



MUNICIPALITY OF SOUTH BRUCE

Schedule "A" to Bylaw #2009-59

November 2009

Policy & Procedure Manual Unauthorized Open Burning Fees

- Coverage:** This policy shall apply to all properties located within the Municipality of South Bruce.
- Policy Statement:** This policy will establish the **procedures regarding the imposition of fees and charges** for unnecessary fire calls to properties in contravention of By-law #2002-05 Open Air Burning or By-law #2002-42 Burning in Barrels.
- Legislative Authority:** Part XII, Fees & Charges, Municipal Act, 2001
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Procedures:

1. There is no Open Air Burning allowed in any Urban area of the Municipality of South Bruce and no permits will be issued for any intentional burning within the urban areas of the Municipality.
2. Open Air Burning may be allowed in a Rural area of the Municipality, at the discretion of the Fire Chief (or his/her designate) if the property owner obtains an "Open Air Burn Permit" in accordance with the provisions of By-law #2002-05.
3. When either the Teeswater Culross Fire Department or the Mildmay Carrick Fire Department responds to an emergency call for a fire intentionally set outdoors, AND/OR where no "Open Air Burn Permit" was obtained by the property owner, as required under By-law #2002-05, the following procedures will apply:
 - An invoice may be issued, at the discretion of the Fire Chief in charge of the fire call, for the provision of fire services.
 - The invoice will be issued to the property owner, in accordance with the MTO rates approved for highway fires, and approved in the Municipality Fee Bylaw, as amended from time to time.
 - The invoice will become due and payable by the property owner upon receipt.
 - Interest will be charged at the rate of 1.25% on the first day of each month after an account is older than 30 days, except in special circumstances, approved by the treasurer.
 - Outstanding invoices over 90 days shall be added to the tax roll and collected in the same manner as municipal taxes.