

**BYLAW 1875 - 16
OF THE
CITY OF WETASKIWIN
IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA**

A BYLAW OF THE CITY OF WETASKIWIN, IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, TO ESTABLISH A WATER UTILITY LEVY BYLAW WITH RESPECT TO THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE WATER UTILITY AND TO REPEAL BYLAW NO.1861-15.

CITED AS THE “WATER UTILITY LEVY BYLAW”

WHEREAS pursuant to the provisions of Section 7 of the Municipal Government Act, Chapter M-26.1, Council has the authority to provide for a Public Utility Service,

AND WHEREAS, Council has deemed it necessary and expedient to establish charges, tolls and penalties for the consumption of water,

NOW THEREFORE, The Council of the City of Wetaskiwin in Council duly assembled hereby enacts as follows:

WATER SERVICE AND TOLL CHARGES:

1. Monthly Service Charges shall be levied and collected bi-monthly on all properties connected to the water system in the City based on meter sizes as follows:

<u>Meter Sizes</u>		<u>2016 Rates</u>	<u>2017 Rates (Effective January 1, 2017)</u>
16mm x 19mm	5/8" x 3/4" and smaller	\$ 27.85	\$ 28.13
19mm	3/4"	\$ 35.40	\$ 35.76
25mm	1"	\$ 42.63	\$ 43.06
38mm	1 1/2"	\$ 79.63	\$ 80.43
50mm	2"	\$ 97.57	\$ 98.04
76mm	3"	\$ 116.69	\$117.86
102mm	4"	\$ 152.57	\$154.10
150mm	6"	\$ 335.07	\$338.42

2. The following water consumption charges shall be levied and collected bi-monthly from all persons connected by meter to the City's water supply system:

Effective January 1, 2017, for water used bi-monthly, a charge of \$2.44 per cubic metre (the 2016 rate was \$2.41 per cubic metre).

3. The following water consumption charges shall be levied and collected bi-monthly, on all bulk purchases from the City:

Bulk Purchase:

For water supplied in bulk to the purchaser's tank truck - \$5.00 per cubic metre (220 imperial gallons).

4. Effective September 9, 2013, any new applicant who wishes to purchase bulk water without using coins must purchase a key for \$12.50 to access the equipment and a smart card for an additional \$12.50. The applicant must prepay to load the smart card up to a maximum of \$700.00. The City will have no liability for lost keys or smart cards.
5. A service and inspection rate of \$24.23 each month for each private hydrant installed on private premises shall be charged to any person or corporation.
6. A service and inspection rate of \$24.23 per month per hydrant installed on City lands and Condominium properties shall be charged to the Operating Budget.
7. An interest charge of one per cent (1%) per month shall be charged to all water usage accounts, not paid by the date specified on the bill, on the amount remaining unpaid after twenty-one days from the mailing of a bill and such interest charges shall be added to and form part of the rates levied.
8. There shall be a connection fee required for each new water meter service installation as follows:

<u>Meter Sizes</u>		<u>2016 Rates</u>	<u>2017 Rates (Effective January 1, 2017)</u>
16mm x 19mm	5/8" x 3/4" and smaller	\$ 271.32	\$ 271.32
19mm	3/4"	\$ 327.42	\$ 327.42
25mm	1"	\$ 440.13	\$ 440.13
32mm	1 1/4"	\$ 504.14	\$ 504.14
38mm	1 1/2"	\$ 898.11	\$ 898.11
50mm	2"	\$2,397.00	\$ 2,397.00
76mm	3"	\$3,095.70	\$ 3,095.70
102mm	4"	\$5,094.90	\$ 5,094.90
150mm	6"	\$8,857.17	\$ 8,857.17

9. There shall be a fee of \$13.54 each time a curb stop for a service pipe that is 2" (50 mm) or less, and \$27.05 for a curb stop for a service pipe that is greater than 2" (50 mm), is operated by the City at the request of the property owner or their designate.

10. There shall be a fee for each new connection to any city owned water main, as follows.

50 mm or less (5/8 – 2")	\$160.65
Larger than 50 mm	\$267.75

11. There shall be a reconnection fee of eighty six dollars and fifty five cents (\$86.55), to be paid in advance, for any water service that has been disconnected for reason of non-payment of bills rendered. There shall be an administration fee of twenty-seven dollars and five cents (\$27.05) for any account that has been tagged for disconnection.
12. Accounts for water service shall be due and payable when rendered, with payment to be made at City Hall, or at any chartered bank, Credit Union, Treasury Branch, Internet or Telephone banking. Failure to receive an account shall in no way affect the liability of the consumer to pay the account.
13. That in the event any water user does not pay his water bills thirty (30) days from the billing date, the City Manager is authorized to discontinue water supply to the customer.
14. That in the event an account becomes delinquent, collection of the account may be transferred to the tax roll in accordance with Section 553(1) of the Alberta Municipal Government Act, Chapter M-26.1.
15. That in accordance with the agreement between the Province of Alberta and the City of Wetaskiwin dated the 6th day of November, 1972, there shall be levied against all commercial and industrial users a surcharge of 0.01281 per cubic meter.
16. That in the event any water service has been discontinued for reason of non-payment of bills rendered, a security deposit in the amount of \$250.00 and acceptable arrangements have been made to pay the balance owing before the service is reconnected. The deposit may be refunded after one year providing the accounts have been paid on or before the time specified on the billings.
17. a) There shall be levied a deposit of \$250.00 payable prior to commencement of service on all persons or corporations who lease property in the City when application is made by that person or corporation for the City's water utility.
- b) There shall be levied a deposit of \$125.00 payable prior to commencement of service on all persons or corporations who lease property in the City when application is made by that person or corporation for the City's water utility if a credit reference is provided that is acceptable to the City.

- c) If a residential property owner within the City sells their property and applies for residential utility services on a rental property, the City may waive the deposit for the applicant provided they maintained their utility account in a current position for the prior two (2) years.
18. The \$250.00 or \$125.00 deposit may be refunded to the customer:
- a) If the customer vacates the rented premises and his final account has been paid in full.
 - b) When the customer has occupied rented premises in the City of Wetaskiwin for twelve (12) consecutive months and all water bills for the 12 consecutive months have been paid in full by the due date.
19. Transition and Execution
- a) This Bylaw will repeal Bylaw No. 1861-15 and amendments thereto on the date of final passing.
 - b) This Bylaw shall come into full force and effect on January 1, 2017.

READ a first time this 12th day of December, 2016

READ a second time this 12th day of December, 2016

READ a third time this 12th day of December, 2016

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer