

**BYLAW NO. 1876 – 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 SEWER USAGE CHARGE WITH RESPECT TO THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE SEWER COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL SYSTEM IN THE CITY OF WETASKIWIN AND TO REPEAL BYLAW NO. 1862-15.

WHEREAS Section 7 of the Municipal Government Act, Chapter M-26.1, and amendments thereto, provides that a Council, subject to the provisions of the Public Health Act, may pass Bylaws charging all persons occupying property connected to the sewer system of the municipality a sewer usage charge determined by the Council in such manner as is considered equitable;

AND WHEREAS Council of the City of Wetaskiwin deems it necessary and advisable to make provision for the levying and collection of certain rates or charges to defray the operation and maintenance costs of the sewage collection and disposal system in the City of Wetaskiwin;

NOW THEREFORE Council of the City of Wetaskiwin duly assembled enacts as follows:

1. In this Bylaw, unless the context otherwise requires:
 - (a) "**Residential property**" means and includes land and improvements thereon used for domestic occupancy and, in addition to single family residences, shall include all types of multi-family residences and residences in mobile home subdivisions, and all single family houses, mobile homes and individual suites in duplexes and other types of multi-family residences that are classed as "residential units."
 - (b) "**Commercial property**" means and includes land and improvements thereon that are:
 - (i) used for "business" purposes, where the word "business" shall include business, trade, profession, industry, occupation, employment or calling and the providing of goods and services, including any residential units contained therein;
 - (ii) occupied by Federal or Provincial Governments and their agencies, or Municipal Governments;
 - (iii) used for Trailer Courts and Mobile Home Parks.

- (c) "Institutional property" means and includes lands and improvements thereon used exclusively for:
 - (i) educational and/or religious purposes;
 - (ii) hospitals, nursing homes, homes for the aged;
 - (iii) fraternal lodges, clubs, and community service organizations.
 - (d) "Consumption" shall mean the total amount of water consumed in the previous twelve (12) month period immediately prior to the current taxation year as determined from the records and books of the City of Wetaskiwin's Waterworks Department.
 - (e) "Liquid non-hazardous waste" where "liquid" means a waste that has free liquids as determined by the US EPA Method 9095 Paint Filter Liquids Test (EPA Publication No. SW-846) and "non-hazardous waste" means as defined in Schedule 2 of Alberta Regulation 192/96 – Waste Control Regulation.
2. A sewer usage charge shall be levied and collected bi-monthly against all properties connected to the sewer system of the City of Wetaskiwin or which have septic or sewer holding tanks within City limits that deposit the waste to the City of Wetaskiwin Sewage Treatment Facility and are as follows:
- (a) Residential Properties:
 - (i) Subject to a bi-monthly charge of \$51.98 per residential unit.
 - (ii) That multi-family residences with only one-meter service are subject to a bi-monthly charge of \$51.98 for the first unit and \$25.99 for each unit thereafter.
 - (b) Commercial/Industrial/Institutional:
 - (i) Subject to an bi-monthly charge of \$96.77; or
 - (ii) Consumption at a rate of \$0.6577 per cubic metre, which ever is greater.
3. Liquid non-hazardous waste may be accepted at the Wetaskiwin Waste Water Treatment Facility at the discretion of the Director of Engineering and Development. If the waste is accepted, the fee shall be \$21.64 per tonne.

4. There shall be charged to all sewer usage accounts that are not paid by the date specified on the bill, an interest charge of one per cent (1%) per month on the amount remaining unpaid after twenty-one (21) days from the mailing of a bill and such interest charges shall be added to and form part of the rate levied.
5. Accounts for sewer usage shall, with accounts for water service, be due and payable when rendered, with payment to be made at the City of Wetaskiwin main office or any chartered bank or Treasury Branch. Failure to receive an account shall in no way affect the liability of the consumer to pay the account.
6. That in the event that an account becomes delinquent, and the occupant is an owner or purchaser of the building, that amount outstanding may be transferred to the tax roll and collected in like manner as taxes are recoverable in accordance with Section 553 (1) of the Municipal Government Act.
7. The said sewer usage charges shall be a lien upon the property subject to the same penalties and collectible in the same manner as other rates and taxes.
8. This Bylaw shall come into full force January 1, 2017.
9. Bylaw No. 1862-15 is hereby repealed.

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