

**THE VILLAGE OF STANDARD  
BYLAW NO. 2-2016  
PUBLIC UTILITY BYLAW**

**A BYLAW REGULATING AND PROVIDING FOR THE SUPPLY AND USE OF THE  
WATER, WASTEWATER, AND WASTE COLLECTION UTILITIES IN THE VILLAGE OF STANDARD**

**THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF STANDARD, IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, DULY ASSEMBLED ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION I – In This Bylaw:**

1. "MUNICIPAL UTILITY SERVICE" means a utility service provided by the Village of Standard.
2. "PUBLIC UTILITY " means a system or works used to provide water, sewage disposal, and waste management services for public consumption, benefit convenience or use within the Village of Standard and includes the thing that is provided for public consumption, benefit, convenience or use.
2. "WATER OR SEWER SERVICE CONNECTION" means the system or works of the public utility that runs from the main lines of the Village of Standard public utility to a building or other place on a parcel of land for the purpose of providing the utility service to the parcel and includes those parts of the system or works described in Section I 3:
3. "COMPOSITION OF SYSTEM OR WORKS" means when the system of works of a public utility involve pipes, wires or other things that connect to a building, the system or works include:
  - a) the pipes, wires or things
    - (i) running up to the building,
    - (ii) located on or within the exterior walls of the building, and
    - (iii) running from the exterior walls to couplings, stop-cocks, meters and other apparatus placed inside the building by the municipality of person providing the public utility, and
  - b) those couplings, stopcocks, meters and other apparatus.
4. "STREET MAIN" means that portion of land on which any sewer or water main is laid for the service of more than one person.
5. "AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL" means any employee or contractor of the Village of Standard authorized by Council for the purpose of providing service of water, sewer, or garbage.
6. "CONSUMER" shall be understood and construed as anyone using Village water, sewer, and garbage services including a firm, corporation, owner, occupier, lessee or tenant.
7. "VILLAGE" refers to the Village of Standard in the Province of Alberta.
8. "COUNCIL" refers to the Council of the Village of Standard.
9. "CAO" refers to the Chief Administrative Officer of the Village of Standard
10. "SPRINKLING" means the distribution of water to the surface or sub-surface of lawns, gardens, or other areas situated outside buildings by pipes, hoses, sprinklers or any other method, and shall include all uses of water other than human and commercial consumption and fire fighting.
11. "TENANT" means one who rents or leases a property from a landlord.
12. "OCCUPANT" means the occupier of any property who resides in or carries on any kind of business therein.
13. "OWNER" means the person who is registered under the Land Titles Act as owner of the property.
14. "PROPERTY" means land or building or a part thereof occupied, unoccupied, or used for any purpose.

**SECTION II - Waterworks**

1. Tapping Water Mains
  - a. No person except authorized personnel shall make any connection or communication whatsoever with any of the public pipes or mains.

- b. All water service pipes laid in private property, between the property line and the water meter, shall be of the same material as the service pipe in the street between the water main and the property line. No connection may be made to the water service pipe between the property line and the meter.

2. Meters

- a. The Village will provide 5\8" meters to all consumers. Those consumers requiring a larger meter will be charged for the difference in price between the 5\8" and the larger meter. The Village also supplies the remote top for the meters. All consumers are required to have a meter installed where it is physically possible to do so, all meters shall have a remote head for outside reading.
- b. Where meters are installed for the measuring of water, all owners, tenants, or occupiers shall give every facility for the introduction, placing, inspection, and reading of such meter, and shall protect it from interference or injury by frost or otherwise, and shall be liable for any damage which may occur to the meter.

3. Turning on Water

- a. Water shall be turned on and off only by authorized personnel.

4. Right to Shut Off Water

- a. The Village hereby reserves the right to shut off the water without notice to the consumer for any lawful reason.
- b. It is hereby declared that no person shall have any claim for compensation or damages as the result of the Village shutting of the water without notice or from the failure of the water supply from any cause whatsoever.

5. Wells and Other Sources of Supply of Water

- a. No wells or other sources of supply of water except the Village water mains shall be used in the Village

6. Interference with Hydrants and Valves

- a. Except as hereinafter provided, no persons other than authorized personnel shall open or close or operate or interfere with any valve, hydrant or fire plug, or draw water therefrom.
- b. The Chief of the Standard Fire Department, his assistants and officers, and members of that department, are authorized to use the hydrants or fire plugs for the purpose of extinguishing fires, or for making trial of hose pipe, or for fire protection, but all such use shall be under the supervision of the said Chief or his duly authorized assistants, and in no event shall any inexperienced or incompetent person be permitted to manipulate or control in anyway any hydrant or plug.
- c. No person shall in any manner obstruct the free access to hydrant or valve or stopcock. No vehicle, building, rubbish, or any other matter which would cause such obstruction shall be placed nearer to a hydrant than the property line of the street in which the hydrant is located, not within twenty (20) feet or 6.1 meters, of the hydrant in a direction parallel with the said property line.

7.. Disposal and Sale of water

No person utilizing a water service connection or water supply from the municipal water utility service provided by the village shall sell or dispose of water from that supply unless prior approval is obtained from the village. No person shall wrongfully, or negligently waste any water.

8. Sprinkling

- a) The CAO may at such times and for such length of time as he considers necessary or advisable, regulate, restrict or prohibit sprinkling.

- i) Outdoor Watering Schedule Effective May 1<sup>st</sup> to October 31<sup>st</sup> every year.

Odd numbered houses may water on Monday, Wednesday and Friday  
Even numbered houses may water on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday

Hours of watering 5am to 10am and 5pm to 10pm.

Flowerbeds. Trees and vegetable gardens may be watered anytime using a watering can.

Water toys may be used for recreational purposes by children as long as the children are present.

New sod/seed exemptions permits are available at the Village office outlining the watering of the new sod/seed installation.

b) In exercising the authority conferred by Section 1.9 the CAO:

- i) shall cause a public notice to be circulated to every household in the village giving reasonable detail of the regulation, restriction or prohibition of sprinkling being imposed which may be limited to certain times or which may be unlimited as to time in which latter case, a similar public notice shall be circulated giving notice of the time of cessation of such regulation, restriction or prohibition.
- ii) May regulate, restrict or prohibit sprinkling in all or any part of parts of the village in so doing the CAO may provide different times during which different consumers may sprinkle by reference to compass direction, streets, odd and even street addresses, or in such other manner as the CAO in his absolute discretion considers appropriate.

c) The CAO may cause the water supply to any consumer who causes, permits or allows sprinkling in contravention of any such regulation, restriction or prohibition to be shut off until such consumer enters into an undertaking to abide by and comply with such regulation, restriction or prohibition in a form acceptable to the CAO.

### **SECTION III - Sewers**

#### **1. Use and Protection of Sewer System**

- a. No person shall throw, deposit or leave in or upon any Village sewer, or any trap, basin, grating, manhole or other appurtenance of any Village sewer any butchers offal, garbage, litter, manure, rubbish, sweepings, stock, stones, bricks, earth, gravel, dirt, mud, hay, straw, twigs, leaves, papers, rags, cinders, ashes, tar, feathers, glass, or refuse matter of any kind except feces, urine, the necessary closet paper, waste water, and slops properly discharged through a house sewer into Village sewer.
- b. No person shall permit to be discharged into any sewer, any liquid or liquids which would adversely affect the sewers, or the disposal of the sewage, or any matter or substance by which the free flow of the sewage may be interfered with, or any chemical refuse or other trade waste, or any waste steam, condensing water, heated water or other liquids of a higher temperature than one hundred and eighty degrees Fahrenheit (180 F) or eighty-two degrees Celsius (82 C).
- c. No person shall make or cause to make any connection with any Village sewer, or house drain, or appurtenance thereof for the purpose of conveying, or which may convey, into the same any inflammable or explosive material, storm water, roof drainage, cistern or tank overflow, condensing or cooling water. In some cases roof drainage may be permitted but must have approval of the Village engineer, Plumbing Inspector, and the Village Council.
- d. No person shall discharge the contents of any privy vault, manure pit or cesspool, directly or indirectly, into any Village sewer or house drain connected therewith.
- e. No person shall turn, lift, remove, raise or tamper with the cover of any manhole, ventilator or other appurtenance of the Village sewer, except duly authorized personnel.
- f. No person shall cut, break, pierce, or tap any Village sewer or appurtenance thereof, or introduce any pipe, tube, trough or conduit into any Village sewer.
- g. No person shall interfere with the free discharge of any Village sewer, or part thereof, or do any act or things, which may impede or obstruct the flow or clog up any Village sewer or appurtenance thereof.
- h. The Council or Public Works Superintendent shall have the right at all reasonable times to enter houses or other places which have been connected with the Village sewers, and facilities must be given him to ascertain whether or not any improper material or liquid is being discharged into the sewers, and he shall have power to stop or prevent from discharging into the sewer system any private sewer or drain through which substances are discharged which are liable to injure the sewers or obstruct the flow of sewage.

#### **2. Industrial and Trade Wastes**

No waste or discharge resulting from any trade, industrial or manufacturing process, shall be directly discharged to any Village sewer without such previous treatment as shall be prescribed by the Council for each such case. The necessary treatment works so prescribed shall be completely installed by the

applicant, at his expense, prior to the construction of the sewer connection, and thereafter shall be continuously maintained and operated by the applicant.

3. Interceptors

Grease, oil, sand, or mud, sumps or interceptors shall be provided by the owner, where in the opinion of the Development Officer, they are necessary for the proper handling of liquid wastes containing grease, oil, sand, mud or other harmful ingredients.

4. Grease Traps

Grease traps of sufficient size and approved design shall be placed on the waste pipes from all hotels, restaurants, laundries and such other places as the Council under advisement may direct.

5. Sewer Connections

No person other than duly authorized personnel acting under the direction of the Public Works Superintendent shall make any connection to, or shall cut or otherwise tamper in any way with a public or Village sewer.

### SECTION IV - Plumbing

1. All plumbing and sewer work in the village shall be done in strict accordance with the regulations under the Public Health Act of the Province of Alberta, and amendments thereof, which regulations shall be considered as forming part of this Bylaw as if incorporated herein.

### SECTION V – Waste Collection

1. The Village shall supply once weekly waste collection service to each residence and or business. The day of waste collection will be designated by Council. Residents are also allowed direct access to the Standard Waste Transfer Site during hours of operation under supervision.
2. Garbage shall be prepared for collection as follows:
  - drained, securely wrapped and placed in an animal proof container. Items not fitting in bags shall be tied in bundles no longer or wider than four feet. Weight of bag, box or bundle shall not exceed fifty(50) pounds.
  - Bags, cans containers or bundles shall be in lane or in front of property on designated day.
  - Authorized personnel shall not be required to collect any garbage not properly prepared and set out.
3. Materials that are not acceptable for weekly collection include but are not limited to large pieces of wood walls, doors, construction materials, large pieces of metal, car parts, appliances, heavy steel, paint, oil, toxic chemicals, out-dated drugs, bio-medical waste, sharps, syringes, empty pharmaceutical bottles, tires, propane tanks. The resident at the resident's expense must transfer these prohibited materials to the Standard Waste Transfer Site or to Drumheller Landfill Site.

### SECTION VI - Service Information

1. Service Connections

- a. In the event that mains are required in order to provide services for the applicant, the applicant will be required to pay the cost of the said mains unless otherwise specified by Council.

2. Billing Regulations

- a. Water,sewer and garbage rates shall be set from time to time by resolution of Council.
- b. A water,sewer and garbage bill showing the current service charges to the user every two (2) months and payment for the amount due for water,sewer, and garbage charges shall be issued after the first month of the bi-monthly billing period or as otherwise required. Said charges shall be due and payable when the account is rendered, with payment to be made at the Village or at such other place as may be designated from time to time by the Council. Failure to set up an account shall in no way affect the liability of the consumer to pay the amount.
- c. In the event that a water, sewer and garbage bill remains unpaid for a period of 30 days after the due date on the billing, the CAO shall cause a written notice to be served on the delinquent consumer advising that the outstanding utilities were applied to the properties tax account in accordance with Section VII.1 Lien on Property.

3. Rental Properties

- a. Each owner of a property shall be responsible for making a water, sewer and garbage application to the village as soon as the property is occupied or otherwise in use.

- b. In the case of rental or revenue properties, the owner of the property, not any tenant, shall be responsible for making a water, sewer and garbage utility application to the village as soon as a building on the owner's property is occupied or otherwise in use.
- c. The owner of the property shall be responsible for all water consumed on a premise, whether the water consumption was registered by the water meter or consumed by accidental or illegal means. The owner may make application by signature on Schedule "A" to have the utility bill mailed to the occupant at the property's' address under the owner's name.

4. Re-Connection of Service

- a) In the event that a water service has been shut off, as provided by Section II.8.d) by reason of contravention of regulation, restriction or prohibition or upon request of the consumer a reconnection fee as set from time to time by resolution of Council shall be charged and shall be payable in advance of turning on of the service. Owner or occupant must be present when Public works department turns on the water to check for any leaks.

5. Discontinuance of Service

Any person intending to vacate the property that has been supplied with water from the waterworks who is desirous of discontinuing the use thereof shall fill out a Schedule B form available at the Village office , otherwise the rates therefore shall be charged until a Schedule B is completed, but no rebate shall be made for any fractional part of a month in which such notice is given. A dis-connection fee as set from time to time by resolution of Council shall be payable in advance for the turning off the service. A minimum billing charge as set from time to time by resolution of Council will be charged to the account for utility infrastructure.

**SECTION VII - Lien on Property**

- 1. Any water rates in arrears for water supplied by the Village or any sewer charges in arrears for sewer services or any garbage charges in arrears supplied by the Village to any land or property may be added to the taxes assessed against the real property to which the water, sewer or garbage services have been supplied, and may be collected in any of the ways provided for the collection of taxes, according to the Municipal Government Act.

**SECTION VIII - Repairs and Installation**

- a. As a term of supplying the municipal utility service to a parcel of land, the owner shall be responsible for the costs of construction, maintenance and repair of the water or sewer service connection and those costs are an amount owing to the municipality by the owner.
- b. After the village has constructed, maintained or repaired the service connection located above, on or underneath a parcel of land, the village shall restore the land entered as soon as practicable.
- c. The village's costs relating to the construction, maintenance and repair and restoration of the water or sewer service connection are an amount owing to the village by the owner of the parcel and may be collected in any of the ways provided for the collection of taxes according to the Municipal Government Act.

Any person who commits a breach of this By-law shall be liable upon summary conviction thereof to a fine and penalties as provided for in the Village of Standard general penalty By-law.

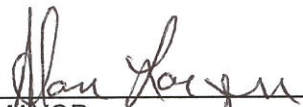
Bylaws 5-2004, 5-2002, 6-2001, 6-96, and 11-95 are hereby rescinded.

This bylaw shall take effect upon the date of the final reading.

READ a first time this 22 day of April 2016.

READ a second time this 22 day of April 2016.

READ a third and final time this 22 day of April 2016.

  
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 MAYOR

  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

VILLAGE OF STANDARD

Schedule " A "

**To: Village of Standard**

**Re: Utility Account Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Civic Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

We, the undersigned registered owners of the above noted property hereby request that all utility bills issued for the said property be forwarded in my (our) name in care of the following address:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

We fully understand that we are responsible for the utility bills and that non-payment will result in the transfer of outstanding balances to our tax account pursuant to the village bylaws. We also understand that all bills, notices and other correspondence relating to this utility account will be sent to the address noted in paragraph 1 and that a copy will not be issued to our tax roll mailing address.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Registered Owner (s)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Registered Owner (s)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

VILLAGE OF STANDARD

Schedule " B "

**To: Village of Standard**

**Re: Utility Account Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Civic Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

We, the undersigned registered owners of the above noted property hereby request that the water, sewer and garbage services provided to this address be disconnected on \_\_\_\_\_

We fully understand that there is a fee of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ paid in advance of services being disconnected and again upon reconnection of services. There is a minimum billing charge of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for the utility infrastructure for the above noted property.

Services to the property can only be turned on and off by the Village of Standard's public works department . Water services will not be turned back on until the presence of the owner or occupant is in the house to make sure that there are no leaks.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Registered Owner (s)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Registered Owner (s)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date