



OFFICE CONSOLIDATION

FIRE ALARM BY-LAW 279-93

By-law to require the care and maintenance of Building Fire Alarm Systems

WHEREAS Section 210 of the Municipal Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter M45 providing Fire Protection Services; for requiring buildings, to be put in a safe condition to guard against fire or other dangerous risk or accident; for authorizing appointed officers to enter at all reasonable times upon any property, in order to ascertain whether the provisions of the By-law are obeyed, and to enforce or carry into effect the by-law; and for making other regulations for preventing fires and the spread of fires as the Council considers necessary;

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of The Corporation of the City of Brampton enacts as follows:

DEFINITIONS

1. In this By-law:
 - a) "Building" means any structure used or intended for supporting or sheltering any use or occupancy;
 - b) "city" means The Corporation of the City of Brampton;
 - c) "department" means the Fire Department of the City;
 - d) "fire alarm system" means a building system which, independent of human action, will automatically detect a fire in its initial stages, signal this condition to a control Unit, which in turn will annunciate an alarm and initiates all necessary functions. While the system is described as automatic, manually operated devices can be integrated;

- e) "inspector" includes a Municipal Law Enforcement Officer, a member of the Fire Prevention Division of the City's Fire Department, Fire Chief, and any other Fire Department members so designated by the Fire Chief;
- f) "installation" means to be installed as per CAN/ULC-S524-M entitled "Standard For The Installation of Fire Alarm Systems";
- g) "manufacturer" means an organization which produces fire alarm systems listed With Underwriters' Laboratories of Canada;
- h) "owner" means any person, firm or Corporation having control over any portion of the building or property under consideration and shall include the persons in the building or property and the owners agent;
- i) "test" means the requirements of CAN/ULC-S536-M, entitled "Standard For The Testing, Inspection and Maintenance Of Existing Fire Alarm Systems";
- j) "service report" means a document describing corrective action taken upon a fire alarm deficiency by qualified persons; and
- k) "verification" means the requirements of CAN/ULC,S537-M, entitled "Standards For the Verification of Fire Alarm Systems".

2. **APPLICATION**

The provisions of this By-law apply to all owners of buildings containing a fire alarm system.

3. **NEW BUILDING VERIFICATION**

- a) Upon completing a verification of a fire alarm system by the manufacturer or authorized agent of the manufacturer, a copy of the certificate shall be forwarded to the Department within twenty (20) days by the Owner.
- b) Upon completing a partial (addition to on existing system), or a complete system verification by the manufacturer or authorized agent of the manufacturer, a copy of the verification letter or certificate shall be forwarded to this Department within twenty (20) days by the Owner.

4. **TESTING OF EXISTING FIRE ALARM SYSTEMS**

Upon completing the annual test of a fire alarm system, a copy of the certificate shall be forwarded to this Department within thirty (30) days by the Owner.

5. **FIRE ALARM DEFICIENCIES**

- a) When deficiencies occur on the fire alarm system, the owner shall forward in writing to this Department, details of the deficiencies within thirty (30) days.
- b) Upon the repair of deficiencies to the fire alarm system, the owner shall forward a copy of the service report to this Department within thirty (30) days.

6. **ENFORCEMENT**

An Inspector, may at all reasonable hours, enter into and upon the buildings and premises for the purpose of examination and ascertaining whether provisions of this by-law have been obeyed, and to enforce or carry into effect the By-law.

7. **NOTICE TO COMPLY**

Where an Inspector ascertains that an owner has not complied with this By-law, the Inspector may serve notice personally, or by registered mail, requiring the owner to comply.

8. **PENALTY**

Any person who contravenes any of the provisions of this by-laws is guilty of all offence and upon conviction is liable to a fine as provided for in the Provincial Offences Act.

9. **COMMENCEMENT**

This By-law comes into force on the 13th day of December, 1993.

READ a FIRST, SECOND and THIRD TIME and PASSED in Open Council this 13th day of December, 1993.

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF BRAMPTON

Original Signed by: Peter Robertson, Mayor

Original Signed by: Leonard J. Mikulich, City Clerk