

TOWN OF HIGH RIVER
ALBERTA

BY-LAW NO. 3545/85

Amended by-law 3571/00
" " 3901/97
" " 3939/99
" " 4098/04
" " 4300/2011

BEING A BY-LAW OF THE TOWN OF HIGH RIVER FOR THE PURPOSE OF
~~REGULATING~~ THE TOWN'S SEWER SERVICE SYSTEM.
MANAGING

WHEREAS

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It is deemed expedient to make provision for the Management of the Town's Sewer System to prescribe rules and ~~regulations for installing sewer services and to establish a tariff of sewer rates~~ pursuant to section 288 and 289 of the Municipal Government Act, Chapter M26 R.S.A. 1980 and amendments thereto, the Council for the Town of High River enacts as follows:

1. General Direction - The Sewer System of the Town of High River shall be under the general direction and control of the Public Works Department or such person or committee as may be appointed by the Council of the said Town for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this By-Law, such person or committee being hereinafter referred to as the Public Works Department.
2. Charge of Properties - the Public Works Department have charge of all the various properties and works required for the supply of the Town and its inhabitants with sewer services.
3. Books and Accounts - The collection of the revenue derived from the works, the payment of all disbursements connected therewith, the supervision of all books and accounts, books of record and all books of the officials in charge of the same, shall be under the immediate control and direction of the Town Treasurer.
4. Construction - That the laying of the sewer mains and services, and all construction work shall be made under the supervision of the Public Works Department.
5. Connections - No person except the Town shall make or tap any connection whatsoever with any of the public lines or mains in the street or the lanes.
6. Applications - Any person desiring a sewer service shall apply to the Town and request the sewer services shall be introduced into the lands, premises or buildings of the applicant.
7. Plumber, Agent or Owner - The plumber employed and designated by the owner of the premises in his application, will be considered as the Agent of the said owner while employed in the prosecution of the work of introducing the sewer service into the said premises and will not be recognized as in any sense the agent of the corporation, nor will the Town or its Public Works Department be responsible for the acts of said plumber.
8. Separate Services - In case a double house or other building fronting on any street is to be supplied with sewer service, a separate service to each from the street line will be required, where the sewer rates are charged and collected on the basis of the general monthly schedule rates for each consumer.
9. Private Property - That all expense in connection with laying the service pipe from the street line into any premises shall be borne by the owner.
10. Materials - All material used by the owner in the construction of his sewer services shall correspond in all particulars with that used by the Town.

11. Depth of Service - Persons receiving a permit for the introduction of a sewer service into his premises and the plumber executing the sewer will be required to cause the said service to be placed not less than 8 feet below the surface of the earth at any point between the street line and the inside of the foundation wall of the building into which the sewer service is introduced.

12. Meters - Meters, when necessary, will be provided by the Town at the owner's expenses and under NO CONDITION will an owner provide or supply his own meter.

13. Usage - Permission to utilize the sewer service will be given only after the plumber has completed the work to the satisfaction of the Public Works Department as required by the Rules and Regulations and on payment of the sewer rate, and other prescribed fees.

14. Extension and Repairs - In case of making repairs to the street mains or in constructing new work, or in connecting or repairing service pipes the Town shall have the right to shut off the sewer service from any consumer, without notice, and keep it shut off as long as may be necessary.

15. Damages - The Town or its employees shall not be liable for any damage resulting from suddenly shutting off the sewer service from any premises, building, or from a manufactory either with or without notice; but it is the intention of the Council where practicable that reasonable notice of such shutting off be given to consumers.

16. Schedule Rates - The charges shall be made in accordance with the provisions of the authorized tariff contained in ~~the By-Law as per xxx Schedule xxx~~ ^{3596/88} and any amendments thereof, or additions thereto. ~~The By-Law, Rules and Regulations may at any time be repealed, altered or amended. A change in any of the fees as indicated in Schedule "A" may be made by Resolution of Council.~~

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By law 4096/2004

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By law 4300/2011

Section 17 Payments - The rates and charges set out in the current rate bylaw are hereby imposed and levied for sewer services supplied, and such rates become due and are to be paid to the Town of High River on the date identified as "due date" on the bill. All rates not paid on or before the due date shall have a penalty of one and one half percent (1.5%) of the outstanding balance added to the bill.

Section 18 Penalty - All sewer rates and charges that remain unpaid after the due date will be assessed a penalty as authorized by Statute and Town Council. These penalties may be reversed as allowed in the Current Water Billing Utilities Anomalies Policy.

19. Lien on Property -

(a) Where the person is the owner or purchaser of a building lot or part of a lot served by the Town Sewer System, the sum payable by him for the sewer service supplied by the Town to him or for his use, and all rates, costs and charges or loans made to him imposed under this By-Law are a preferential lien and charge on the building, lot or part of a lot, and on the personal property of the debtor and may be levied and collected in like manner as municipal rates and taxes recoverable.

(b) Where the person to whom the sewer service has been supplied is a person other than the owner or purchaser of the building, lot or part of a lot, the sum payable by the person is a debt due by him and shall be a preferential lien and charge on his personal property and may be levied and collected with costs by distress.

(c) In the event of the rate or rent remaining uncollected and unpaid and continuing a lien upon the said building or lot or part of a lot as aforesaid, the Town Treasurer shall make a return showing the amount of the rate or rent in arrears, together with all cost and charges in connection therewith.

20. Penalty - Any person violating any of the provisions of the By-Law shall be liable on conviction to a fine of not more than \$500.00 and costs and in case of non-payment of the fine and costs, each offender shall be liable to imprisonment in the nearest common jail for any period not exceeding six (6) months.

21. In Force - This By-Law shall take effect on the First Day of January, 1986, A.D.

BY-LAW NO. 3518/84 IS HEREBY RESCINDED.

THIS BY-LAW COMES INTO FULL FORCE AND EFFECT UPON THE THIRD AND FINAL READING THEREOF.

READ A FIRST, SECOND AND BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT OF ALL COUNCIL PRESENT A THIRD AND FINAL TIME THIS 25TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1985, A.D.



MAYOR



SECRETARY TREASURER



SCHEDULE "A"

SEWER RATES - MONTHLY

Where a property is connected to the Town of High River Sewer System and is served with water from the Town's distribution system, the users of the sewerage system shall pay a sewer service charge composed of a fixed monthly service charge as follows:

1. Dwellings - \$12.00 per unit (includes duplexes, triplexes, fourplexes and fiveplexes)
2. Mobile Home Parks - \$12.00 per Mobile Unit Lot (per occupied stall)
3. Apartments - \$24.00 first unit, each additional unit \$11.00.
4. Stores and Small Commercial Buildings - \$21.00 each.
5. Single Office Type only - \$6.00 per month.
6. Suites above Stores and Offices - \$12.00 per unit
7. Hotels with Liquor Parlors only - \$122.00 plus \$9.00 per room.
8. Hotels with Liquor Parlors and Restaurants - \$172.00 plus \$9.00 per room.
9. Theatres - \$36.00
10. Restaurants - \$102.00
11. Garages - \$65.00
12. Cement Plants - \$65.00
13. Schools - \$281.00
14. Hospitals - \$452.00
15. Motels - \$24.00 for first unit plus \$10.00 each additional unit.
16. Meat Processing Plants - \$65.00
17. Car Washing Establishments - \$19.00 per bay
18. Laundromats - \$56.00
19. Nursing Homes & Senior Citizen's Homes - \$112.00
20. Food Processing Plants - \$65.00
21. Distilleries - \$65.00
22. Agricultural Feed Processing Plants - \$65.00
23. Non-Residential Users - fee payable as established by Council from time to time.

Effective Date being 1st Day of January, 1986, A.D.

*By-law 3597/88
(inc. on
Bylaw
3596/88*