

**THE VILLAGE OF STANDARD  
BYLAW NO. 3-2019  
PUBLIC UTILITY BYLAW**

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

**WHEREAS** the Municipal Government Act, R.S.A. 2000, c. M-26, as amended, provides that Council may pass bylaws for municipal purposes, including public utilities, services provided by or on behalf of the Village, and the enforcement of bylaws, including the creation of offences and penalties;

**AND WHEREAS** Part 3 Division 3 of the Act pertains to Public Utilities;

**AND WHEREAS** Council wishes to establish a level of service that enables assessing a fair and objective fee structure for the provision of Village Services;

**AND WHEREAS** Council wishes to reduce the risk of damage to the Village Water and Sewer System and avoid contaminating the Village Water and Sewer System.

**AND WHEREAS** Council wishes to conserve water and limit unnecessary water consumption;

**NOW THEREFORE** the Council of the Village of Standard, in the Province of Alberta, duly assembled, Hereby repeals Bylaw 02-2016 and 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.
3. "SEWER SERVICE CONNECTION" means the property owner is responsible for the maintenance and repair of the sewer line from the serviced premises to the street sewer main.
4. "WATER SERVICE CONNECTION" means the property owner is responsible for the maintenance and repair of the water line from the serviced premises to the property line.
5. "STREET MAIN" means that portion of land on which any sewer or water main is laid for the service of more than one person.
6. "CURB STOP" means a control valve located on a service line which when shut off allows no water to enter the private service. The Curb Stop is owned by and is the responsibility of the Village regardless of it's location.
7. "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.
8. "CONSUMER" shall be understood and construed as anyone using Village water, sewer, and garbage services including a firm, corporation, owner, occupier, lessee or tenant.
9. "VILLAGE" refers to the Village of Standard in the Province of Alberta.
10. "COUNCIL" refers to the Council of the Village of Standard.
11. "CAO" refers to the Chief Administrative Officer of the Village of Standard
12. "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.
13. "TENANT" means one who rents or leases a property from a landlord.
14. "OCCUPANT" means the occupier of any property who resides in or carries on any kind of business therein.
15. "OWNER" means the person who is registered under the Land Titles Act as owner of the property.
16. "PROPERTY" means land or building or a part thereof occupied, unoccupied, or used for any purpose.
17. "WRC" means Wheatland Regional Corporation.

## **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 to all consumers a 5½" meters and remote head for outside reading and shall remain the property of the Village. Those consumers requiring a larger meter will be charged for the difference in price between the 5½" and the larger meter. All consumers are required to have a meter installed. Failure to install meter where physically possible to do so, may result in the service of water being shut off.
- c. 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.
- d. No Person shall remove or tamper with a meter installed unless by an authorized personnel.

### **3. Turning Water On and Off**

- 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.

- b) In exercising the authority conferred by Section I.11 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 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.
- f. 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.
- g. Authorized personnel shall have the right at proper hours of the day and on reasonable notice given 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 or obstruct the flow of sewage through the Village Sewage System.

#### **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.
  - Maximum of 5 Bags or bundles per household shall be picked up 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, mattresses, 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.
4. Materials that are not acceptable for weekly collection shall not be left out along any public street or on the public sidewalks for no longer than 48 hours.

**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. The Village may enter into agreements with any person for the construction and /or operation of the whole or a portion of the water and sewer and garbage system within the Village.
- b. Water, sewer and garbage rates shall be set from time to time by resolution of Council.
- c. The service of preparing and sending Utility Billings/Notices which include water, sewer and garbage charges is contracted to WRC. All payments are to made to WRC. New accounts and changes to accounts must be made through the WRC office. Penalties and outstanding accounts are subject to WRC Policy.
- d. When property ownership changes as per the Land Titles Registry, it is deemed that the account shall automatically transfer to the new owner and any balance on the utility account is deemed to be transferred to the new owner and is payable by the new owner.

3. **Rental Properties**

- a. Each owner of a property shall be responsible for making a water, sewer and garbage application to WRC 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 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.

4. Re-Connection of Service

- a) In the event that a water service has been shut off, as provided by Section II.8.c) by reason of contravention of regulation, restriction or prohibition or upon request of the consumer a reconnection fee shall be charged and will be payable in advance of turning on of the service. Owner or occupant must be present when authorized personnel 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, sewer or garbage, or who is desirous of discontinuing the use thereof shall be charged a fixed flat fee per month as set from time to time by resolution of Council on all serviced properties. Regular disconnect & connection fees will be paid in advance of any action taken.

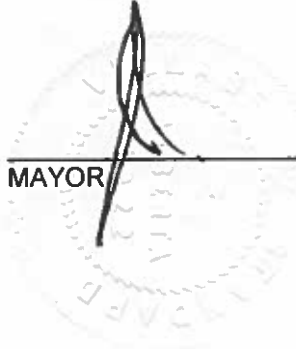
Any person who commits a breach of this By-law shall be liable upon summary conviction thereof to a fine and penalties as provided for in the Village of Standard general penalty By-law.

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

READ a first time this 8<sup>th</sup> day of May 2019.

READ a second time this 12<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2019.

READ a third and final time this 12<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2018.

  
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MAYOR

  
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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER