

CITY OF ST. ALBERT

BYLAW 45/2019

UTILITY RATES AND FEES AMENDMENTS

Amendment 21 to Water Bylaw 5/2001

Amendment 3 to Sanitary Sewer Bylaw 6/2018

Amendment 17 to Storm Sewer Bylaw 6/2003

Amendment 4 to Residential Solid Waste Management Bylaw 17/2018

WHEREAS Council has considered adjustments to various utility rates, fees and charges set by bylaw;

NOW THEREFORE the Municipal Council of the City of St. Albert ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. Bylaws 5/2001, 6/2003, 6/2018 and 17/2018 are amended by this Bylaw.
2. Bylaw 5/2001 is amended by sections 3 to 7 of this Bylaw.
3. The following new definitions are added to subsection 2(1):
 - (f.1) *“Non-Standard Meter Reading” means a reading of a water meter that is not a component of the City’s advanced metering infrastructure and therefore requires a site visit from an employee or agent of the City, carried out by visual inspection of the water meter or by means of a Remote Reading Device;*
 - (f.2) *“Non-Standard Meter Reading Program means the program described in subsection 21(4) under which a customer receives two Non-Standard Meter Readings Annually and is responsible to report their own meter reading to the City for months in which a Non-Standard Meter Reading is not scheduled;*
 - (g.1) *“Remote Reading Device” means an encoder-type remote registration system from which a numerical meter reading or a recording of a meter reading in an electronic data-storage medium can be obtained automatically or semi-automatically at a location that can be remote from the meter;*
 - (g.2) *“Standard Meter Reading” means a reading of a water meter that does not require a site visit by an employee or agent of the City, carried out by means of advanced metering infrastructure installed by the City.*

4. Subsection 21(1) is deleted and replaced with the following:

21(1) The City will endeavor to obtain a Standard Meter Reading at least once per month.

5. A new Subsection 21(4) is added, as follows:

21(4) As an alternative to subsections (1) through (3) a Customer may choose by notice in writing to the City to have their water consumption measured and billed under the Non-Standard Meter Reading Program, and in such case the following provisions will apply to the Customer and to the Customer's water meter:

- (a) The City will install or leave installed at the customer's water metering location a Non-Standard Remote Read Touchpad, and if a Non-Standard Remote Read Touchpad is not pre-existing and thus required to be installed and/or if a Standard Remote Read Transmitter is required to be removed, in giving effect to the Customer's choice to be metered and billed under the Non-Standard Meter Reading Program, the Customer shall pay the charge shown on Line 19 of Schedule A.*
- (b) The City will attempt to obtain a Non-Standard Meter Reading twice per year, in the months of April and October, and if the City is able to obtain such Non-Standard Meter Reading in those months or in any subsequent month in which the City attempts to obtain a Non-Standard Meter Reading under clause 21(4)(e) the Customer shall pay a fee for the Non-Standard Meter Reading as shown on Line 13 of Schedule A.*
- (c) If the City is unable to obtain a Non-Standard Meter Reading in either April or October the Customer shall pay a fee as shown on Line 14 of Schedule A for the unsuccessful attempt to obtain the Non-Standard Meter Reading.*
- (d) If the City is unable to obtain a Non-Standard Meter Reading in either April or October the City may estimate the Customer's water consumption for the applicable billing cycle, and the Customer shall pay the fee for such estimate shown on Line 17 of Schedule A in addition to the fee payable under clause 21(4)(c).*
- (e) If the City is unable to obtain a Non-Standard Meter Reading in April or October the City may attempt to obtain a Non-Standard Meter Reading the following month, and if again unsuccessful then in each month thereafter until a Non-Standard Meter Reading is successfully obtained, regardless of the Customer's monthly submissions of their*

own meter readings. The Customer shall pay the fee shown on Line 14 of Schedule A for each month other than April or October in which the City attempts without success to obtain a Non-Standard Meter Reading.

- (f) When the City attempts under clause 21(4)(e) to obtain a Non-Standard Meter Reading but is unable to do so, the City may estimate the Customer's water consumption for the applicable billing period and the Customer shall pay the fee for such estimate shown on Line 17 of Schedule A in addition to the fee payable under clause 21(4)(e).*
- (g) The Customer is responsible to obtain their own reading of water consumption from their meter and submit that meter reading information to the City, between the first day and the 15th day of each month other than April and October, and for each such submission of meter reading information by the Customer, the Customer shall pay the fee shown on Line 15 of Schedule A (if the meter reading information is submitted online) or the fee shown on Line 16 of Schedule A (if the meter reading is submitted in paper form which may be in person at St. Albert Place or by mail).*
- (h) If meter reading information required to be submitted under clause 21(4)(g) is not submitted within the time prescribed, the City may estimate the Customer's water consumption for the applicable billing period and the Customer shall pay the fee for such estimate shown on Line 17 of Schedule A.*
- (i) If a Customer submits incorrect meter reading information in a month other than April or October which results in a billing error, the City may issue a supplementary utility bill that corrects the error and the Customer shall pay the fee for such error correction shown on Line 18 of Schedule A.*

- 6. Subsection 26(2) is deleted.
- 7. Schedule A is deleted and replaced with Schedule 2.a attached to this Bylaw.
- 8. Bylaw 6/2018 is amended by replacing Schedule C and Schedule D with Schedule 2.b as attached to this Bylaw.
- 9. Bylaw 6/2003 is amended by replacing Schedule A with Schedule 2.c as attached to this Bylaw.
- 10. Bylaw 17/2018 is amended by replacing Schedule A with Schedule 2.d as attached to this Bylaw
- 11. Sections 3 to 6 of this Bylaw come into effect when this Bylaw is passed.

12. Section 7 of this bylaw comes into effect when this Bylaw is passed with the exception of:
 - (a) Lines 3, 4, 11 and 12 of Schedule 2.a which come into effect on January 1, 2020; and
 - (b) Line 19 of Schedule 2.a which comes into effect on February 28, 2020..
13. Sections 8 to 10 of this Bylaw come into effect on January 1, 2020.
14. The Chief Administrative Officer is authorized to issue consolidated versions of all bylaws that are amended by this Bylaw.

READ a first time this 16th day of December, 2019.

READ a second time this 16th day of December, 2019.

READ a third time this 16th day of December, 2019.

SIGNED AND PASSED this _____ day of _____, 2019.

MAYOR

CHIEF LEGISLATIVE OFFICER

SCHEDULE 2.a TO BYLAW 45/2018

SCHEDULE "A" TO WATER BYLAW 5/2001

(Amended December 16, 2019)

(Rates effective January 1, 2020)

Fees, Charges and Indemnities	2020
1. Account Initiation Fee	\$25
2. Deposit to be posted by an applicant for water service who is not the registered owner of the land to which water will be supplied	N/A
3. Water Flat Rate Charge	\$10.20 per month
4. Water Consumption Charge	\$1.75 per cubic metre
5. Fee for water for construction for: (a) single detached residential unit (b) semi-detached residential unit (c) all other construction	(a) \$51.50 per building (b) \$51.50 per building (c) \$0.52 per \$1,000.00 of construction value as reported for the building permit, to a maximum of \$1,000.00 per building
6. Fee for water solely for watering a lawn or garden: (a) lawn or garden flat rate charge (b) lawn or garden consumption charge	(a) N/A (b) \$2.25 per cubic metre
7. Indemnity for damage to: (a) water meters (b) remote readers (c) water meter seal	(a) replacement cost (b) replacement cost (c) \$15.00
8. Late Payment Charge	2.5 % of the amount of the utility bill that is unpaid Twenty-one (21) Days after the billing date
9. Water Meter Test Charge	\$75.00
10. Reconnection Fee	\$35.00 if the Customer requests that reconnection is to take place during regular business hours of the City \$75.00 if the Customer requests that reconnection take place outside of the regular business hours of the City
11. Supplemental Capital Contribution	\$2.98
12. Paper Bill Fee	\$1.06

13. Non-Standard Meter Readings in April and October (if a Customer has multiple touchpads at a single water consumption location, only a single meter reading charge will be applied) Clause 21(4)(b)	\$20.00 per meter reading
14. Unsuccessful attempt by City to take a Non-Standard Meter Reading (if a Customer has multiple touchpads at a single water consumption location, only a single meter reading charge will be applied) Clauses 21(4)(c) and 21(4)(e)	\$20.00 per attempt to take a meter reading
15. Customer online meter reading submission, all months except April and October Clause 21(4)(g)	\$10.00 per submission
16. Customer paper meter reading submission, all months except April and October Clause 21(4)(g)	\$10.00 per submission
17. Billing estimate resulting from either Customer not making required meter reading submission, or from City inability to obtain a Non-Standard Meter Reading Clauses 21(4)(d), 21(4)(f) and 21(4)(h)	\$20.00 per estimate
18. Supplemental utility bill issued to correct billing error resulting from incorrect meter reading information received from customer Clause 21(4)(i)	\$20.00 per supplemental utility bill
19. Fee for removal of a Standard RF Remote Read Transmitter and replacement with a Non-Standard Remote Read Touchpad Clause 21(4)(a)	\$50.00

SCHEDULE 2.b TO BYLAW 45/2018

SCHEDULE "C" TO SANITARY SEWER BYLAW 33/2001 (Amended December 16, 2019) (Rates effective January 1, 2020)

Fees, Charges and Indemnities	2019
1. Sewer Flat Rate Charge	\$11.47 per month
2. Sewer Transmission Cost (a) Residential (calculated on basis of 80% of potable water supplied) (b) Non Residential (calculated on basis of 100% of potable water supplied)	\$2.32 per cubic meter of water supplied \$1.86 per cubic meter of water supplied
3. Late Payment Charge	2.5 % of the amount of the utility bill that is unpaid twenty-one (21) days after the billing date
4. Wastewater Service Line Disruption Callouts (a) Deficiencies contained on City Property (b) Deficiencies contained on both City and Private Property (c) Deficiencies contained on Private Properties (d) Sewer / CCTV Mainline Cleaning – Per Hour	\$0 \$85 \$170 \$234
5. Supplemental Capital Contribution	\$3.20

SCHEDULE 2.b TO BYLAW 45/2018

SCHEDULE "D" TO SANITARY SEWER BYLAW 33/2001 (Amended December 16, 2019) (Rates effective January 1, 2020)

OVERSTRENGTH CHARGES

1. The overstrength surcharge for each kilogram of surchargeable matter per cubic metre of wastewater that exceeds the concentration indicated for that matter as follows:

Substance	Overstrength Charge Applies Above:	Charge
(a) biochemical oxygen demand,	300 mg/L	\$0.3254/kg
(b) chemical oxygen demand,	600 mg/L or twice the B.O.D. concentration in the sewage, whichever is greater	\$0.3254/kg
(c) oil and grease,	100 mg/L	\$0.2815/kg
(d) phosphorous,	10 mg/L	\$13.5701/kg
(e) suspended solids,	300 mg/L	\$0.2681/kg
(f) total kjeldahl nitrogen	50 mg/L	\$2.0257/kg

ADDITIONAL OVERSTRENGTH CHARGES

2. The additional overstrength surcharge for each kilogram of surchargeable matter per cubic metre of wastewater that exceeds the concentration indicated for that matter as follows:

Substance	Overstrength Charge Applies Above:	Charge
(a) biochemical oxygen demand,	3000 mg/L	\$0.3254/kg
(b) chemical oxygen demand,	6000 mg/L or twice the B.O.D. concentration in	\$0.3254/kg

		the sewage, whichever is greater	
(c)	oil and grease,	400 mg/L	\$0.2815/kg
(d)	phosphorous,	75 mg/L	\$13.5701/kg
(e)	suspended solids,	3000 mg/L	\$0.2681/kg
(f)	total kjeldahl nitrogen	200 mg/L	\$2.0257/kg

SCHEDULE 2.c TO BYLAW 45/2018

SCHEDULE "A" TO STORM SEWER BYLAW 6/2003

(Amended December 16, 2019)

(Rates effective January 1, 2020)

Development	Storm Sewer Use Fee 2019
1. Where potable water is supplied to the Customer for use within a Single Family Residence.	\$16.11 per month
2. Where potable water is supplied to the Customer for use within a development containing more than one (1) residential unit but each residential unit is accessible from ground level and the residential units are not stacked or located on more than one (1) storey.	\$16.11 per residential unit per month
3. Where potable water is supplied to the Customer for use within a development containing more than one (1) residential unit and the units are stacked.	\$11.08 per residential unit per month
4. Where potable water is supplied to the Customer for use within a commercial development.	\$43.09 per commercial operation within the development per month
5. Where potable water is supplied to the Customer for use within an industrial development.	\$43.09 per month
6. Late Payment Charge	2.5% of the amount of the utility bill that is unpaid twenty-one (21) days after the billing date
7. Supplemental Capital Contribution	\$0.00

SCHEDULE 2.d TO BYLAW 45/2018

SCHEDULE "A" TO
RESIDENTIAL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT BYLAW 24/2011
(Amended December 16, 2019)
(Rates effective January 1, 2020)

	2019
1. Flat Fees:	
General refuse collection:	\$8.48 per month
Recycling program:	\$6.54 per month
Organic Program:	\$6.72 per month
2. Subscription Rates	
60 Litre PAYT Waste Cart:	\$1.16 per month
120 Litre PAYT Waste Cart:	\$4.87 per month
240 Litre PAYT Waste Cart:	\$10.04 per month
Extra Refuse Tags:	\$2.25 each
3. Subscription Change	
Additional Subscription Changes per calendar year (Admin Fee):	\$50.00 per occurrence
Additional 240 L waste Cart (Admin Fee):	\$50.00 per occurrence
Additional 240 L waste Cart (PAYT Fee):	\$10.04 per month
Replacement fee for lost or damaged Cart:	\$50.00 per occurrence
Penalty for overdue charges:	2.5% of outstanding amount
4. Supplemental Capital Contribution	\$0.00