

## **Town of Saltcoats**

### **Bylaw No.01-2013**

A BYLAW OF THE TOWN OF SALTCOATS TO PROHIBIT THE DISCHARGE OF GUNS OR ANY OTHER FIREARM WITHIN THE LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF SALTCOATS.

The Council of the Town of Saltcoats in the Province of Saskatchewan enacts as follows:

#### **1. Title**

- a) This Bylaw may be cited as "The Firearms Bylaw".

#### **2. Definitions**

In this Bylaw, unless the context otherwise requires, the expression:

- a) "Town" shall mean the Town of Saltcoats in the Province of Saskatchewan.
- b) "Administrator" shall mean the Administrator or any person acting or authorized to act on their behalf.
- c) "Council" shall mean the Council of the Town of Saltcoats.
- d) "Cross-bow" shall mean a cross-bow as defined in *The Criminal Code of Canada*.
- e) "Firearm" means a non-restricted firearm as defined in *The Criminal Code of Canada*.
- f) "Officer" means a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police or Bylaw Enforcement Officer appointed pursuant to Subsection 373(1) of *The Municipalities Act*.
- g) "Owner" means the owner of the property or the person in charge or control of the property.
- h) "Person" means any individual, firm, company or partnership.
- i) "Pest Control Officer" means a person appointed to trap, hunt and dispose of any pest animals.
- j) "Sling shot" means a Y-shaped stick with an elastic strip between the prongs for shooting stone and other small missiles.

#### **3. Regulations**

- a) No person shall discharge any firearm, sling shot, cross-bow or any other device that is designed for or capable of discharging projectiles that would cause any object or objects to be projected a distance of more than twenty-five (25) feet within the Town, except as provided elsewhere in this Bylaw.
- b) No person shall discharge any firearm in such a manner so that the projectile crosses the limits of Town.

- c) This bylaw does not apply to peace officers as defined by The Criminal Code of Canada.

#### **4. Pest Control**

- a) The Council may appoint Pest Control Officers to trap, hunt and dispose of animals pursuant to subsections 4(c), 4(d) and 4(e) of this bylaw.
  - i) The appointment shall commence upon receipt of the requirements in subsection 4(b) of this bylaw and approval of Council.
- b) A Pest Control Officer shall provide the Town with:
  - i) a criminal record check from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police;
  - ii) a copy of their current Possession and Acquisition License (PAL)
  - iii) a Nuisance Wildlife Control Permit from Saskatchewan Environment in the event that the Pest Control Officer will be shooting wildlife other than those listed in subsection 4(d) of this bylaw.
- c) Pursuant to clause 6(2) of *The Wildlife Regulations, 1981*, a Pest Control Officer may capture or kill any wildlife that is wounded, diseased, a danger to the public or a public nuisance.
- d) Pursuant to clause 13(3) of *The Wildlife Regulations, 1981*, a Pest Control Officer may hunt those animals listed on clauses 4(f)(g) and (h) of *The Wildlife Regulations, 1981*, [(f) rodentia (mice and rats), other than red squirrels, muskrats, black-tailed prairie dogs and, subject to subsection (2), beavers; (g) skunks and raccoons; (h) crows, magpies, cowbirds, blackbirds, grackles, starlings, English sparrows and common pigeons (rock doves)] within 500 (five hundred) metres of any building, stockade or corral within the Town without consent of the owner.
- e) Pursuant to clause 13(3.1) of *The Wildlife Regulations, 1981*, a Pest Control Officer may hunt animals other than those list in subsection 4(d) of this bylaw within 500 (five hundred) metres of any building, stockade or corral within the Town without consent of the owner with compliance of provision 4(b)(iii) of this bylaw.
- f) Pest Control Officers will be allowed, by permit from Saskatchewan Environment only, to shoot ravens as they are a protected species in Saskatchewan.

#### **5. Fireworks**

- a) Subject to the provisions of subsection 5(b), no person shall sell fireworks of any kind within the Town, and no person shall set off within the Town, fireworks of any kind.
- b) The Council may authorize a designated officer of the Town to issue to any person(s) a permit in writing for the sale and for the setting off of fireworks or

for a display thereof in accordance with such terms and conditions as the Council may prescribe.

**6. Offences and Penalties**

- a) Any person who contravenes any provision of this bylaw is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction:
  - i) for the first offence, a fine of not less than \$100 (one hundred dollars) and not more than \$500 (five hundred dollars).
  - ii) for the second offence and any subsequent offence, a fine of not less than \$500 (five hundred dollars) and not more than \$1,000 (one thousand dollars).
  - iii) where damage is done to property by an unlawful act under this Bylaw, the presiding Judge shall adjudge payment of all damages occasioned by the unlawful act and the same shall be applied for repair and reconstruction of the property damaged or destroyed.

**7. Effective Date**

This Bylaw shall come into force and take effect on the date of the final passing.

**8. Repealing Clause**

Bylaw 8-2000 of the Town of Saltcoats is hereby repealed.

Dated this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

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Mayor

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Administrator

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