

**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF CLEAR HILLS NO. 21  
BYLAW NO. 48  
AMENDMENT NO. 1**

**THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF CLEAR HILLS DEVELOPMENT PLAN BYLAW NO. 48  
IS HEREBY AMENDED BY ADDING A STANDARD AGRICULTURAL  
PROTECTION/NOTICE POLICY FOR MUNICIPAL DISTRICTS, AS FOLLOWS:**

**PROTECTION OF AGRICULTURAL OPERATIONS AND NOTICE**

- (1) The Municipal Development Plan for the M.D. of Clear Hills No. 21 is based largely on the principle of supremacy of agriculture, including the protection of better agricultural land and existing farming operations.

The following policies are added to supplement the policies already existing respecting the protection of agricultural land and farming operations.

- (2) **AGRICULTURE PRIORITY POLICY STATEMENT**

In accordance with the principle that agricultural and activities associated with sustainable agricultural practices in all its forms have priority in rural areas, no legitimate activity, related to the production of agricultural products should be curtailed solely because of objections of near-by residents. The production of agricultural products may involve the use of irrigation pumps and equipment, aerial and ground seeding and spraying, tractors and motors, the raising of livestock and poultry, and the application of such inputs as chemical and natural fertilizers, and pesticides including insecticides, herbicides and fungicides. When conducted in accordance with generally accepted agricultural practices, these activities, may occur on holidays, Sundays, and weekdays, at night and in the day; and noise odours, dust and fumes caused by them are permitted as part of the activities directed to the production of agricultural products. This policy statement is a reminder to those who live in the country that they should be aware that agriculture is of vital importance and that agricultural procedures shall be permitted to do those things necessary for the production of agricultural products.

- (3) The Municipal District strongly supports the intent of the Agricultural Operation Practices Act, and similar "right to farm" legislation which exempts agricultural operations from nuisance claims provided the farming operation follows generally accepted practices, and is in compliance with the Municipal District's Land Use Bylaw and applicable Provincial regulations.

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- (4) In accordance with the Farming Practices Protection Statutes Amendment Act, the Municipal District will utilize a variety of means to notify residents and owners situated adjacent to farming operations.

Methods of notification may include any or all of the following:

- a. Official notifications on development, land use bylaw amendment applications and development permits, where applicable.
- b. Pamphlets, circulars, special notices with tax notice mailings, newsletters, local newspapers, radio and television stations, and municipal websites.
- c. Special notices to persons who have been issued a residential development permit.
- d. Requiring as a condition of subdivision approval, subdividers of country residential development to provide new purchasers of lots, with a special notice or bulletin provided by the Municipality.
- e. Periodic publications.
- f. In association with the adjacent municipalities, Chamber of Commerce and other economic development agencies, and the Alberta Department of Agriculture, Food, and Rural Development, publishing a directory of agricultural operations.
- g. Presentations of materials at annual ratepayer meetings.
- h. Considering posting of signs on or adjacent to agricultural operations.
- i. Other means of notice as deemed appropriate.

The adoption of this bylaw is effective upon the date of the passing of the third and final reading of this resolution.

READ a first time this 11<sup>th</sup> day of September A.D., 2001.

  
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Telly Burrell, Reeve

  
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Faye Kay, Chief Administrative Officer

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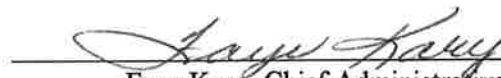
READ a second time this 13<sup>th</sup> day of November A.D., 2001.

  
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Marlene Maxwell, Reeve

  
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Faye Kary, Chief Administrative Officer

READ a third time this 13<sup>th</sup> day of November A.D., 2001.

  
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