VILLAGE OF VISCOUNT BYLAW 2022-003

BYLAW OF THE VILLAGE OF VISCOUNT TO FIX THE WATER AND SEWER RATES.

The Council of the Village of Viscount in the Province of Saskatchewan enacts as follows: **GENERAL**

- 1. This Bylaw may be cited as the 'Water and Sewer Rates Bylaw' or 'Utility Rates Bylaw'.
- 2. Any person requiring water and/or sewer service shall make application to the Village of Viscount. The application shall be in a form determined by administration requiring any information deemed necessary for the provision of water and sewer service. Such form shall be accompanied by the payment of a non-refundable administrative connection fee in accordance with Schedule 'A' attached.
- **3.** For all connected accounts, the minimums shall be payable in every case regardless of whether or not any water has been consumed.
- Persons whose water account is disconnected and/or connected, even if temporarily shall pay the non-refundable administrative fee(s) as set out in Schedule A. Rates may differ for services provided outside of the employee's regular working hours.
- 5. Any person wishing to turn off or disconnect their water account/service shall provide notification of such request in writing to the Village Office.
- **6.** Depending on the usability/quality of the service connection or access to the service connection, the Village is unable to guarantee the ability to turn off/turn on water service at the exact date/time requested.
- 7. Rental properties may be exempt from connection and/or disconnection fees and minimum charges or portions thereof and/or be subject to additional terms and conditions if such is regulated by a policy of Council.
- **8.** Water meters may read/display in either gallons or cubic meters. Accounts may be billed in imperial gallons regardless of the type of meter. The conversion factor shall be 220 gallons per cubic meter.
- 9. Actual meter readings shall be taken no less than twice yearly. Where no meter reading is taken or supplied, or if the reading is in question at the time of billing, readings may be estimated
- 10. Rural residents supplied with water from the Village's water distribution system shall pay the infrastructure fee and the applicable water rate. If the applicable user is not connected to the Village sewer structure, they will not be subject to the sewer charges and rates.

BILLING

- **11.** Accounts shall cover a period of one month and shall be rendered on the 25th day of the applicable month or the next business day thereafter.
- 12. Accounts shall be paid within a period of thirty (30) days from the date on which such accounts are rendered. If an account is not paid within the period of thirty (30) days, the water service may be terminated as per the Utility Collections Policy.
- 13. A monthly penalty as set out in Schedule A shall be added to all water and sewer accounts outstanding on the first day of each month following the due date for accounts over 30 days past due.
- 14. Accounts over 30 days past due may continue to accrue interest subject to the Utility Collections Policy. Opportunities for payment arrangements and collecting unpaid accounts including the waiving of interest for government accounts including but not limited to accounts paid by Social Services shall be managed under the Utility Collections Policy.
- **15.** The charges to be paid by the owner or user whose water service has been connected shall be those set out in Schedule A.
- **16.** Persons who own or occupy premises drained or that are by Bylaw required to be drained into the sewer shall pay fees for such services as set out in Schedule A.

- **17.** Every property with a connected service shall pay an infrastructure fee as set out in Schedule A.
- **18.** Bulk water, when available, shall be charged at the rates set out in Schedule A and invoiced monthly through the Village's regular Accounts Receivable.
- 19. The rates and charges contained in this bylaw shall come into force and take effect on the day of approval being issued by the Saskatchewan Municipal Board, a copy of such approval being attached to this bylaw once received, or January 1, 2023, whichever is later.
- **20.** Bylaw 2019-59 is repealed effective upon the coming into force of this Bylaw.



Dustin Gusikoski Mayor

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Administrator

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Village of Viscount Utility Rates Bylaw 2022-003 SCHEDULE A

RATES

1. Water Rates - All Accounts - Monthly

Trace Hat							
Gallons	Jan 1	RATE TYPE					
Used	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026		
1-2,000	\$56	\$58	\$60	\$62	\$64	FLAT FEE – Minimum	
2,000+	\$5.25	\$5.50	\$5.75	\$6.00	\$6.25	per 1,000 gallons	

2. Sewer Rates – Monthly – for Car Washes, Laundromats, Abattoirs

Equal to 100% of the actual monthly water rates charged.

3. Sewer Rates – Monthly – for Schools and other Institutions

Equal to 80% of the actual monthly water rates charged.

4. Sewer Rates - Monthly - for Community Centre/Arena

Equal to 50% of the actual monthly water rates charged.

5. Sewer Rates – All Other Accounts - Monthly

Jan 1	RATE TYPE				
2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	
\$14	\$16	\$18	\$20	\$22	FLAT FEE - Minimum

6. Infrastructure Rates

	Jan 1 2023	Jan 1 2024	Jan 1 2025	Jan 1 2026	RATE TYPE
\$10	\$20	\$25	\$30	\$35	FLAT FEE - Minimum

7. Bulk Water / Truck Fill Rates

Rates below are for treated water. Any raw water provided shall be provided at the user's own risk and shall be charged out at a rate of 50% of the treated water rates.

After Hours provision of service is subject to an additional service charge of \$25 per occurrence on top of the applicable water rates.

Delivery of water may be provided at the discretion of staff and is subject to an additional service charge of \$25 per occurrence plus a mileage rate charged as per Village policy regarding mileage rates on top of the applicable water rates.

Jan 1 2022	Jan 1 2023	Jan 1 2024	Jan 1 2025	Jan 1 2026	RATE TYPE	
\$25	\$30	\$35	\$40	\$45	Per 1000 gallons	

ADMINISTRATION FEES

8. Standard Service

Shut-off / Disconnect Fee: \$50 Turn-on / Connection Fee: \$50

Temporary Disconnect/Reconnect: Same Day - Single Charge: \$50

9. After Hours Service

After Hours Disconnect: \$150 After Hours Connect: \$150

After Hours Temporary Disconnect/Reconnect: Same Day - Single Charge: \$150

PENALTY FOR LATE PAYMENT

- 10. A two percent (2%) late payment fee will be applied to utility accounts remaining unpaid as of the first day of the month following the due date.
- 11. Accounts remaining unpaid will continue to accrue interest at a rate of two percent (2%) monthly thereafter.
- 12. Accounts remaining unpaid after one hundred twenty (120) days from the date of billing will be collected subject to the Utility Collections Policy.