

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF NORTH QU'APPELLE NO. 187

Bylaw No. 2025-09

A BYLAW TO PROVIDE FOR FIRE RESTRICTIONS WITHIN THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF NORTH QU'APPELLE NO. 187

WHEREAS Section 8(1) of *The Municipalities Act* authorizes a Council to pass bylaws to promote the safety, health, and welfare of its residents;

AND WHEREAS Council considers it necessary to adopt an escalating fire restriction system for enhanced fire prevention and public safety;

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the Rural Municipality of North Qu'Appelle No. 187 enacts as follows:

1. Title

This bylaw shall be cited as the "**Fire Restriction Bylaw.**"

2. Purpose

The purpose of this bylaw is:

- To establish a graduated system of fire restrictions within the Municipality;
 - To protect residents, property, and natural resources from fire hazards;
 - To regulate fire-related activities during heightened fire risk conditions.
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3. Definitions

In this bylaw:

- a) **Administrator** means the Administrator of the RM or their designate.
- b) **Council** means the Council of the Rural Municipality of North Qu'Appelle No. 187.
- c) **Designated Officer** means the Reeve, Administrator, or Fire Chief.
- d) **Fire Ban** means a restriction on fire-related activity declared under this bylaw.
- e) **Open Fire** includes any fire that is not contained in a device or location designed to prevent its spread.
- f) **Fireworks** means any explosive pyrotechnic device as defined under the *Explosives Act (Canada)*.
- g) **Propane/Natural Gas Appliance** means BBQs, stoves, or fire tables fuelled by propane or natural gas.
- h) **Municipality** means the Rural Municipality of North Qu'Appelle No. 187.
- i) **Fire Restriction Level** means the current category of restriction in effect.
- j) **All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) or ATC** means an all-terrain vehicle as defined in *The All-Terrain Vehicles Act*, and for the purposes of this bylaw, includes golf carts and motorized scooters.
- k) **Campfire** means an open fire used for cooking, warmth, or ceremonial purposes that is not contained in a certified appliance or device designed to prevent the spread of fire.



- l) **Controlled Burn** means a deliberately ignited fire used for agricultural, land-clearing, or fire prevention purposes, conducted under specific safety conditions.
- m) **Fire Table** means a gas-fuelled appliance designed for outdoor use to provide heat, flame, and ambiance, typically for residential or recreational settings.
- n) **Burn Barrel** means a metal or non-combustible container used to burn yard waste or other material outdoors.
- o) **Charcoal BBQ** means any device or grill used for cooking that uses charcoal as a fuel source.
- p) **Incinerator** means a non-combustible, enclosed container with a spark-arresting screen or lid, designed and used for the controlled burning of wood, paper, or other approved materials that is located on non-combustible ground or surface.
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4. Fire Restriction Levels

The RM may implement any of the following levels of restriction by resolution of Council or by declaration of two Designated Officers acting jointly:

a) Advisory (Level 0):

A warning to the public that weather and environmental conditions may be conducive to wildfires. No restrictions apply.

b) Level 1 – Precautionary Ban:

- **Prohibited:** Open burning, including controlled burns and burn barrels.
- **Permitted:** Fireworks, recreational campfires, charcoal BBQs, propane/natural gas appliances, fire tables, camp stoves, and incinerators, provided a fire suppression plan is in place and the fire is actively monitored.

c) Level 2 – Partial Fire Ban:

- **Prohibited:** All open fires, including campfires, burn barrels, controlled burns, and fireworks.
- **Permitted:** Propane and natural gas BBQs, camp stoves, fire tables and incinerators.

d) Level 3 – Full Fire Ban:

- **Prohibited:** All open fires, including campfires, burn barrels, controlled burns, fireworks, the use of ATVs, charcoal BBQs, and incinerators.
 - **Permitted:** Propane or natural gas BBQs, fire tables, and camp stoves.
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5. Implementation of Fire Restrictions

a) Fire restriction levels may be declared by resolution of Council or jointly by any two of the following: the Administrator, the Reeve, or the Fire Chief.

b) A declaration must include:

- The restriction level;
 - The name of the Municipality;
 - Names and titles of the officials issuing the order;
 - Any additional relevant information.
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6. Communication and Notice Mechanisms

a) When any fire restriction level is declared or lifted, notice shall be provided to the public through the following:

- The RM’s official website;
- The RM of North Qu’Appelle’s Facebook page;
- A public notice posted at the RM Office located at 136 Company Avenue South, Fort Qu’Appelle.

b) Additional notice may be provided via:

- Local radio or newspapers;
- Roadside signage at high-traffic locations;
- The Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency’s Fire Ban Map.

c) Notices must include:

- The fire restriction level in effect;
- The effective date and time;
- The affected areas; and
- Contact details for further information.

7. Prohibited Activities and Enforcement

a) No person shall light or maintain any fire, discharge fireworks, or use restricted devices contrary to the fire restriction level in effect.

b) A Designated Officer may:

- Order the immediate extinguishment of any fire;
- Cause a fire to be extinguished if the order is not followed.

8. Cost Recovery

a) All costs associated with emergency response or fire suppression resulting from non-compliance with this bylaw may be charged to the person responsible.

b) Any unpaid amounts may be added to the property tax roll in accordance with Section 369 of *The Municipalities Act*.

9. Offences and Penalties (Ticketing System)

a) Any person who contravenes any provision of this bylaw is guilty of an offence and may be issued a **Notice of Violation**.

b) A Designated Officer may issue a ticket in accordance with the following schedule:

Offence	First Offence	Second Offence	Third or Subsequent Offence
Contravention of Level 1 Restriction	\$300	\$600	\$1,000
Contravention of Level 2 Restriction	\$500	\$1,000	\$2,000
Contravention of Level 3 Restriction	\$750	\$1,500	\$3,000

Offence	First Offence	Second Offence	Third or Subsequent Offence
Failure to Comply with Officer's Order	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$3,000

c) Tickets may be:

- Delivered in person;
- Mailed to the person's last known address;
- Left at the scene if the individual is not present or identifiable.

d) Payment of the ticket within **15 days** of issuance will stay further prosecution.

e) Tickets are payable at the RM office or by mail to the address specified on the notice.

10. Severability

If any part of this bylaw is declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder shall remain in full force and effect.

11. Repeal

Bylaw No. 16-07 is hereby repealed.

12. Coming Into Force

This bylaw shall come into force on the date of final reading by Council.

Municipal Adoptions:

1st Reading: June 24, 2025


2nd Reading: July 16, 2025

3rd Reading: July 16, 2025

[SEAL]




Reeve


Administrator

Certified A True Copy of Bylaw No. 2025-09
passed by the Council of the
Rural Municipality of North Qu'Appelle No. 187
On the 16th day of July 2025


Administrator

Schedule "A"

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF NORTH QU'APPELLE NO. 187

NOTICE OF VIOLATION – FIRE RESTRICTION BYLAW NO. 2025-09

Notice No.: _____ Date Issued: _____

Issued At (Location): _____ Time: _____

Municipality File No.: _____

TO:

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City/Town: _____ Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

You are hereby notified that you have committed an offence under Bylaw No. 2025-09 as follows:

Offence Description	Bylaw Section	Penalty
<input type="checkbox"/> Contravention of Level 1 Fire Restriction	Sec. 4(b)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$300 <input type="checkbox"/> \$600 <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000
<input type="checkbox"/> Contravention of Level 2 Fire Restriction	Sec. 4(c)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$500 <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$2,000
<input type="checkbox"/> Contravention of Level 3 Fire Restriction	Sec. 4(d)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$750 <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,500 <input type="checkbox"/> \$3,000
<input type="checkbox"/> Failure to comply with Officer’s Order	Sec. 7(b)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$2,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$3,000

Details of Violation:

Instructions for Payment:

Voluntary payment may be made within 15 days from the date of issuance to avoid prosecution.

Payment Options:

- ☐ In person at RM Office:
Rural Municipality of North Qu’Appelle No. 187
136 Company Avenue South, Fort Qu’Appelle, SK S0G 1S0
- ☐ By mail (cheque payable to “RM of North Qu’Appelle No. 187”) to:
P.O. Box 99, Fort Qu’Appelle, SK S0G 1S0

Failure to pay within the prescribed time may result in legal proceedings and additional penalties.



Issued By:

Name of Designated Officer: _____

☐ Reeve ☐ Administrator ☐ Fire Chief ☐ Bylaw Enforcement Officer

Signature: _____

Recipient's Acknowledgment (if served in person):

I acknowledge receipt of this Notice of Violation.

Signature of Recipient: _____ Date: _____

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'M' inside a circle, followed by a cursive 'R' and a '2'.

Schedule "B"

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF NORTH QU'APPELLE NO. 187

FIRE BAN DECLARATION NOTICE

Pursuant to Bylaw No. 2025-09, a fire restriction is hereby declared for the Rural Municipality of North Qu'Appelle No. 187.

Fire Restriction Level: _____

Effective Date and Time: _____

Area(s) Affected: _____

Reason for Declaration (weather, dryness, fire risk, etc.):

The following activities are prohibited:

- ☐ Open fires
- ☐ Controlled burns
- ☐ Burn barrels
- ☐ Campfires
- ☐ Fireworks
- ☐ Use of ATVs
- ☐ Charcoal BBQs
- ☐ Incinerators
- ☐ Other: _____

Permitted activities include (if any):

- ☐ Propane/Natural Gas BBQs and Fire Tables
- ☐ Camp stoves
- ☐ Campfires
- ☐ Incinerators
- ☐ Charcoal BBQs
- ☐ Other: _____

This fire ban will remain in effect until further notice or until officially lifted by the Municipality.

Issued By:

Name: _____ Signature: _____

Position: ☐ Reeve ☐ Administrator ☐ Fire Chief

Name: _____ Signature: _____

Position: ☐ Reeve ☐ Administrator ☐ Fire Chief



Schedule "C"

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF NORTH QU'APPELLE NO. 187

FIRE BAN LIFT NOTICE

This is to formally notify the public that the fire ban previously declared under Bylaw No. 2025-09 is hereby lifted.

Original Fire Restriction Level: _____

Date and Time of Lift: _____

Area(s) Affected: _____

Reason for Lifting the Ban (weather conditions improved, rainfall, reduced risk, etc.):

All fire-related activities may now resume in accordance with municipal regulations and provincial law.

Issued By:

Name: _____

Position: ☐ Reeve ☐ Administrator ☐ Fire Chief

Date: _____ Signature: _____

