

TOWN OF GULL LAKE
BYLAW NO. 4-2017

A Bylaw of the Town of Gull Lake To Provide for Fire and Burning Restrictions

The Council of the Town of Gull Lake, in the Province of Saskatchewan in Council assembled enacts as follows:

1. Title:

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

2. 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 1 – DEFINITIONS

3. Definitions:

- (a) “Administrator:” shall mean the Administrator of the Municipality, or in their absence their designate;
- (b) “Council” shall mean the Council of the Municipality;
- (c) “Designated Officer” shall mean any member of Council, the Administrator, Fire Official, a Peace Officer, and any person appointed to enforce this bylaw;
- (d) “Discharge” includes to ignite, fire, or set off and the words “discharging” and “discharged” have a similar meaning;
- (e) “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 fireworks 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, waterfall, 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.
- (f) “Municipality” shall mean the Town of Gull Lake;
- (g) “Mayor” shall mean the person elected as Mayor to the Municipality, or in their absence the Deputy Mayor.
- (h) “Tandem” shall mean two.

PART 2 – GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- 4. No person shall be permitted to burn household garbage, dead leaves or any other waste material within the Town of Gull Lake boundaries.
- 5. No person under eighteen (18) years of age shall discharge any fireworks within the Municipality except under the direct supervision of a parent, guardian or other responsible adult.
- 6. No parent or guardian of a child under eighteen (18) years of age shall permit the child to discharge any fireworks, except when under the direct supervision of the parent or guardian.

PART 3 – FIRE BAN

7. 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 8. A fire ban shall be issued in writing and shall identify;
 - (a) The time and date the fire ban commences;
 - (b) The area and location the fire ban covers;
 - (c) The time and date the fire ban is lifted, or will be reviewed;
 - (d) Person or persons authorizing the fire ban;
 - (e) Other information that may be in the public interest.
8. Pursuant to Section 7 the Municipal Officials so authorized, in any tandem, to issue a fire ban are the Mayor, Fire Chief, or Deputy Fire Chief.
9. No person shall light, or start or allow to cause to be lighted, ignited or started a fire of any kind whatsoever in the open air during a fire ban.
10. No person shall discharge, or start or allow to cause to be discharged, ignited or started any fireworks of any kind whatsoever during a fire ban.
11. A Designated Officer may order any fire be extinguished forthwith during any period for which a fire ban is in effect within the Municipality.
12. No person shall fail to immediately comply with an order to extinguish a fire by a Designated Officer.
13. The cost for fire prevention, suppression and emergency response services shall be charged directly on the persons who receive the service in accordance with Schedule "A" which is attached to and forming part of this bylaw.
14. 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 15 of this bylaw any amount which remains unpaid at the end of the calendar year or thirty (30) days after the person has been invoiced for said services, whichever is earlier.
15. 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 \$1,000 and not more than \$10,000, to imprisonment for not more than one year or both.
16. A new offence is deemed to have been committed not less than two (2) hours from any previous offence.
17. Notwithstanding Section 15, a Designated Officer may issue a notice of violation to any person committing a first or second offence under this bylaw.
18. The notice of violation shall require the person to 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.
19. The amount specified in clause 18 may be paid:

- a. in person, during regular office hours, to the Municipality at the Municipal Office, 2378 Proton Avenue, Gull Lake, Saskatchewan , or
- b. be mailed to the Town of Gull Lake, Box 150, Gull Lake, Saskatchewan, S0N 1A0

20. If payment of the fine as provided in clause 18 is made prior to 15 days from the date they received the notice of violation, the person shall not be liable to prosecution for that offence.

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

PART 4 – LIMITATION OF PROSECUTION

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

23. 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.

24. This bylaw shall come into force and take effect on final passing thereof.

Mayor

Administrator

Read a third time and
adopted this 27th day of
July, 2017

Administrator

Schedule “A”

Fees and Charges for Enforcement and Protective Services:

Fire Prevention	\$80 per person hour - a minimum charge of one hour
Fire Suppression	\$80 per person hour - a minimum charge of one hour - plus costs
Emergency Response	\$120 per person hour - a minimum charge of one hour - plus costs

Other Fees and Charges:

Fire Department or other Fire Suppression Services or other fees and charges respecting fire:

- \$500 per unit per hour with minimum one hour call out OR
- actual invoiced amount from the provider of firefighting or fire suppression service
- plus all reasonable costs