

**VILLAGE OF MEOTA
BYLAW #4/2012**

A BYLAW RESPECTING FIRE PREVENTION

The Council of the Village of Meota in the Province of Saskatchewan enacts as follows:

1. This bylaw shall be referred to as the “Fire Prevention Bylaw”.
2. In this bylaw:
 - 1) “Administrator” shall mean the administrator of the municipality;
 - 2) “Council” shall mean the council of the municipality;
 - 3) “Department” shall mean the Meota and District Fire Department;
 - 4) “Fire Chief” shall mean the Chief of the Meota and District Fire Department or his designate;
 - 5) “Firecracker” shall mean any object containing any substance or combination of substances prepared for, capable of, or discharged for the purpose of producing and explosion without a pyrotechnics display, including cannon crackers, firecrackers, mines, squibs and torpedoes;
 - 6) “Fireworks” shall mean explosives that are enclosed in any case or contrivance or are otherwise manufactured or adapted for the production of pyrotechnic effects, pyrotechnic signals or sound signals and includes any chemical compound or mechanically mixed preparation of an explosive or of an inflammable nature that is used for the purpose of making such explosives, but does not include firecrackers;
 - 7) “Fireworks Display” shall mean a display of fireworks intended for the entertainment of the general public or in open view of the general public;
 - 8) “Fireworks Supervisor” shall mean a person who has been certified as a Fireworks Supervisor by the Explosives Regulatory Division of Natural Resources Canada;
 - 9) “High Hazard Fireworks” shall mean fireworks classed as Subdivision 2 and Subdivision 3 of Division 2 fireworks in the Regulations such as model rocket engines, rockets, serpents, shells, bombshells, tourbillions, maroons, large wheels, bouquets, barrages, bombardos, waterfalls, fountains, batteries, illumination, set pieces and pigeons, but does not include firecrackers;
 - 10) “Low Hazard Fireworks” shall mean fireworks classed as Subdivision 1 of Division 2 fireworks in the Regulations comprised of low hazard fireworks generally used for recreation, such as fireworks showers, fountains, golden rain, lawn lights, pin wheels,

Roman candles, volcanoes and sparklers, but does not include Christmas crackers or caps for toy guns;

- 11) "Member" means a person appointed as a Fire Chief by Council or a member of the Fire Department approved by the Fire Chief;
- 12) "Municipality" shall mean the Village of Meota;
- 13) "Pyrotechnics Display" shall mean a display of pyrotechnic special effects intended for the entertainment of the public, in open view to the general public, or in a place to which the general public may be admitted, and includes places to which admittance to the general public is restricted by age or by invitation;
- 14) "Pyrotechnics Special Effects" shall mean those fireworks that are used in the entertainment industry whether designed specifically for indoor or outdoor use, such as blackpowder bombs, bullet effects, flash powder, smoke compositions, gerbs, lances and wheels;
- 15) "Regulations" shall mean the regulations passed pursuant to *The Explosives Act* R.S.C. 1985, c. E-17;
- 16) "Special Effects Pyrotechnician" shall mean a person who has been certified as a Special Effects Pyrotechnician by the Explosives Regulatory Division of Natural Resources Canada;

3. Open Fires

- 1) No person shall light, ignite, or start to allow or cause to be lighted, ignited, or started, a fire of any kind whatsoever in the open air without first having obtained a written permit to do so as shown in Schedule "A", as attached hereto and forming part of the bylaw.
- 2) The Department may issue a permit to a person to set an open-air fire as part of a block party, community event or similar special function or celebration. In this event, the Department may waive any requirements of this section with respect to the permitted open-air fire, but the permittee shall comply with all the other requirements of this section and any other conditions attached to the permit by the Department.
- 3) The Fire Chief or a designate may suspend a burning permit if the wind or other conditions are not conducive to fire safety on the date specified for the burn. The Fire Chief may validate the permit for another date.
- 4) A person to whom a permit has been issued under Subsection(1) shall prevent the fire from getting beyond control or causing damage or becoming dangerous.

- 5) Notwithstanding Subsection(1), no permit shall be required to light, ignite, or start or allow or cause to be lighted, ignited, or started, a fire pit (as described in Section 5), a barbeque, grill or similar device used to cook food.
- 6) Nothing contained in this section shall relieve any person from complying with the provisions of *The Clean Air Act* and the regulations passed pursuant thereto.
- 7) Burning for land clearing purposes is prohibited.
- 8) A permitted fire, outdoor burning appliance or barbeque, which is deemed hazardous, may be extinguished or removed by order of the Fire Chief or any member.

4. Exemptions to Burning Regulations

Notwithstanding any other provision of this bylaw, the Fire Chief or any other member designated by the Fire Chief may burn buildings, structures, or other materials for the purpose of training its personnel in structural firefighting methods, fire investigation procedures, for the purpose of elimination of hazards or any other municipal purposes.

5. Fire pits

- 1) Open cooking fires shall not be set unless the following measures are taken:
 - a. be limited to a diameter of seventy-five (75) centimeters (29.5 in.) and be contained in a non-combustible receptacle constructed of cement, brick, clay (kiln dried), or sheet metal with a minimum 18 gauge thickness;
 - b. the receptacle must be covered with a heavy gauge metal screen with openings not exceeding 13 millimeters (0.5 in.);
 - c. the receptacle must be located on private property, a distance of at least 3.1 meters (10 feet) from any property line, building or other combustible structure;
 - d. the receptacle must be separated from grass and any other vegetation by a distance of at least forty (40) centimeters (15.7 in.) by means of clean earth, sand, gravel or other non-combustible material.
- 2) Chimney and portable fire pits:
 - a. shall not be used on apartment balconies;
 - b. shall not be used indoors;
 - c. shall not be used on wooden decks; but may be used on a noncombustible surface such as earth, concrete, stone, etc.;
 - d. shall be separated from grass and any vegetation by a distance of at least 40 centimeters (15.7 in.) by means of clean earth, sand, gravel or other noncombustible material;

- e. shall be located on private property a distance of at least 3.1 meters (10 feet) from any property line, building or other combustible structure.

3) General Requirements

- a. The fire must be reasonably supervised so as to prevent its spread.
- b. The fuel for open-air fires shall consist only of charcoal, cut seasoned wood, or manufacturer's logs.
- c. The fire shall be adequately ventilated to ensure proper combustion and to prevent an unreasonable accumulation of smoke.
- d. The fire shall not be set in windy conditions conducive to creating a running fire or a nuisance to another person.
- e. The burning of the following materials is prohibited:
 - i. rubbish;
 - ii. garden refuse;
 - iii. manure;
 - iv. livestock or animal carcasses;
 - v. any material classified as a dangerous good;
 - vi. any material when burned will generate black smoke or an offensive odour (i.e. insulation from electrical wiring or equipment, asphalt roofing materials, hydrocarbons, plastics, rubber materials, creosote wood)
- f. If smoke from a fire causes an unreasonable interference with the use and enjoyment of another person's property, the fire must be extinguished immediately. Continued offences of this nature could call for the immediate removal and/or suspension of its use for a period of one calendar year and the revoking of the permit, at the discretion of the Fire Chief.
- g. The permittee is responsible for any or all damages as a result of burning.

6. Barbecuing

1) Every person who uses any 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 materials ("combustible materials" is not to be interpreted as the railing on a balcony or deck);
- c. Ensure that a portable grill or barbecue is located on a firm base and firmly anchored;
- d. Refrain from leaving the barbecue unattended;
- e. Keep the barbecue in a reasonable state of repair;
- f. Comply with all federal and provincial regulations regarding the use and storage of propane cylinders;
- g. Ensure propane cylinders be shut off at the tank valve when not in use;
- h. Ensure propane cylinders be connected and secured to the barbecue;

- i. Ensure propane cylinders be kept in an upright position at all times, including when the cylinders are in transit, service or storage.
- 2) When solid fuel appliances are used, provisions for the storage of ashes or hot coals is limited to approved receptacles.

7. Fireworks and Pyrotechnics

1. Sale and Display of High Hazard Fireworks

- j. High hazard fireworks shall not be displayed for sale or sold in the Village;

2. Setting off fireworks or pyrotechnics

- a. No person shall set off any of the following within the Village:
 - i). Fireworks, other than pyrotechnics, unless they are set off as part of a fireworks display;
 - ii). Pyrotechnics, unless they are set off as part of a pyrotechnics display;

3. Fireworks Display

- a. A Fireworks Display shall be held only:
 - i). In public places approved by the Fire Chief and Council;
 - ii). At a safe distance from all combustible materials and all highways, railroads, overhead wires, buildings and other structures; and
 - iii). Under the supervision of a Fireworks Supervisor.
- b. No person shall hold a fireworks display unless the Fireworks Supervisor responsible for the fireworks display has obtained a permit to do so as shown in Schedule "B", as attached hereto and forming part of the bylaw;
- c. A Fireworks Supervisor shall apply for a permit in writing at least 14 calendar days before the intended date of the fireworks display;
- d. The permit application shall include all of the following information:
 - I). The name, address, and signature of the person or persons sponsoring the fireworks display;
 - ii). The name, certification number and signature of the Fireworks Supervisor;
 - iii). The name of the person that is conducting the Fireworks display;
 - iv) The date and time of the proposed display;
 - v). a detailed description of the proposed display;

- vi). The exact location planned for the fireworks display including a diagram of the grounds on which it will be held, showing the point from where the fireworks will be discharged, the location of all highways, railroads, overhead lines and obstructions. Buildings and other structures, and the lines behind which the audience will be restrained.
 - vii). written consent from the owner of the property on which the fireworks display will be held;
 - viii). the size, number and type of all fireworks being discharged, including the number of set pieces, shells and other items;
 - ix). a description of the shells including their diameter and whether they are single, multiple break of salute shells;
 - x). the manner and place of storage of all fireworks prior to, during and after the display;
 - xi). the name and address of the vendor or vendors that supplied all the fireworks used in the fireworks display;
 - xii). proof of General Liability Insurance with coverage of at least \$5,000,000 per occurrence in a form acceptable to the Village of Meota;
 - xiii). any other information requested by either the Fire Chief and Council.
- e. The Fire Chief or the Village Council may refuse to issue a permit for a fireworks display if, in either of their opinion:
- i). The application for the permit is unsatisfactory;
 - ii). The person or Fireworks Supervisor that is conducting the fireworks display does not have adequate insurance coverage;
 - iii). The fireworks display or its proposed location constitutes a fire hazard to any neighbouring properties;
 - iv). The fireworks display or its proposed location will be inadequately equipped with fire safety or suppression equipment; or
 - v). the fireworks display or its proposed location constitutes a danger to public health or safety.
- f. The permit application forms the terms and conditions upon which the permit will be granted.
- g. A fireworks display shall only be held on the terms set out in the permit.

- h. A fireworks display shall be conducted in a manner consistent with all the safety procedures listed in the most recent Display Fireworks Manual distributed by the Explosives Regulatory Division of Natural Resources Canada and shall be held and continued only while:
 - i). All proper precautions are being observed to keep spectators at a safe distance; and
 - ii). Suitable fire extinguishers or other proper means of extinguishing fires are at hand.
 - i. The Fire Chief or Council may temporarily or permanently suspend or terminate any fireworks display if, in either of their opinion, it:
 - i). is or is threatening to become a danger to any property or to public health or safety;
 - ii). Is inadequately equipped with fire safety or suppression equipment; or
 - iii) does not meet the terms of the permit.
 - j. If an inspection or demonstration is necessary to determine whether a fireworks display can be performed safely before its intended audience, the Fire Chief or the Council may require any or all of the following:
 - i) an inspection of the location of the fireworks display;
 - ii) an inspection of the equipment used in the fireworks display;
 - iii) a demonstration of the fireworks display.
 - k. All unused fireworks from and all debris created by fireworks display shall be safely removed and disposed of by the responsible Fireworks Supervisor immediately after the fireworks display.
4. Pyrotechnics Display
- a. A Pyrotechnics Display shall be held only:
 - i). In public places approved by the Fire Chief and Council.
 - iii). Under the supervision of a Special Effects Pyrotechnician, Pyrotechnician or a Theatrical User.
 - b. No person shall hold a pyrotechnics display unless the Special Effects Pyrotechnician, Pyrotechnician or Theatrical User responsible for the Pyrotechnics display has obtained a permit to do so as shown in Schedule "C", as attached hereto and forming part of the bylaw.
 - c. A Special Effects Pyrotechnician, Pyrotechnician or Theatrical User shall apply for a permit in writing at least 14 calendar days before the intended date of the Pyrotechnics display.
 - d. The permit application shall include all of the following information:
 - I). The name, address, and signature of the person or persons sponsoring the pyrotechnics display;

- ii). The name, certification number and signature of the Special Effects Pyrotechnician, Pyrotechnician or Theatrical User;
 - iii). The name of the person that is conducting the Pyrotechnics display;
 - iv) The date and time of the proposed Pyrotechnics display;
 - v). a detailed description of the proposed Pyrotechnics display;
 - vi). The exact location planned for the pyrotechnics display with a plan showing a sketch of the location, the exact distance of all pyrotechnic materials and devices from the audience, performers, staging, sets, properties and curtains; the ceiling height of the building; the amounts of pyrotechnic materials and devices that will be used; descriptions of the cueing of each pyrotechnic effect; and the clearly marked exits from the building;
 - vii). written consent from the owner of the property on which the pyrotechnics display will be held;
 - x). the manner and place of storage of all pyrotechnics materials prior to, during and after the display;
 - xi). the name and address of the vendor or vendors that supplied all the pyrotechnic materials used in the pyrotechnics display;
 - xiii). any other information requested by either the Fire Chief and Council.
- e. The Fire Chief or the Village Council may refuse to issue a permit for a Pyrotechnics display if, in either of their opinion:
- i). The application for the permit is unsatisfactory;
 - iv). The Pyrotechnics display or its proposed location will be inadequately equipped with fire safety or suppression equipment; or
 - v). the pyrotechnics display or its proposed location constitutes a danger to public health or safety.
- f. The permit application forms the terms and conditions upon which the permit will be granted.
- g. A Pyrotechnics display shall only be held on the terms set out in the permit.
- h. The Fire Chief or Council may temporarily or permanently suspend or terminate any Pyrotechnics display if, in either of their opinion, it:

- i). is or is threatening to become a danger to any property or to public health or safety;
 - ii). Is inadequately equipped with fire safety or suppression equipment; or
 - iii) does not meet the terms of the permit.
- i. If an inspection or demonstration is necessary to determine whether a Pyrotechnics display can be performed safely before its intended audience, the Fire Chief or the Council may require any or all of the following:
 - i) an inspection of the location of the Pyrotechnics display;
 - ii) an inspection of the equipment used in the Pyrotechnics display;
 - iii) a demonstration of the Pyrotechnics display.
- j. One Permit may be made to authorize repeat performances of a pyrotechnics display occurring on the dates specified on the permit.
- k. A pyrotechnics display may be held or continued only if:
 - i) all the safety procedures listed in the most recent Pyrotechnics Special Effects Manual distributed by the Explosives Regulatory Division of Natural Resources Canada are followed;
 - ii) all proper precautions are being observed to keep spectators at a safe distance; and
 - iii) suitable fire extinguishers or other proper means of extinguishing fires are present.
- l. All unused pyrotechnic special effects from and all debris created by a pyrotechnics display shall be safely removed and disposed of by the Special Effects Pyrotechnician, Pyrotechnician, or Theatrical User immediately following the pyrotechnics display.
- 5. Firecrackers Prohibited
 - a. No person shall sell firecrackers within the Village.
 - b. No person shall set off or otherwise use firecrackers within the Village.
- 6. Explosives Act
 - a. This Bylaw is subject to *The Explosives Act* and the federal regulations.
 - b. Where there is a conflict between this Bylaw and *The Explosives Act* or the federal regulations, *The Explosives Act* or the federal regulations will take precedence to the extent of the conflict.

8. Contravention of the Bylaw

- 1) Any person found guilty of an infraction of any of the provisions of this bylaw shall be liable to the penalties imposed by the General Penalty Bylaw of the Village of Meota.

9. Bylaw #59, A Bylaw respecting firearms and fireworks, and Bylaw #7/2005, a bylaw to regulate burning refuse, operation of fuel burning equipment and backyard fire pits, are hereby repealed.

[SEAL]

Mayor

Administrator

Subsection 8(1) (b) of *The Municipalities Act*

Read a third time and adopted
this ____ day of _____

**SCHEDULE "A"
BYLAW #4/2012
VILLAGE OF MEOTA**

OUTDOOR FIRE PERMIT TO BURN

ADDRESS OF OUTDOOR FIRE APPLIANCE _____

APPLICANTS NAME (PLEASE PRINT) _____ PHONE # _____

ATTACH A SKETCH OF AREA WHERE BURNING IS TO OCCUR (INCLUDE BUILDINGS, TREES, OTHER STRUCTURES, ETC.)

The Village of Meota assumes no responsibility for any burning or consequence of burning. The owner is responsible for any or all damages as a result of burning. The owner may be required to extinguish the fire at any time if it causes unreasonable interference with the use and enjoyment of other person's property.

It is an express condition of this permit that the applicant, whose signature appears hereunder, shall be responsible for any injury or damage to person or property arising from the use of this permit.

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE: _____

A permit to burn approved materials is hereby granted to the applicant noted above.

This permit is effective from date of issue until _____.

FIRE CHIEF: _____ DATE: _____

Other Comments:

SCHEDULE "B"
BYLAW #4/2012
VILLAGE OF MEOTA

FIREWORKS DISPLAY PERMIT

Date: _____ Permit No: _____

Pursuant to clause 7(7)(b) of the Village of Meota Fire Prevention Bylaw, the Fire Chief and Council hereby permit:

Name of Certified Fireworks Supervisor

Fireworks Supervisor Certification No.

Mailing Address

City/Town

Province Postal Code

Telephone

Fax

E-Mail

To supervise and perform a Fireworks Display for:

Name of Sponsoring person, group, Assoc.

Signature of signing officer

Mailing Address

City/Town

Prov. Postal Code

Telephone

Fax

E-Mail

This permit is valid from _____ to _____
Date Date

Between the hours of _____ and _____.

AUTHORIZATION:

I am at least 18 years old and am aware of the conditions for issuance of this permit under the Village of Meota Fire Prevention Bylaw.

SIGNATURE OF PERMIT HOLDER

MAYOR

PROPERTY OWNER/PLEASE PRINT

FIRE CHIEF

PROPERTY OWNER SIGNATURE DATE

**SCHEDULE "C"
BYLAW #4/2012
VILLAGE OF MEOTA**

PYROTECHNICS DISPLAY PERMIT

Date: _____ Permit No: _____
Pursuant to clause 7(8)(b) of the Village of Meota Fire Prevention Bylaw, the Fire Chief and Council hereby permit:

Name of Certified Special Effects Pyrotechnician Special Effects Pyrotechnician Certification No.

Mailing Address City/Town Province Postal Code

Telephone Fax E-Mail

To supervise and perform a Pyrotechnics Display for:

Name of Sponsoring person, group, Assoc. Signature of signing officer

Mailing Address City/Town Prov. Postal Code

Telephone Fax E-Mail

This permit is valid from _____ to _____
Date Date

Between the hours of _____ and _____.

AUTHORIZATION:

I am at least 18 years old and am aware of the conditions for issuance of this permit under the Village of Meota Fire Prevention Bylaw.

SIGNATURE OF PERMIT HOLDER MAYOR

PROPERTY OWNER/PLEASE PRINT FIRE CHIEF

PROPERTY OWNER SIGNATURE DATE

