person at their last known address.
- (e) The municipal tag shall be in a form approved by the County Administrator and shall state:
  - i. the name of the person;
  - ii. the offence;
  - iii. the specified penalty established by this Bylaw for the offence;
  - iv. that the penalty shall be paid within 30 days of being served,
  - v. any other information as may be required by the County Administrator
- f) If the Municipal Tag is not paid within 30 days of issue, the balance of the Tag can be transferred to the tax roll of the property, plus administration fees and any penalties, knowing that the amounts transferred to the tax roll are then subject to penalties applicable to unpaid taxes.

**6) Miscellaneous**

- a) Bylaw #1418 is hereby rescinded.

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