

# TOWN OF REGINA BEACH

## Bylaw No. 8/2007

### RESIDENTIAL FIRE CONTROL BYLAW

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A Bylaw of the Town of Regina Beach to set minimum standards for the control of fire pits, chimeneas, wood stoves, fireplaces and other outdoor approved appliances in residential areas or zones.

The Council of the Town of Regina Beach, in the Province of Saskatchewan, enacts as follows:

#### PART 1 – INTRODUCTION

1. Title  
This Bylaw shall be known and may be cited as the Residential Fire Control Bylaw.
2. Purpose  
The purpose of this Bylaw is to regulate and control the use of appliances and devices which burn wood and other materials in residential zones within the limits of the Town of Regina Beach.

#### PART 2 – DEFINITIONS

3. Whenever in this Bylaw, the following words or terms are used, they shall, unless the text otherwise provides, be held to have the following meanings:
  - (a) “Owner” – shall mean the person, persons or corporate entity designated as the registered owner of a property on the tax roll of the Town of Regina Beach.
  - (b) “Town” – shall mean the Town of Regina Beach.

#### PART 3 – REGULATIONS

4. No material or fuel other than seasoned wood, manufactured fire logs, propane, natural gas or other town approved material or fuel may be burned in a fire pit, indoor wood burner, chimenea or portable fireplace in a residential zone.
5. The burning of the following material is prohibited:
  - Rubbish
  - Garden refuse or leaves
  - Manure
  - Livestock or animal carcasses
  - Any material classified as a dangerous good; and any material which when burned will generate black smoke or an offensive odor including insulation from electrical coring or equipment, asphalt roofing materials, hydrocarbons plastics, rubber materials, creosote wood or any similar material.
6. Firepits may not exceed seventy five (75) centimeters (29.52 inches) in width or diameter and must be lined with brick, stone, sheet metal with a minimum 18 gauge thickness or concrete.
7. The inside wall of a fire pit, portable fireplace or chimenea shall be separated from grass or any other vegetation by a distance of at least forty (40) centimeters (15.7 inches) by means of clean earth, sand, gravel, cement pad or other non-combustible material. Permitted fire pits shall not consist of just a pit or hole dug in the ground.
8. All firepits, portable fireplaces or chimenea openings must be covered with a heavy gauge metal screen with openings not exceeding 13 millimetres (.5 inches).

9. No firepit, portable fireplace or cheminea may be located closer than three (3) meters (9.8 feet) from any property line, building, or combustible structures and may not be closer than six (6) meters (19.685 feet) from any neighbouring or abutting residential dwelling.
10. Chimeneas or portable fireplaces shall not be used on balconies, wooden decks or any combustible surface.
11. Open air fires shall be reasonably supervised so as to prevent their spread and be adequately ventilated to ensure proper combustion and to prevent an unreasonable accumulation of smoke.
12. The fire must be attended to at all times with a water source available.
13. Barbecuing
  - (1) Every person who uses a barbecue or similar device shall:
    - (a) use the barbecue in a reasonable and safe manner;
    - (b) keep the barbecue, when lit, a sufficient distance from all combustible material;
    - (c) refrain from leaving the barbecue unattended, when lit;
    - (d) keep the barbecue in a reasonable state of repair; and
    - (e) comply with all federal and provincial regulations governing the use and storage of propane cylinders
  - (2) In addition to requirements in Subsection (1), if any person uses a barbecue or similar device on a balcony, the following provisions apply:
    - (a) solid fuel barbecues or similar cooking devices shall not be used;
    - (b) propane cylinders shall not exceed the 20 pound size;
    - (c) propane cylinders shall not be repaired, stored or contained within the building;
    - (d) propane cylinders shall be shut off at the tank valve when not in use;
    - (e) propane cylinders shall be connected and secured to the barbecue;
    - (f) propane cylinders shall be kept in an upright position at all times including when the cylinders are in transit, in service or in storage; and
    - (g) if a building has a freight or service elevator, propane cylinders shall be delivered to or from the dwelling units within the building using that elevator. If a building has a passenger elevator only, propane cylinders may be delivered to or from dwelling units within the building using that elevator as long as no passengers other than the person who owns the tank or maintenance or delivery personnel are on the elevator at the time of delivery.
14. All ashes shall be placed in a non-combustible bag or container and securely tied at the top prior to being placed in any receptacle.
15. The Council of the Town of Regina Beach reserves the right by resolution to temporarily ban the use of any firepits, portable fireplaces or chimeneas should conditions warrant it.

#### PART 4 – ENFORCEMENT

16. Any person found guilty of an infraction of this Bylaw or any part thereof, shall be liable on summary conviction to the penalties prescribed by the General Penalties Bylaw of the Town or the *The Fire Prevention Act 1992*.
17. Bylaw No. 11/81 is hereby repealed.

16. This bylaw shall come in to force on date of final passing thereof.

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MAYOR

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ADMINISTRATOR

Read a third time and  
adopted this      day  
of                      , 2007.