

**REGIONAL DISTRICT OKANAGAN-SIMILKAMEEN
BYLAW NO. 3110, 2025**

A bylaw to authorize cost recovery (fees) with respect to fire department specific response.

WHEREAS the Board of the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen may make bylaws relating to a matter within the scope of the Fire Safety Act [SBC 2016];

AND WHEREAS the Board of the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen may, by bylaw, impose a fee payable in respect of all or part of a service of the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen;

AND WHEREAS the Board of the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen considers it appropriate to impose a fee related to fire department responses;

AND WHEREAS the Board of the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen deems it expedient to pass a bylaw to impose fees on persons to recover the costs of fire department responses;

NOW THEREFORE the Board of Directors of the Regional District Okanagan-Similkameen in open meeting assembled ENACTS as follows:

1. CITATION

1.1 This Bylaw shall be cited as “Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen Fire Department Response Cost Recovery Bylaw No. 3110, 2025”.

2. DEFINITIONS

2.1 In this bylaw:

“Board” means the Board of Directors of the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen;

“Fire Department” means a fire department established by the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen in accordance with and within the scope of the Fire Services Act, RSBC 1996, c 144;

“Fire Department Specific Response Fees” means cost recovery fees for Fire Department attendance at a property for which the Owner has Fire Department insurance coverage;

“Regional District” means the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen;

“Owner” means the registered owner of property or any person, firm, corporation, partnership or society and their heirs, executors, administrators or other legal representatives, including a property manager, tenant, occupant, mortgagee in possession, receiver, manager, trustee or trustee in bankruptcy having control or possession of the property or any portion thereof;

“Property” means any real property located within the geographical boundaries of the Regional District, and any real property to which the Fire Department is under a service agreement to provide Fire Department Response services, Automatic Aid or Mutual Aid. Real property includes buildings, contents and structures of any nature and kind in or upon such lands to which service is provided.

3. ADMINISTRATION

- 3.1 The Regional District hereby authorizes the imposition of fees from time to time in accordance with the provisions of this bylaw.
- 3.2 The Owner of Property shall be responsible for the payment of Fire Department Specific Response Fees imposed by this bylaw in accordance with the Regional District’s Fees and Charges Bylaw.
- 3.3 The Regional District may use technology to assess applicable insurance coverage for Fire Department Specific Response Fees.
- 3.4 Fees imposed pursuant to this bylaw constitute a debt of the Owner to the Regional District and may be added to the tax roll of the Property to which the Fire Department Specific Response Fees relate.
- 3.5 Where the Regional District believes Fire Department Specific Response Fees are applicable but the Owner does not have, in part or in full, insurance coverage for fire department charges for the Property, the Regional District may adjust the Fire Department Specific Response Fees to the extent of insurance coverage upon provision by the Owner of evidence, to the satisfaction of the Regional District, that no such insurance coverage exists or to demonstrate the limits of such coverage.

4. INTERPRETATION

- 4.1 Whenever the singular, masculine, or feminine is used in this bylaw it shall be interpreted as if the plural, feminine, or masculine has been used where the context so requires.
- 4.2 If any term or provision of this bylaw or the application thereof to any person shall to any extent be held to be invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of this bylaw or the application of such term or provision to all persons other than those to whom it was held to be invalid or unenforceable, shall not be affected thereby, it being the intention of the

Board that each term and provision of this bylaw shall be separately valid and enforceable to the fullest extent permitted by law.

READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME this 5th day of June, 2025.

ADOPTED BY 2/3 VOTE this 5th day of June, 2025.



Board Chair



Corporate Officer