



**TOWN OF RIVERVIEW**

**BY-LAW 500-10  
FIRE**

**A BY-LAW RELATING TO FIRE PROTECTION IN THE TOWN OF RIVERVIEW**

BE IT ENACTED by the Council of the Town of Riverview under the authority vested in it by the Municipalities Act, R.S.N.B., 1973, c.M-22 as follows:

1. The Town of Riverview shall have a Fire Department, the operation and management of which is under the control of the Fire Chief.
2. The Fire Department will hereafter be known as the “Riverview Fire & Rescue”. Reference to “the Department” will refer to Riverview Fire & Rescue.
3. The Fire Chief is responsible to the Town Council, through the Town Manager, for the administration and operation of the Department. Additionally, the Fire Chief:
  - (a) may make general orders and rules as may be necessary for the care and protection of the property of the Department, the conduct of Members of the Department and, generally, the efficient operation of the Department, provided that such general orders and rules shall not conflict with the provisions of any by-law of the Town;
  - (b) shall review, periodically, policy and guidelines of the Department, and may establish an Advisory Committee consisting of such officers as he/she may determine from time to time to assist in this duty;
  - (c) will provide that the Fire & Rescue Department be responsible for fire protection and prevention education within the Town of Riverview;
  - (d) will, subject to superior legislation, ensure that the Fire & Rescue Department becomes the lead agency in the areas of Fire, Emergency Medical Services, Environmental Emergencies, and Life-Safety Rescue within its municipal or contractual jurisdiction.
  - (e) has the authority to conduct inspections and take steps to enforce or administer this By-Law or remedy a contravention of this By-Law in accordance with all other by-laws in the Town.
  - (f) shall enforce all provisions of the Fire Prevention Act.
4. No person shall burn or cause to burn any material out of doors on public or private property in the Town of Riverview except as permitted in Section 5 of this By-Law. Riverview Fire & Rescue may order any outdoor fire extinguished. This provision does not apply to live or training fires conducted by the Department.

5. Outdoor wood burning appliances may be used throughout the Town of Riverview provided that, in the opinion of the Fire Chief or his designate, the requirements outlined below have been met:

- (a) The manufacturers' instructions for the safe installation and operation of the appliance have been followed.
- (b) The appliance is not placed on a wood deck or other combustible platform.
- (c) The appliance is used to burn only dry, seasoned firewood.
- (d) The appliance is not used to burn pressure treated wood, painted wood, leaves, grass, other vegetation, any plastic material, any food material or any material of any kind which produces an unreasonable amount of smoke or other respiratory irritants.
- (e) The appliance must be installed with a clearance of 3 meters (10 feet) in all directions from other combustible materials.
- (f) Only one appliance shall be used on a property at one time.
- (g) The appliance shall not be used when the Department of Natural Resources and Energy have placed a ban on open burning in the area.
- (h) No flammable material shall be used in any appliance, other than propane utilized in an approved propane barbeque.

In this section "outdoor wood burning appliance" means a manufactured non-combustible enclosed container designed to hold a small fire for decorative purposes and the size of which is not larger than one (1) meter in any direction, and may include, but not limited to, chimneys.

Riverview Fire and Rescue may order property owners to extinguish or prohibit any fire using an improperly installed appliance or burning any improper materials.

6. The Fire Chief or its designate, may authorize the pulling down or demolition of buildings or other erections to prevent the spread of the fire.
7. Riverview Fire & Rescue may charge the owner of a building a fine of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for a generated false alarm. In a calendar year each subsequent false alarm which originates from the same building may cause \$100.00 to be charged to the owner in addition to the previous charge.
8. Notwithstanding the provision of Section 7., any person who violates any other provision of this By-Law or who fails to comply with an order of a fire prevention officer commits an offence punishable under Part II of the Provincial Offences Procedures Act as a Category E offence with a maximum fine not to exceed two thousand six hundred and twenty dollars (\$2,620.00).
9. Every person charged with an offence under this by-law may, on or before the date a charge pertaining to the offence has been laid in Provincial Court, make a voluntary payment of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) to the Town Clerk.
10. Any peace officer or By-Law Enforcement Officer is hereby authorized to take such action or to issue such tickets as they may deem necessary to enforce any provision of this by-law.

A By-Law entitled "A BY-LAW OF THE TOWN OF RIVERVIEW RESPECTING THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND THE PREVENTION AND SUPPRESSION OF FIRES", being By-Law No. 17-2, ordained and passed the 14th day of April, A.D., 1998 and all amendments thereto is hereby repealed.

Ordained and Passed September 28, 2010

**First Reading:           September 13, 2010**  
**Second Reading:       September 13, 2010**  
**Third Reading:         September 28, 2010**

**Original By-Laws and amendments thereto are on file in the Office of the Town Clerk. This document is for convenient reference purposes only. Any questions should be forwarded to the Office of the Town Clerk.**