Title:	**Fire Bans and Advisories**
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Policy Statement: The Village Council believes it is necessary to establish appropriate guidelines and processes in regards to issuing, terminating, suspending, or amending the status of a fire ban or advisory within the Village and advising Village residents of such.

Purpose: To establish an appropriate system to determine the status of a fire ban or advisory within the municipality and to effectively communicate this information to residents.

Principles:

1. To ensure the safety of residents.
2. To effectively communicate to residents changes to the status of fire bans or advisories.
3. To effectively determine the status of a fire ban or advisory.

1. Definitions

1.1 **Council** means the Council of the Village of Spring Lake, in the Province of Alberta.

1.2 **Fire Department** means Parkland County Fire Services.

1.3 **County** means Parkland County in the Province of Alberta.

1.4 **CAO** means the person appointed as the Chief Administrative Officer of the Village of Spring Lake.

1.5 **Policy** means a generalized statement of intent, based upon a body of principles, which describes what is to be done now and in the future.

1.6 **Procedure** means a statement(s) arising from policy which set out who does what, how, and in what sequence; the method of carrying out policy.

1.7 **Village** means the Village of Spring Lake in the Province of Alberta.

2. Determining Status of Fire Bans and Advisories

2.1 Council directs the CAO to communicate with the County and Fire Department on the status of fire bans and advisories that have been issued, terminated, suspended or amended within the corporate limits of the County.

2.2 When a fire ban or advisory is issued, terminated, suspended or amended within the County, the Village will implement the same within the corporate limits of the Village, at the Village's discretion.

3. Communication

3.1 Once a fire ban or advisory has been issued, terminated, suspended or amended within the Village, the official notification will be updated on www.albertafirebans.ca and displayed on the bulletin boards and Village website.

3.2 If the fire ban or advisory affects active fire permits, the permit holder will be contacted immediately and informed.