
Property Maintenance and Nuisance Abatement Bylaw

Recommendation

That the information be received.

Topic and Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide information on the current service level provided under the Fire Services service line for inspections and enforcement of the Property Maintenance and Nuisance Abatement Bylaw (PMNAB).

Report Highlights

1. The Property Maintenance and Nuisance Abatement Bylaw is a complaint driven bylaw that addresses property concerns within the City of Saskatoon that are currently addressed on a priority scale of 1, 2 and 3.
2. Complaints not addressed are increasing annually and cannot be accomplished with the current level of resources.
3. An explanation is provided on timeline for enforcement.

Strategic Goals

This report supports the Strategic Goals of Quality of Life, Continuous Improvement, Asset and Financial Sustainability, and Sustainable Growth. Defined service levels ensure the City is making informed financial decisions and investing in services that matter to citizens.

Background

City Council at its meeting held on September 25, 2017, considered a report from the Fire Chief on Fire Service Levels and requested that the Administration provide a report specific to the present Saskatoon Fire Department service level for response times for enforcement of The Property Maintenance and Nuisance Abatement Bylaw.

The PMNAB provides a mechanism to ensure a minimum standard of living and property conditions within our neighborhoods is being maintained. The purpose of the bylaw is to create a safe and comfortable environment for the residents of Saskatoon, address hazards, concerns for health and safety and ensure the amenity of the neighborhood is being maintained.

The Fire Prevention Division includes a total of 11 fire inspectors who are responsible for fire prevention inspections, fire investigations and municipal bylaws enforced by the Saskatoon Fire Department including:

- Property Maintenance and Nuisance Abatement Bylaw
- Fire and Protective Services Bylaw
- Swimming Pool Bylaw
- Underground Encroachment and Sidewalk Safety Bylaw

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- Transportation of Dangerous Goods Bylaw
- Fire Investigations for scenes requiring a cause and origin determination.

Report

SFD's Communications Division receives the majority of the complaints on the Safety and Property Maintenance Hotline. The complaints are then input into an electronic reporting system that each fire inspector utilizes to access their complaints, and to input inspections, enforcement and time spent. A fire inspector is assigned a district and is responsible for conducting and enforcing inspections. These complaints are prioritized based on a priority scale of 1, 2 and 3. Priority 1 are complaints that present a direct risk exposing the public to an unacceptable risk of injury; Priority 2 are complaints that present a limited risk of injury to persons or related to a building exposed to an unacceptable risk to cause damage; Priority 3 are complaints that present a negligible risk of injury to persons or causing damage to a building but otherwise create a nuisance (Attachment 1). Seven of the 11 fire inspectors also conduct fire investigations on a rotational basis.

Attachment 1 provides additional detail on the PMNAB complaints and inspections received and conducted in 2015, 2016 and 2017 up to October 10, 2017. Supporting information explains each activity in more detail, including order of priority for responding to complaints and conducting inspections.

Other Considerations/Implications

There are no policy, financial, public and/or stakeholder involvement, privacy, environmental, or CPTED implications or considerations.

Public Notice

Public Notice pursuant to Section 3 of Policy No. C01-021, Public Notice Policy, is not required.

Attachments

1. Attachment 1 – PMNAB – current state.

Report Approval

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