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**CITY OF TORONTO**

**BY-LAW No. 259-2000**

**To provide rewards for information leading to false fire alarm offence convictions.**

WHEREAS paragraph 207 [30] of The Municipal Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.M.45., as amended, provides that by-law may be passed by the councils of all municipalities for offering and paying on the conviction of an offender a reward to any person who supplies information leading to the apprehension of conviction of any person guilty of an offence whether triable summarily or on indictment; and

WHEREAS section 437 of the Criminal Code, R.S.C. 1985, c. C-46, as amended, provides that every one who wilfully, without reasonable cause, makes or circulates or causes to be made or circulated an alarm of fire is guilty of a summary conviction or an indictable offence; and

WHEREAS false alarms are a danger to the inhabitants of the city by virtue of a real emergency occurring while Fire Services vehicles are responding to false alarms, as well as being costly from a monetary standpoint; and

WHEREAS it is deemed expedient to enact a by-law providing for a reward for information leading to the conviction of any person guilty of a false alarm offence;

The Council of the City of Toronto HEREBY ENACTS as follows:

1. A reward of \$1,000.00 be offered and, if accepted, paid to any person who supplies information leading to the conviction of any person or persons who wilfully, without reasonable cause, make or circulate or cause to be made or circulated an alarm of fire within the City of Toronto.

2. The monies payable to such persons be paid from the revenues generated from the False Alarm account currently being managed by the Fire Service.

3. Landlords shall be requested to post an appropriate sign above the fire alarm citing the by-law and reward.

4. By-law No. 28528 of The Corporation of the City of North York, as amended, and any other by-law of an old area municipality of the former Metropolitan Toronto that is now a by-law of the City and that deals with the subject matter of this By-law are hereby repealed.

ENACTED AND PASSED this 11th day of May, A.D. 2000.

CASE OOTES,  
Deputy Mayor

NOVINA WONG,  
City Clerk

(Corporate Seal)

