

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF WOLVERINE NO. 340

BYLAW NO. 2021-02

FIRE MANAGEMENT BYLAW

The Council of the Rural Municipality of Wolverine No. 340 in the Province of Saskatchewan enacts as follows:

PART 1 – PURPOSE AND DEFINITIONS

Purpose

1. The purpose of this bylaw is to provide public safety through prevention, regulation and control of the lighting of fires within the municipality.

Definitions

2. In this bylaw:
 - a) “Administrator” shall mean the administrator of the municipality;
 - b) “Barbeque (liquid fuel)” refers to a portable fireplace fueled by propane or natural gas over which various cuisine is roasted
 - c) “Barbeque (solid fuel)” refers to a portable fireplace fueled by pellet or charcoal over which various cuisine is roasted
 - d) “Campfire” means an outdoor enclosed pit containing fire sourced by logs that are fully encircled within the enclosure;
 - e) “Council” shall mean the council of the municipality;
 - f) “Fire” means any type of fire, including a wildfire;
 - g) “Fireworks” means a device containing gunpowder and other combustible chemicals that causes a spectacular explosion when ignited, used typically for display or in celebrations;
 - h) “Fire Ban” means any fire ban, whether Municipality or Provincially declared, that prohibits fires in all or part of the Municipality;
 - i) “Fire Protection Services” means the department of a local or municipal authority in charge of preventing and fighting fires;
 - j) “Incinerator” means an apparatus for burning waste material at high temperatures until it is reduced to ash;
 - k) “Municipality” shall mean the Rural Municipality of Wolverine No. 340;
 - l) “Open Burning” means a fire where any material is burned on the ground or in an open receptacle other than a furnace, incinerator, or other equipment connected to a stack or chimney;
 - m) “Reeve” shall mean the person elected as Reeve to the municipality.

PART II – CONTROLLED BURN

3. Any person that lights a controlled burn upon land owned or occupied by such person must report the fire in advance to the controlled burn phone line, which is 1-866-404-4911.
4. In the event no advance reporting of the controlled burn is made and should Fire Protection Services be dispatched to the site of the controlled burn even though the controlled burn is being supervised and under control, the person supervising the controlled burn or the owner or occupant of the parcel of land shall be responsible for any Fire Protection charges.

PART III – FIRE BAN

5. A fire ban may be imposed within the municipality by a resolution of Council or by declaration of the Reeve when prevailing environmental fire hazard conditions exist.
6. When determining whether to declare a Fire Ban within the Municipality, consideration may be given to any or all of the following factors:
 - a) Levels of recent precipitation;
 - b) Future weather forecasts
 - c) Water shortage and/or restrictions
 - d) Availability of fire crews, equipment and apparatus



- e) The overall fire danger including fire load and level of ground fuels
 - f) The amount of or increase in recent outside fires; and
 - g) Recommendation of the Fire Chief(s)
7. A fire ban imposed shall remain in force until either the date provided in the fire ban notice (Schedule A) or is removed at the discretion of Council and the Administrator is advised to provide notice to the public that the ban is no longer in effect.
8. Notice of a Fire Ban shall be provided to the public. Notice may be in the form of signs posted throughout the municipality, through public service messages on local radio station, notice on the municipal website, notice to the controlled burn phone line or by any other means which the Administrator determines is appropriate for the purpose of information the public of the Fire Ban.
9. Fire Ban Classifications are as follows:

Level 1 Fire Ban

All open burning in the RM of Wolverine No. 340 is banned.

Level 1 Fire Ban includes:

- a) Unsupervised burning barrels
- b) Fireworks

Exemptions to a Fire Ban (with a plan to extinguish a fire) are:

- c) Supervised incinerators (for farm and acreage use)
- d) Burning barrels with screens under constant supervision
- e) Solid Fuel Barbeques
- f) Liquid Fuel Barbeques
- g) Recreational Camp Fires

Level 2 Fire Ban

All open burning in the RM of Wolverine No. 340 is banned.

Level 2 Fire Ban includes:

- a) All burning barrels
- b) Incinerators (for farm and acreage use)
- c) Fireworks

Exemptions to a Fire Ban (with a plan to extinguish a fire) are:

- d) Solid Fuel Barbeques
- e) Liquid Fuel Barbeques
- f) Recreational Camp Fires

Level 3 Fire Ban

All open burning in the RM of Wolverine No. 340 is banned.

Level 3 Fire Ban includes:

- a) All burning barrels
- b) Incinerators (for farm and acreage use)
- c) Recreational Camp Fires
- d) Fireworks


Exemptions to a Fire Ban (with a plan to extinguish a fire) are:

- e) Solid Fuel Barbeques
- f) Liquid Fuel Barbeques

10. When a Fire Ban is in place, no person shall ignite any fire, based on the Fire Ban Level, and shall immediately extinguish any fire lit once the person knows or ought to reasonably know of the Fire Ban.

PART IV - PENALTIES

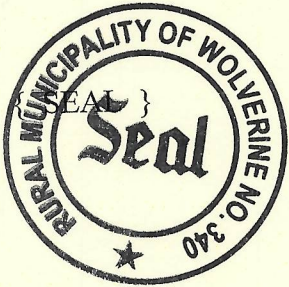
11. A person who contravenes any provision of this Bylaw or fails to comply with any order or request directed to that person pursuant to this Bylaw, is guilty of an offence and liable to the specified penalty for the offence set out in Schedule "B", attached to and forming part of this Bylaw.
12. The imposition of any penalty for violation of this Bylaw shall not relieve the person from complying with this Bylaw.



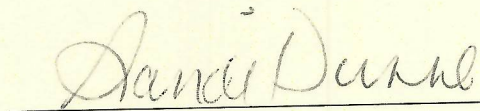
13. Any penalty and subsequent Fire Protection charges not paid within 30 days may be added to the tax roll of any property owned within the municipality as per section 369 of *The Municipalities Act*.

PART V- EFFECTIVE DATE

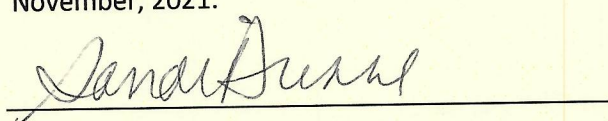
14. This Bylaw shall come into force and effect upon third and final reading.




Reeve


Administrator

Certified a true copy of Bylaw 2021-02 adopted by Council of the Rural Municipality of Wolverine No. 340 on the 18th day of November, 2021.



Sandi Dunne, Administrator

SCHEDULE "A"

NOTICE OF FIRE BAN

IN ACCORDANCE with the Fire Ban Bylaw of the Rural Municipality of Wolverine No. 340:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT effective immediately, _____
(Day/Month/Year)

and until further notice that a Level _____ Fire Ban will be in effect for the entire/portion of the
(1, 2 or 3)
Rural Municipality of Wolverine No. 340.

This ban shall remain in effect until _____
(Further notice or Day/Month/Year)

Dated at _____, SK. this _____
(Day/Month/Year)

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Level on ban in effect highlighted for quick reference



SCHEDULE "B"

OFFENCE SPECIFIC PENALTY

Contravention of any provision of this Bylaw	\$ 300.00
Second or subsequent offence within One (1) Year	\$ 500.00

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