

**BYLAW 908-C-12-24
TOWN OF COALDALE
PROVINCE OF ALBERTA**

**BEING A BYLAW OF THE TOWN OF COALDALE
TO AUTHORIZE AND GOVERN WATER, SEWER, SOLID WASTE, RECYCLING
AND STORM WATER RATES**

WHEREAS under the authority of and pursuant to provisions of the *Municipal Government Act* the Council may pass a bylaw for establishing the rates and charges for public utilities;

NOW THEREFORE, the Municipal Council of the Town of Coaldale duly assembled hereby enact the rates and charges for public utilities.

1. TITLE

This Bylaw may be cited as the “Utility Rate Bylaw” of the Town of Coaldale. Where the terms of this Bylaw conflict with the provisions of any other Bylaw of the Town of Coaldale, this Bylaw shall prevail.

2. INTERPRETATIONS AND DEFINITIONS

2.1 Unless the context specifically indicates otherwise, the meaning used in this Bylaw shall be as follows:

- 2.1.1 “Bulk Water” means water provided to a Consumer through part of the Town’s Water System but not through a service connection as defined in Bylaw 762-R-07-19, the Water Services Bylaw;
- 2.1.2 “Commercial Consumer” means the owner or occupier of a commercial establishment or a dwelling unit containing an establishment other than a house occupation, where the premises has a Utility Services Account with the Town;
- 2.1.3 “Consumer” means both Commercial Consumers, Domestic Consumers, Out of Town Consumers, and any person, entity, or government, who has a Utility Services Account with the Town;
- 2.1.4 “Council” means the Council of the Town of Coaldale;
- 2.1.5 “Dwelling Unit” means one or more self-contained rooms designed to be used as a dwelling and that includes sleeping, cooking, living, and sanitary facilities and having an independent entrance either directly from the outside of the building or through a common area within the building;
- 2.1.6 “Domestic Customer” means the owner or occupier of a residence containing one or more dwelling units that has a utility services account with the Town;

- 2.1.7 “Occupant” means a person who is an owner of a premises who resides or carries on business within a premise or a person who resides in the premises or carries on a business within a premise pursuant to a lease or licence.
- 2.1.8 “Out of Town Consumer” means both Commercial Consumers and Domestic Consumers who have a Utility Services Account with the Town, but have property or a premise located outside of the geographical limits of the Town;
- 2.1.9 “Premises” includes lands and buildings or both, or a part thereof;
- 2.1.10 “Town” means the municipal corporation of The Town of Coaldale, and includes the geographical area within the boundaries of The Town of Coaldale where the context so requires;
- 2.1.11 “Utility Invoice” means a customer’s billing statement for Town utilities, including E-bills.
- 2.1.12 “Utility Services” means the utilities provided by the Town in accordance with the *Municipal Government Act*, RSA 2000 c M-26, including, water, sewer, garbage collection, and storm drainage.
- 2.1.13 “Utility Services Account” means the account a consumer sets up with the Town for the main purpose of receiving and paying utility invoices.

3. WATER RATES

3.1 DOMESTIC CONSUMERS shall be billed:

\$23.60 per calendar month, effective January 1, 2024, per individual dwelling unit

plus

\$1.260 for each cubic meter of water used per calendar month, effective January 1, 2024.

 \$24.10 per calendar month, effective January 1, 2025, per individual dwelling unit

plus

\$1.323 for each cubic meter of water used per calendar month, effective January 1, 2025.

\$24.60 per calendar month, effective January 1, 2026, per individual dwelling unit

plus

\$1.389 for each cubic meter of water used per calendar month, effective January 1, 2026.

3.2 COMMERCIAL CONSUMERS shall be billed:

With a water meter not greater than 1" in diameter:

- \$26.10 per calendar month, effective January 1, 2024, per premises or individual dwelling unit as determined by the Town in its sole discretion

With a water meter greater than 1" and not greater than 2" in diameter:

- \$28.10 per calendar month, effective January 1, 2024, per premises or individual dwelling unit as determined by the Town in its sole discretion

With a water meter greater than 2" in diameter:

- \$33.10 per calendar month, effective January 1, 2024, per premises or individual dwelling unit as determined by the Town in its sole discretion

plus

\$1.260 for each cubic meter of water used per calendar month, effective January 1, 2024, per premises or individual dwelling unit as determined by the Town in its sole discretion.

With a water meter not greater than 1" in diameter:

- \$29.10 per calendar month, effective January 1, 2025, per premises or individual dwelling unit as determined by the Town in its sole discretion

With a water meter greater than 1" and not greater than 2" in diameter:

- \$33.10 per calendar month, effective January 1, 2025, per premises or individual dwelling unit as determined by the Town in its sole discretion

With a water meter greater than 2" in diameter:

- \$43.10 per calendar month, effective January 1, 2025, per premises or individual dwelling unit as determined by the Town in its sole discretion

plus

\$1.323 for each cubic meter of water used per calendar month, effective January 1, 2025, per premises or individual dwelling unit as determined by the Town in its sole discretion.

With a water meter not greater than 1” in diameter:

- \$32.10 per calendar month, effective January 1, 2026, per premises or individual dwelling unit as determined by the Town in its sole discretion

With a water meter greater than 1” and not greater than 2” in diameter:

- \$38.10 per calendar month, effective January 1, 2026, per premises or individual dwelling unit as determined by the Town in its sole discretion

With a water meter greater than 2” in diameter:

- \$53.10 per calendar month, effective January 1, 2026, per premises or individual dwelling unit as determined by the Town in its sole discretion

plus

\$1.389 for each cubic meter of water used per calendar month, effective January 1, 2026, per premises or individual dwelling unit as determined by the Town in its sole discretion.

3.3 BULK WATER users shall be charged:

\$4.032 per cubic meter, effective January 1, 2024, per premises or individual dwelling unit as determined by the Town in its sole discretion.

\$4.234 per cubic meter, effective January 1, 2025, per premises or individual dwelling unit as determined by the Town in its sole discretion.

\$4.445 per cubic meter, effective January 1, 2026, per premises or individual dwelling unit as determined by the Town in its sole discretion.

3.4 **OUT OF TOWN CONSUMERS** users shall be charged as follows:

3.4.1 **DOMESTIC CONSUMERS** shall be billed:

A rate equal to two times (2x) the rate that would be charged under section 3.1 of this bylaw.

3.4.2 **COMMERCIAL CONSUMERS** shall be billed:

A rate equal to two times (2x) the rate that would be charged under section 3.2 of this bylaw.

4. **SANITARY SEWER RATES**

4.1 **DOMESTIC CONSUMERS** shall be billed:

\$30.14 per calendar month, effective January 1, 2024, per individual dwelling unit;

plus

\$1.127 for sewage discharge volume as determined by the average winter water consumption, effective January 1, 2024, per individual dwelling unit.

\$30.64 per calendar month, effective January 1, 2025 per individual dwelling unit;

plus

\$1.194 for sewage discharge volume as determined by the average winter water consumption, effective January 1, 2025, per individual dwelling unit.

\$31.14 per calendar month, effective January 1, 2026, per individual dwelling unit;

plus

\$1.266 for sewage discharge volume as determined by the average winter water consumption, effective January 1, 2026, per individual dwelling unit.

4.2 **COMMERCIAL CONSUMERS** shall be billed:

With a water meter not greater than 1" in diameter:

- \$32.64 per calendar month, effective January 1, 2024, per premises or individual dwelling unit as determined by the Town in its sole discretion;

With a water meter greater than 1” and not greater than 2” in diameter:

- \$34.64 per calendar month, effective January 1, 2024, per premises or individual dwelling unit as determined by the Town in its sole discretion;

With a water meter greater than 2” in diameter:

- \$39.64 per calendar month, effective January 1, 2024, per premises or individual dwelling unit as determined by the Town in its sole discretion;

plus

\$1.127 for sewage discharge volume as determined by water consumption, effective January 1, 2024, per premises or individual dwelling unit as determined by the Town in its sole discretion.

With a water meter not greater than 1” in diameter:

- \$35.64 per calendar month, effective January 1, 2025, per premises or individual dwelling unit as determined by the Town in its sole discretion;

With a water meter greater than 1” and not greater than 2” in diameter:

- \$39.64 per calendar month, effective January 1, 2025, per premises or individual dwelling unit as determined by the Town in its sole discretion;

With a water meter greater than 2” in diameter:

- \$49.64 per calendar month, effective January 1, 2025, per premises or individual dwelling unit as determined by the Town in its sole discretion;

plus

\$1.194 for sewage discharge volume as determined by water consumption, effective January 1, 2025, per premises or individual dwelling unit as determined by the Town in its sole discretion.

With a water meter not greater than 1” in diameter:

- \$38.64 per calendar month, effective January 1, 2026, per premises or individual dwelling unit as determined by the Town in its sole discretion;

With a water meter greater than 1” and not greater than 2” in diameter:

- \$44.64 per calendar month, effective January 1, 2026, per premises or individual dwelling unit as determined by the Town in its sole discretion;

With a water meter greater than 2” in diameter:

- \$59.64 per calendar month, effective January 1, 2026, per premises or individual dwelling unit as determined by the Town in its sole discretion;

plus

\$1.266 for sewage discharge volume as determined by water consumption, effective January 1, 2026, per premises or individual dwelling unit as determined by the Town in its sole discretion.

4.3 BULK SANITARY SEWER users shall be charged:

\$4.032 per cubic meter, effective January 1, 2024, per premises or individual dwelling unit as determined by the Town in its sole discretion.

\$4.234 per cubic meter, effective January 1, 2025, per premises or individual dwelling unit as determined by the Town in its sole discretion.

\$4.445 per cubic meter, effective January 1, 2026, per premises or individual dwelling unit as determined by the Town in its sole discretion.

4.4 OUT OF TOWN CONSUMERS shall be charged as follows:

4.4.1 DOMESTIC CONSUMERS shall be billed:

A rate equal to two times (2x) the rate that would be charged under section 4.1 of this bylaw.

4.4.2 **COMMERCIAL CONSUMERS** shall be billed:

A rate equal to two times (2x) the rate that would be charged under section 4.2 of this bylaw.

5. SOLID WASTE SERVICES RATES

5.1 **DOMESTIC CONSUMERS** shall be billed:

\$29.50 per calendar month, effective January 1, 2024, as follows:

- January – February – Bi-weekly compost, bi-weekly garbage, weekly recycling.
- March – November – Weekly compost, bi-weekly garbage, weekly recycling.
- December – Bi-weekly compost, bi-weekly garbage, weekly recycling.

5.1.1 A charge of \$5.00 per pick-up shall be levied for each additional pick-up of recycling over the regular pick-up per week effective January 1, 2025.

5.1.2 A charge of \$13.50 per pick-up shall be levied for each additional pick-up of garbage over the regular pick-up per week effective January 1, 2025.

5.1.3 A charge of \$11.00 per pick-up shall be levied for each additional pick-up of compost over the regular pick-up per week effective January 1, 2025.

5.1.4 A one-time charge of \$157.50 (\$150 + GST) for each replacement or additional solid waste bin.

5.2 **COMMERCIAL CONSUMERS** shall be billed:

5.2.1 \$23.00 per month shall be levied for each weekly garbage pick-up per week, per bin, effective January 1, 2025.

5.2.2 \$14.00 per month shall be levied for each weekly recycling pick-up per week, per bin, effective January 1, 2025.

5.2.3 \$14.00 per month shall be levied for each weekly compost pick-up per week, per bin, effective January 1, 2025.

5.2.4 A one-time charge of \$157.50 (\$150 + GST) for each replacement or additional solid waste bin.

6. STORM WATER DRAINAGE RATES

6.1 DOMESTIC CONSUMERS be billed:

\$11.95 per calendar month, effective January 1, 2024, per residential dwelling unit.

\$13.95 per calendar month, effective January 1, 2025, per residential dwelling unit.

\$15.95 per calendar month, effective January 1, 2026, per residential dwelling unit.

6.2 COMMERCIAL CONSUMERS shall be billed:

With a lot size not greater than 1 acre:

- \$14.95 per calendar month, effective January 1, 2024, per premises or individual dwelling unit as determined by the Town in its sole discretion.

With a lot size greater than 1 acre:

- \$19.95 per calendar month, effective January 1, 2024, per premises or individual dwelling unit as determined by the Town in its sole discretion.
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With a lot size not greater than 1 acre:

- \$19.95 per calendar month, effective January 1, 2025, per premises or individual dwelling unit as determined by the Town in its sole discretion.

With a lot size greater than 1 acre:

- \$29.95 per calendar month, effective January 1, 2025, per premises or individual dwelling unit as determined by the Town in its sole discretion.
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With a lot size not greater than 1 acre:

- \$24.95 per calendar month, effective January 1, 2026, per premises or individual dwelling unit as determined by the Town in its sole discretion.

With a lot size greater than 1 acre:

- \$39.95 per calendar month, effective January 1, 2026, per premises or individual dwelling unit as determined by the Town in its sole discretion.

7. TRANSFER FEE

7.1 DOMESTIC AND COMMERCIAL CONSUMERS: Fee for transfer of unpaid utilities to the property tax account as per the various utility Bylaws for the Town shall be:

\$30.00 per transfer, effective January 1, 2024.

8. WATER METER FEE

8.1 DOMESTIC CONSUMERS:

8.1.1 New and redeveloped Domestic Consumers with up to one (1) inch (25 mm) water service shall be charged a one-time water meter fee with the development permit application. Water meters shall be supplied and owned by the Town of Coaldale:

\$695.00 per water meter, effective January 1, 2025.

8.1.2 New and redeveloped Domestic Consumers with a one and a half (1.5) inch (38 mm) water service shall be charged a one-time water meter fee with the development permit application. Water meters shall be supplied and owned by the Town of Coaldale:

\$2,910.00 per water meter, effective January 1, 2025.

8.1.3 New and redeveloped Domestic Consumers with a two (2) inch (51 mm) water service shall be charged a one-time water meter fee with the development permit application. Water meters shall be supplied and owned by the Town of Coaldale:

\$3,300 per water meter, effective January 1, 2025.

8.2 COMMERCIAL CONSUMERS:

8.2.1 New and redeveloped Commercial Consumers with up to one (1) inch (25 mm) water service shall be charged a one-time water meter fee with the development permit application. Water meters shall be supplied and owned by the Town of Coaldale:

\$695.00 per water meter, effective January 1, 2025.

- 8.2.2 New and redeveloped Commercial Consumers with a one and a half (1.5) inch (38 mm) water service shall be charged a one-time water meter fee with the development permit application. Water meters shall be supplied and owned by the Town of Coaldale:

\$2,910.00 per water meter, effective January 1, 2025.

- 8.2.3 New and redeveloped Commercial Consumers with a two (2) inch (51 mm) water service shall be charged a one-time water meter fee with the development permit application. Water meters shall be supplied and owned by the Town of Coaldale:

\$3,300.00 per water meter, effective January 1, 2025.

- 8.2.4 New and redeveloped Commercial Consumers with water service exceeding two (2) inches (51 mm) shall be charged a one-time water meter fee of the cost of the water meter and MXU plus a 15% set-up fee with the development permit application. Water meters shall be supplied and owned by the Town of Coaldale.

9. MISCELLANEOUS UTILITY FEES

- 9.1 Connect/Disconnect fees will be billed as follows:

\$61.50 per service activity, effective January 1, 2024.

\$63.00 per service activity, effective January 1, 2025.

\$64.50 per service activity, effective January 1, 2026.

In the event of a non-emergency connect/disconnect service required after regular business hours of the Town of Coaldale, the fee will be two times (2x) the normal rate. The determination of non-emergency status is at the sole discretion of the Town of Coaldale.

- 9.2 New Utility Service Account fees will be billed as follows:

\$25.00 per new account set up, effective January 1, 2024.

- 9.3 Hourly Labour Rate Utilities will be billed as follows:

\$61.50 per hour, effective January 1, 2024.

\$63.00 per service activity, effective January 1, 2025.

\$64.50 per service activity, effective January 1, 2026.

- 9.4 Deposit for a new water meter, for new construction or development:

\$500.00 per meter, effective January 1, 2024.

9.5 Replacement fees for water meter components will be billed as follows:

- 9.5.1 \$360.00 – Residential/Commercial up to 1” meter;
- 9.5.2 Meter replacement Cost + 15% - Commercial greater than 1” meters;
- 9.5.3 \$395.00 – MXU (remote radio meter reader)

9.6 Water meter testing will be billed as follows:

\$159.15 per test on one (1) meter, effective January 1, 2024.

9.7 Fees for Fire Hydrant meter rental will be billed as follows:

- 9.7.1 Per cubic meter rates as defined in section 3.3 Bulk Water of this Bylaw; and
- 9.7.2 \$20.00 per day; and
- 9.7.3 \$750.00 damage deposit required at time of rental; and
- 9.7.4 If the unit or hydrant is damaged the renter, will be responsible for the full replacement cost.

9.8 Fees for irrigation meter rentals will be billed as follows:

- 9.8.1 \$100.00 per season per meter; and
- 9.8.2 Per cubic meter rates as defined in section 3.3 Bulk Water of this Bylaw.

9.9 Fees for damaged curb-stop that require excavation equipment to repair, will be billed as the greater of:

- 9.9.1 \$1,000.00.
- 9.9.2 Actual costs incurred by the Town of Coaldale, including but not limited to materials, supplies, equipment, contracted services and staffing time.

10. FEES FOR VIOLATION OF WATER RATIONING ORDERS

10.1 Non-compliance with outdoor water use prohibitions and restrictions will be billed as follows:

- 10.1.1 \$200.00 per violation of a Stage 1 Water Rationing Order;
- 10.1.2 \$300.00 per violation of a Stage 2 Water Rationing Order;

- 10.1.3 \$400.00 per violation of a Stage 3 Water Rationing Order;
- 10.1.4 \$500.00 per violation of a Stage 4 Water Rationing Order; and
- 10.1.5 \$1,000.00 per violation on prohibitions and restrictions associated with a Water Emergency Rationing Order.

11. APPEALING FEES AND RATES

A Consumer who uses, receives, or pays for Utility Services through a Utility Service Account with the Town, may appeal a service charge, rate, or toll charged under this Bylaw, to the Alberta Utilities Commission on the following grounds: that such service charge, rate, or toll does not conform to the established public utility rate structure, has been improperly imposed, or is discriminatory.

12. BYLAW RESCINDED

Bylaw 882-C-12-23 and any amendments are hereby rescinded.

13. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Bylaw shall come into full force and effect when this Bylaw has achieved third reading and is duly signed.

READ a FIRST time this 9th day of December, 2024, for Utility Rate Bylaw 908-C-12-24.

Mayor – Jack Van Rijn
Motion #: 360-2024

CAO – Kalen Hastings

READ a SECOND time this 9th day of December, 2024, for Utility Rate Bylaw 908-C-12-24.

Mayor – Jack Van Rijn
Motion #: 361-2024

CAO – Kalen Hastings

READ a THIRD and FINAL time this 17th day of December, 2024 for Utility Rate Bylaw 908-C-12-24.

Mayor – Jack Van Rijn
Motion #: 378-2024

CAO – Kalen Hastings