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and is a consolidation of " Sewer Charges and Regulations Bylaw No.1036, 2022" with the
following amending bylaws:

Sewer Charges and Regulations Amendment Bylaw No. 1071, 2025

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Office. For legal purposes, copies of the original bylaws should be obtained.**



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A bylaw of the Corporation of the Village of Pouce Coupe to establish Sewer Rates and Regulations.

WHEREAS the Council of the Village of Pouce Coupe is empowered and authorized pursuant to the *Community Charter* to regulate the rates, charges, terms, and conditions for connection to and discharge of sewage to the municipal sewage system.

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Pouce Coupe, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

1. **Title**

- 1.1 This Bylaw shall be cited for all purposes as "Sewer Charges and Regulations Bylaw No.1036, 2022."

2. **Definitions**

- 2.1 In this Bylaw:

"Authorized Contractor" means a contractor approved by the Authorized Village Employee.

"Authorized Village Employee" means the Director of Public Works and their designate.

"Applicant" – means an owner or agent making application for sewer services and from whom the Village may expect to receive revenue on a continuing basis for this service.

"Building Sewer" means the sewer pipe extending from the property line of the property concerned to the building situation thereon, and joining the sewer connection to the plumbing system at the building.

"Commercial" means all buildings other than residential.

"Common Sewer" means any sewer, sewer system, or portion thereof used or intended to be used for public use and under control of the Municipality.

"Consumer" means any person, company, or corporation who is the leasee or owner, authorized agent for the owner, or any person who is the occupier of such premises.

"Residential" means all single-family dwellings or duplexes.

"Service Connection" means a pipe connecting a sanitary sewer main to a building sewer service at the property line of a parcel of land.

"Sanitary Sewer Main" means any sewer line which carries sewage and to which storm, surface, or ground waters are not intentionally admitted.

"Sewer" means a pipe or conduit for carrying sewage.

"Village" means the Village of Pouce Coupe

3. **Service Connection**



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- 3.1 The owner of every parcel of real property shall, before any occupancy of a building or structure, connect such building or structure to the Village sewer system. Where a new sewer line or replacement sewer line has been installed, every owner of a parcel of real property upon which a building or structure is situated and which is occupied or intended for human occupation shall connect to the sewer line within sixty (60) days of the date of notice from the Village to connect to the sewer line.
- 3.2 Each property connected to the sewer system shall have its own service directly from the principal building to the sewer main. Costs for such connections shall be paid by the property owner.
- 3.3 Where an owner of real property fails to make a connection as required by section 3.1 the Village may with its own forces do all work necessary to make the required connection, at the expense of the owner, and may recover the expense from the owner, prescribed under Section 258 of the *Community Charter*, in the same manner as municipal taxes.
- 3.4 A person shall not connect any building to a sewer connection until they have first obtained a Service Connection Permit from the Village. The Service Connection Permit can be found in the most current version of the "Water Utility Rates and Regulations Bylaw No. 1033, 2022" as amended from time to time, in the form of Schedule "C". The applicant shall provide true and accurate information as to all details.
- BL1071** 3.5 At such time as the application and the agreement is executed, the applicant shall pay a connection fee in accordance with fees imposed for this purpose per Schedule "I" of the Village of Pouce Coupe Consolidated Municipal Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 1062, 2025.
- 3.6 If the Village disapproves of the connection, the owner shall be informed with the reasons for its disapproval in writing.
- 3.7 No person, other than the Authorized Village Employee, or an authorized contractor, shall install or repair any part of the sewer connection on public right of way.
- 3.8 Where the Public Health Officer having jurisdiction within the Village determines that failure of the owner to connect the building sewer to the common sewer has resulted in the creation of an unsanitary condition, the Village may enter upon the property of the said owner and cause the connection to be made. The total cost and expense of making the connection, including the cost of installing the building sewer and the service connection, shall be deemed to be a charge for work or service done and the provisions of Section 258 of the *Community Charter* shall apply.

4. Procedure After Service Connection

- 4.1 Every owner of a parcel who connects to the sanitary sewerage system from previously having a septic disposal system, shall:
- 4.1.1 discontinue use of the septic tank, lagoon or mound; and
 - 4.1.2 decommission the septic tank, lagoon or mound; or,
 - 4.1.3 remove and dispose of the septic tank.



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5. Specifications for Building Sewers

- 5.1 Each lot or potential lot must be separated and independently connected with the common sewer, unless otherwise determined by Village Council.
- 5.2 All building sewer shall be constructed in accordance with the specifications contained in the *British Columbia Plumbing Code*.
- 5.2.1 The building sewer shall be laid to an even slope of not less than two (2) percent in the direction of the flow in case of 100 mm lines and not less than one (1) percent in the case of 150 mm lines, provided that, in exceptional circumstances, a slope of one (1) percent may be approved by an Approved Village Employee. The minimum internal diameter of the building sewer and house connection shall be 100 mm. And shall be predicated by the specifications of the *British Columbia Plumbing Code*.
- 5.2.2 The pipe shall be laid as deep as the main will allow below the finished surface of the ground. The pipe shall be laid concentric to each adjacent pipe and the joints shall be flush, even, and free of any internal obstruction.
- 5.2.3 Bell and spigot pipe shall be laid with the spigot end facing the direction of the flow.
- 5.2.4 All building sewer shall be constructed from such materials as the Village may from time to time approve and all building sewers must be installed in accordance with the requirements of the *British Columbia Plumbing Code* and *British Columbia Building Code*.
- 5.2.5 All sewer services shall have installed a back-flow prevention device and a proper clean out installed as close as possible to where the sewer service leaves the building and such clean out should be able to receive a minimum of a 2" roller head on a plumber's hand snake.
- 5.2.6 The pipes shall not bear on any plank, timber, rock, or other unyielding object, nor shall any such object be placed against the pipes in backfilling.
- 5.2.7 Where the building sewer is laid near any shrub or tree, the roots of which may penetrate the pipe joints, an Authorized Village Employee may require that special anti-intrusion joint material be used.

6. User Rates

- BL1071** 6.1 The owner of every parcel of real property is hereby assessed and charged with a bi- monthly payment for Residential users and Commercial users as set out in Schedule "I" of the Village of Pouce Coupe Consolidated Municipal Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 1062, 2025.
- 6.2 All sewer rates shall become due and payable upon receipt of an invoice which shall be issued bi-monthly for residential and commercial users. Any rate remaining unpaid on the 31st of December in each year shall be added to and form part of the taxes payable in respect to the land and improvements so serviced, and shall be entered on the Collector's roll as taxes in arrears.
- 6.3 No complaint of an error in any charge or charges shall be considered and no adjustment of any such error shall be made after a period of one year has elapsed since the end of the period for



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which such sewer rates or charges were made. After the termination of the period, all such rates or charges shall be deemed to have been properly and correctly made.

7. Prohibitions – General

- 7.1 Nothing in this Bylaw shall be construed to permit the connection of surface water in the sanitary sewer. The connection either directly or indirectly, roof leaders, foundation drains, field drains, sumps or any collector of surface or ground water is not permitted.
- 7.2 Nothing in this bylaw shall be construed to permit connections to allow sewage to be conveyed from any premises into a storm drain.
- 7.3 No gasoline, naptha, paint, acetone, and varathanes, or other flammable liquid or explosive substance, and no grease, oil, lye, free acid, mud, grid, plaster of paris, lime, clay, cooking grease, dry cleaning fluids used in the dry cleaning process, car wash residue, or any trade of industrial waste which may injure or impart the efficiency or safety of the sewer, through deposits forming in same or owing to the attaching and weakening of such sewer, shall be discharged into any common sewer unless certified and approved trap/separator is installed.
- 7.4 In the case of any commercial or industrial premises where there exists a possibility that such noxious wastes may be discharged into the common sewer, a permit to connect the sewer shall not be issued until the Building Inspector has examined fully and approved of the layout and design of the protective devices by means of which the applicant proposes to prevent or neutralize the discharge of the said noxious wastes into the common sewer.

8. Plugged Sewer Lines

- 8.1 Owners are responsible for all sewers plugged from building to sewer main. The consumer is required and responsible to employ a qualified plumber to determine the extent of the damage but shall not excavate on Village property without the approval of the Authorized Village Employee.
- 8.2 Where a sewer or service connection is unstopped or otherwise restored to serviceable condition as a result of a blockage:
 - 8.2.1 If the blockage is found in the building sanitary sewer pipe from the building to the sewer main connection, then the owner shall be responsible for all costs to remove the blockage, repair the service and reinstate the area to its previous state.

9. Discontinuation and Re-instatement of Service

- 9.1 In the event that a building or structure is removed from its site, or is destroyed or is damaged to the extent that it can no longer be put to any legally permitted use, the owner shall, at the owner's expense, effectively cap the downstream side of the building sanitary sewer, a minimum of 2 m or the depth of the inspection chamber, from the property line, for the interim period during which the service connection is not in use.
- 9.2 If the intention is to not ever use the service connection, the owner shall, at the owner's expense, effectively have the service connection capped and sealed permanently.



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9. Authority of The Authorized Village Employee

9.1 The owner of any building connected to the sewer systems shall, at all reasonable times, allow and permit the Authorized Village Employee or Authorized Contractor to enter into and upon the premises for the purpose of:

- 9.1.1 ascertaining whether the provisions of this bylaw are being carried out;
- 9.1.2 determining the size, depth, location, and condition of any sewer, building sewer and all connections made and utilized therewith;
- 9.1.3 determining the location and method and place of discharge of root and surface drains and plumbing fixtures;
- 9.1.4 inspecting, observing, measuring, sampling, and testing the quantity and nature of sewage being discharged into any public sewer, natural outlet, or watercourse.

10. Tampering with Sewers

10.1 A person shall not maliciously, willfully, or negligently break, damage, destroy, uncover, deface, or tamper with any public sewer or appurtenances thereto.

11. Penalties

- 11.1 Any person who violates any provisions of this bylaw or who suffers or permits any act or thing to be done in contravention of this bylaw, or who refuses, omits, or neglects to fulfil, observe, carry out, or perform any duty or obligation imposed by this bylaw is liable upon summary conviction, to a fine and penalty of a minimum of \$100 and not exceeding \$10,000 and the costs of prosecution.
- 11.2 If a service connection, as per Section 5.5, is backfilled prior to inspection, the owner or authorized agent will be required to expose the connection to be inspected at the cost of the owner.
- 11.3 If any person fails to carry out the work required by any provision of this Bylaw, the Village may enter onto the parcel to undertake the required work and charge the owner for the actual cost incurred by the Village in carrying out the work. The costs shall be paid by the owner upon demand, and if remaining unpaid after the 31st day of December of the year in which the work is done, shall be deemed to be taxes in arrears on the parcel and will be dealt with in the same manner as Village taxes.

12. Repeals Previous Bylaws

- 12.1 The following Bylaws are hereby repealed in their entirety:
 - 12.1.1 Sewer Charges and Regulation Bylaw No. 710, 1997;
 - 12.1.2 Village of Pouce Coupe Sewer Charges and Regulations Bylaw No. 710, 1997, Amendment Bylaw No. 769, 1999;
 - 12.1.3 Sewer Charges and Regulations Amendment Bylaw No. 871, 2005; and
 - 12.1.4 Sewer Charges and Regulations Amendment Bylaw No. 941, 2011.



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READ A FIRST TIME this 25th day of April, 2022
READ A SECOND TIME this 25th day of April, 2022
READ A THIRD TIME this 25th day of April, 2022
RECONSIDERED AND FINALLY ADOPTED this 28th day of April, 2022

Lorraine S. Michetti
Mayor

Sandy Stokes
Corporate Officer

Certified a true copy of the
"Sewer Charges and Regulations Bylaw No. 1036, 2022"
As Adopted

Sandy Stokes
Corporate Officer