

# Bylaw 19167

## Amendments to the Fire Rescue Services Bylaw 15309

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### Purpose

To amend the Fire Rescue Services Bylaw 15309.

### Position of Administration

Administration supports this Bylaw.

### Previous Council/Committee Action

At the January 29, 2020, Community and Public Services Committee meeting, Bylaw 19167 was forwarded to City Council for the appropriate readings.

At the October 16, 2019, Community and Public Services Committee meeting, the following motion was passed:

That Administration prepare amendments to the Fire Rescue Services Bylaw to provide clarity on the types of expenses related to extinguishing fires that property owners are responsible to pay.

### Report Summary

This report provides clarity on the types of expenses related to extinguishing fires that property owners are responsible to pay.

### Report

There are three primary types of expenses related to extinguishing fires that are not explicitly stated in Schedule C of Bylaw 15309 - Fire Rescue Services Bylaw but are the responsibility of the property owner:

1. *Security fencing* may be necessary to secure the property and to prevent the public from entering an area that is under investigation or unsafe.
2. *Heavy equipment* and/or a trackhoe may be required to move large debris and to prevent unsafe structures from falling outside of the secured area, protecting the public and firefighters/fire investigators.
3. *Vacuum truck* services may be required to remove cellulose insulation to reduce the risk of a secondary fire occurring or to remove water from a basement to

safely perform a search for victim(s) or to safely conduct the fire investigation where the place of origin may be beneath water.

Administration recommends amending Schedule C of the Bylaw 15309 to clarify which expenses are the responsibility of the property owner, as follows:

13. The following actual costs, if incurred by Fire Rescue Services related to extinguishing a fire on a parcel of land:
  - a. security fencing
  - b. heavy equipment
  - c. vacuum truck

**Corporate Outcomes and Performance Management**

<b>Corporate Outcome: Edmonton is a safe city.</b>			
<b>Outcome</b>	<b>Measure</b>	<b>Result</b>	<b>Target</b>
Edmonton is a safe city.	Percent of respondents that agree that Edmonton is a safe city, according to the Citizen Perception Survey.	2017: 66 percent	2020: 68 percent

**Attachment**

1. Bylaw 19167

**Others Reviewing this Report**

- C. Owen, Deputy City Manager, Communications and Engagement
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