Municipality of St.-Charles Bylaw No. 2024-**

A Bylaw to Regulate and Prohibit Non-Compliance with Blasting Activities under Ontario Regulation 120

WHEREAS Ontario Regulation 120 prescribes requirements for blasting activities to ensure public safety, environmental protection, and adherence to technical standards;

AND WHEREAS the Municipality of St.-Charles has the authority under the Municipal Act, 2001, to pass bylaws regulating and prohibiting activities that may affect the health and safety of its residents;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Municipality of St.-Charles enacts as follows:

1. Short Title

This bylaw may be cited as the "Blasting Bylaw."

2. Definitions

In this bylaw:

- "Blasting Activities" means any activities involving the use of explosives for demolition, construction, excavation, or similar purposes as defined under Ontario Regulation 120;
- "Contractor" means any company or individual performing blasting activities within the boundaries of the Municipality;
- "Municipality" means the Municipality of St.-Charles;
- "Officer" means a person appointed by the Council of the Municipality of St.- Charles to enforce this By-Law.
- "Regulation 120" means Ontario Regulation 120/97 made under the Explosives Act.

3. Prohibited Acts

No person, resident, or contractor shall:

- 1. Conduct or allow blasting activities without adhering to the procedures, permits, or notification requirements set forth in Ontario Regulation 120.
- 2. Use, store, or handle explosives in a manner that contravenes any provision of Regulation 120.
- 3. Perform or allow the performance of blasting activities without prior notification to the Municipality, and providing any documentation requested by municipal authorities to verify compliance with Regulation 120.
- 4. Fail to provide the employment of appropriate measures for public safety, property protection, and environmental standards as outlined in Regulation 120.

4. Inspections and Enforcement

- 1. Authorized municipal officers may enter any property, with proper notice, to inspect blasting activities and ensure compliance with this bylaw and Regulation 120.
- 2. The Municipality may request copies of any documentation required under Regulation 120 from the contractor or property owner.

5. Offenses and Penalties

- 1. Any person who contravenes any provision of this bylaw is guilty of an offense and is liable, upon conviction, to a fine not exceeding:
 - \$5,000 for a first offense.

- \$10,000 for any subsequent offense.
- 2. Each day that a contravention continues constitutes a separate offense.

Language for Administrative Monetary Penalties will be added here.

6. Severability

If any section or provision of this bylaw is found to be invalid, the remaining sections shall continue to be in effect.

7. Effective Date

This bylaw shall come into force and take effect on the date it is passed by the Council of the Municipality of St.-Charles.

Read a first and second time this ** day of ***, 2024. Read a third time and finally passed this ** day of ***, 2024.	
Mayor	Clerk