

BYLAW 1761-26

A BYLAW of the County of Stettler No. 6, in the Province of Alberta, in accordance with the Municipal Government Act Chapter M-26 Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000 and amendments thereto, to provide authority for the provision of municipal public utility services subject to any terms, costs or charges established by Council; and

WHEREAS the Municipal Council deems it necessary and expedient to establish systems for both water and wastewater for portions of the County and to set out the terms, costs and charges upon which the services will be provided;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the County of Stettler No. 6 duly assembled, enacts the Water and Wastewater Bylaw as follows.

1. TITLE

- 1.1. This Bylaw may be referred to as the "County of Stettler No. 6 Water and Wastewater Bylaw".

2. DEFINITIONS

- 2.1. "Appurtenance" means any fixture, receptacle, apparatus or device which is attached to or forms part of the Wastewater System or the Water System, as the context may require.
- 2.2. "Authorized Employee" means any employee of the County of Stettler No. 6 authorized by the Chief Administrative Officer of the County or his or her designate to do any work upon or with respect to any County Water or Wastewater System or services related thereto.
- 2.3. "Bulk Water Station" means any County building or reservoir capable of dispensing potable and/or agricultural use water either through an overhead standpipe or hose fitting.
- 2.4. "Consumer" means any Owner, Tenant, Occupant or Person in charge of Serviced Premises.
- 2.5. "Council" means the Municipal Council of the County of Stettler No. 6.
- 2.6. "County" means the County of Stettler No. 6.
- 2.7. "County Wastewater Line" means any pipes or fittings owned by or under the control of the County, which are used to convey sewage, wastewater or septic waste.
- 2.8. "County Wastewater System" means any Wastewater System which is owned or operated by or under the control of the County.
- 2.9. "County Water Line" means any pipes or fittings owned by or under the control of the County which are used to convey drinking water.
- 2.10. "County Water System" means any Water System which is owned or operated by or under the control of the County.
- 2.11. "Curb Stop" means a stop-cock placed by the County at the curb of near or adjacent to a Serviced Premises which controls the flow of water from the County Water Line through the Water Service Line to a Serviced Premises.
- 2.12. "Check-Valve" means a device used to prevent back flow.
- 2.13. "Occupant" includes a Person who has the actual use, possession or control of Serviced Premises.
- 2.14. "Owner" means a Person who is the registered Owner, or the purchaser under an agreement for sale, of Serviced Premises.



- 2.15. "Person" includes any individual, firm, partnership or body corporate.
- 2.16. "Premises" includes lands, buildings, structures and improvements thereon.
- 2.17. "Serviced Premises" means Premises which have been connected to and are serviced by the County Wastewater System, the County Water System, or both.
- 2.18. "Tenant" means a renter, Occupant or lessee of Serviced Premises and includes but is not restricted to a sub-Tenant or licensee under a license agreement.
- 2.19. "Wastewater Service Charges" means all charges, fees and rents for the provision of wastewater services and includes but is not restricted to the rental of all fixtures by the County to the Consumer.
- 2.20. "Wastewater Service Line" means the pipes, fittings, and pumps, where required, which connect a Serviced Premises to the County Wastewater System.
- 2.21. "Wastewater System" means a system for the conveyance and disposal of wastewater, septic waste or sewage and includes all pipes, fittings, fixtures and Appurtenances for the collection, transportation, pumping and treatment of wastewater.
- 2.22. "Water Service Charges" means all charges, fees and rents for the provision of water and includes but is not restricted to the rental of all fixtures by the County to the Consumer.
- 2.23. "Water Service Line" means the pipes and fittings which connect a County Water Line to the main shut-off valve inside a Serviced Premise.
- 2.24. "Water System" means a system used for the provision of water and includes all pipes, fittings, fixtures and Appurtenances for the collection, transportation, pumping and treatment of water.

3. WASTEWATER CONNECTIONS

- 3.1. Upon the written application of any Owner, Tenant, Occupant or Person in charge of Premises, and the payment of the connection fee as prescribed by Schedule "A" of this Bylaw, the County may provide that Person with wastewater services PROVIDED THAT the Premises to be serviced by the County are abutting a County Wastewater Line and the Wastewater System has capacity to service the Premises, and all terms and conditions of service are complied with.
- 3.2. Where Premises are not abutting a County Wastewater Line, the Owner, Tenant, Occupant or Person in charge of the Premises may make an application to the County for wastewater services and the Council shall determine, by resolution, whether the applicant may connect his Premises to the County Wastewater Line, and if so, Council may impose special terms or conditions that Council deems appropriate.
- 3.3. The supply of wastewater services shall be subject to the terms and conditions prescribed by this Bylaw.
- 3.4. No Person other than duly Authorized Employees shall make any connection to, or cut or otherwise tamper in any way with a County Wastewater Line without first obtained a written permit from the County to do so.
- 3.5. A connection to the County's Wastewater System must be made pursuant to the County's directions and specifications, which shall be provided upon the application for wastewater services.
- 3.6. The applicant shall be responsible for all costs and expenses incurred by the County for connection to the County's Wastewater System.



- 3.7. The applicant for wastewater services shall be liable for any and all damages related to connections made to the County's Wastewater System, except where those damages are caused by the negligence of the Authorized Employees of the County.
- 3.8. To prevent or reduce the flooding of basements or cellars, the applicant for wastewater services shall install and maintain a suitable Check-Valve or other mechanical device approved by the County, for the purpose of cutting off or controlling the connection between the County Wastewater System and the applicant's cellar or basement.
- 3.9. Where any connection to the County's Wastewater System is made in contravention of the provisions of the Bylaw, the County may:
- 3.9.1. Revoke or annul any permit that may have been granted to connect with the County Wastewater System;
 - 3.9.2. Disconnect the Wastewater Service Line from the County Wastewater Line; and/or
 - 3.9.3. Rectify the contravention at the expense of the Owner of the Premises.
- In which case, neither the applicant nor the Consumer, or their successors or assigns, shall have any right or claim to damages, costs or expenses related thereto.
- 3.10. Grease traps, of sufficient size and of a design approved by the County, shall be placed on the waste pipes from all hotels, restaurants, laundries, and such other buildings, structures or improvements as the County may direct from time to time by resolution.
- 3.11. Except as otherwise provided in this Bylaw, no Person shall discharge into any water course any sewage, waste or wastewater.
- 3.12. No Person shall discharge sewage or wastewater onto any Public or Private Lands within the Hamlets of Endiang, Erskine, Botha, Gadsby or Byemoor, or the Buffalo Sands or Buffalo View Estates developments, without express written permission from the County.
- 3.13. No Person shall construct or maintain on private land any tank cesspool, septic tank cesspool, or other facility intended or used for the disposal or storage of sewage or wastewater without approval in writing from the Provincial Authority having jurisdiction and providing a copy of same to the County and the Safety Codes Officer designated for the area.
- 3.14. All Owners of Premises using private sewage disposal systems shall operate and maintain such facilities in a sanitary manner at all times and at their own expense.
- 3.15. When a County Wastewater Line is installed in any street, lane, road or lands which abut property upon which a building, with wastewater disposal capabilities, is located, the Owner of the building shall connect the building to the County's Wastewater System at the Owner's sole cost and expense, in accordance with the standards of connection determined by the Chief Administrative Officer, from time to time. Such connection shall be made within thirty (30) calendar days of notice from the Chief Administrative Officer failing which the Chief Administrative Officer may authorize employees or agents of the County to enter upon such land and construct and install such connections as may be required at the Owner's sole cost and expense. Upon failure of the Owner to pay such costs and expenses upon demand, these costs and expenses shall be placed on the tax roll as an additional tax against the parcel of land concerned and that amount shall be collected in the same manner as taxes on the parcel of land.
- 3.16. Prior to the Owner of any property connecting any building to the County's Wastewater System, such Owner shall disconnect and abandon any private sewage disposal system in accordance with this Bylaw.



3.17. If the Owner of a property fails to abandon the private Wastewater System prior to the connection of the land to the County's Wastewater System, the Chief Administrative Officer may authorize employees or agents of the County to enter upon said land and cause the work required to abandon the private Wastewater System to be completed and the total cost of such work billed to the Owner. Upon failure of the Owner to pay the cost upon demand, such cost shall be placed on the tax roll as an additional tax against the parcel of land concerned and that amount shall be collected in the same manner as taxes on the parcel of land.

4. DISCONTINUANCE OF WASTEWATER SERVICES

- 4.1. A Consumer who wishes the County to discontinue the wastewater services being provided to the Consumer's Premises by reason of the Consumer about to vacate those Premises or otherwise, must give at least one (1) week's prior written notice to the County to discontinue such services.
- 4.2. A Consumer who fails to give such prior written notice to the County shall be liable for the accruing rates and for any and all damages suffered or sustained by the County by reason of such failure to give notice.
- 4.3. When any Consumer discontinues the use of wastewater services being provided by the County, or the County refuses to continue to supply wastewater services for failure to pay amounts owed to the County or otherwise, any Authorized Employee may at any reasonable time enter the Serviced Premises for the purpose of removing any fittings, wires, machines, apparatus, meters, pipes or other things that are the property of the County or that connect the Wastewater Service Line to the County Wastewater System.

5. USE AND MAINTENANCE OF WASTEWATER SYSTEM

- 5.1. The Consumer shall be responsible to maintain the Consumer's Wastewater Service Line in good repair and working order.
- 5.2. Where the County is requested by the Consumer to clear any plugged Consumer Wastewater Service Line, the Consumer shall be liable to indemnify the County for all costs incurred in clearing the Wastewater Service Line.
- 5.3. Where the Consumer alleges that the Wastewater Service Line is plugging because it has been installed improperly, then the County shall, upon receipt of a deposit as prescribed under Schedule "A" of this Bylaw, be authorized to open up the said Wastewater Service Line by any method deemed reasonable and if the said Wastewater Service Line is found to have been installed properly, then that Consumer shall forfeit the said deposit and shall be liable to pay all costs incurred by the County in opening the said Wastewater Service Line.
- 5.4. No Person shall throw, deposit or leave in or upon any County Wastewater Line, or any trap, basin, grading, manhole or other Appurtenance of any County Wastewater System, any butcher's offal, garbage, litter, manure, rubbish, sweepings, stick, stones, bricks, earth, gravel, dirt, mud, hay, straw, twigs, leaves, papers, rags, cinders, ashes, oil or solid waste or refuse matter of any kind, except feces, urine, the necessary closet paper, waste water and slops properly discharged through a house wastewater into the County Wastewater System.
- 5.5. No Person shall permit to be discharged into any County Wastewater System any liquid or liquids which would deleteriously affect the County Wastewater System or discharge into any Wastewater System any trade wastes, solid waste, hazardous substance, inflammable or explosive materials, condensing water or water or other liquids of a temperature higher than seventy-seven (77) degrees Celsius/one hundred and seventy (170) degrees Fahrenheit.
- 5.6. No Person shall make or cause to be made any connection with any County Wastewater System for the purpose of conveying, or which may convey into the



Wastewater System, any inflammable or explosive material, storm water, ground water, roof drainage cistern, or tank overflow, or condensing or cooling water.

- 5.7. No Person shall discharge the contents of any privy vault, manure pit or cesspool, directly or indirectly, into the County Wastewater System except by special written permission of Council.
- 5.8. No Person, except duly Authorized Employees, shall turn, lift, remove, raise or tamper with the cover of any manhole, ventilator or any other Appurtenance of any County Wastewater System.
- 5.9. No Person, except duly Authorized Employees, shall cut, break, pierce, or tap any County Wastewater Line or Appurtenance thereof, or introduce any pipe, tube, trough, or conduit into the County Wastewater System.
- 5.10. No Person shall interfere with the free discharge of the County Wastewater System, or any part thereof, or do any act or thing which may impede or obstruct the flow of or clog any County Wastewater Line or Appurtenance thereof.
- 5.11. Any Authorized Employee may give notice to a Consumer, Occupant or Owner that access to a Serviced Premises or any or all parts of a Serviced Premises is required for the purpose of investigation, sampling and/or testing to determine whether any improper materials are being discharged into the wastewater or the Wastewater System, in which case, access must be granted. The Authorized Employee shall have the power to stop or prevent any discharge into the Wastewater System of any substances, materials or liquids which may cause injury to or obstruct the flow of wastewater into or through the County Wastewater System, or which otherwise breaches this Bylaw or any applicable legislation.
- 5.12. No waste or discharge resulting from any trade, industrial or manufacturing process, shall be directly discharged into the County Wastewater System without such previous treatment as shall be prescribed by the County.
- 5.13. Any necessary treatment works prescribed by the County shall be installed by the Consumer at his own expense, prior to the connection of the Wastewater Service Line and thereafter shall be continuously maintained and operated by the Consumer at the Consumer's expense.

6. WATER CONNECTIONS

- 6.1. Upon the written application of the Owner, Occupant, Tenant or other Person in charge of any Premises within the County, and the payment of a connection fee as prescribed under Schedule "A" of this Bylaw, the County shall supply those Premises with water PROVIDED THAT, the Premises to be serviced are abutting a County Water Line and the Water System has capacity to service the Premises, and all terms and conditions of service are complied with.
- 6.2. Where Premises are not abutting a County Water Line, the Owner, Tenant, Occupant or Person in charge of the Premises may make an application to the County for water services and Council shall determine, by resolution, whether the applicant may connect his Premises to the County Water Line, and if so, Council may impose such special terms or conditions that Council deems appropriate.
- 6.3. Where the supply of water is for temporary construction or building purposes, the County shall supply such water services where:
 - 6.3.1. The applicant has made a written application for such water services;
 - 6.3.2. The applicant has deposited with the County a deposit as prescribed by Schedule "A" of this Bylaw, for each month or part thereof that such water services shall be required;
 - 6.3.3. The deposit prescribed above shall be applied to the payment of any Water Service Charges and any other service fees; and



- 6.3.4. The supply of water may be subject to the terms and conditions prescribed by the County.
- 6.4. The County may supply and install water meters upon a Serviced Premises, in which case the Consumer shall be liable to the County for all costs and expenses incurred by the County, and all connection fees or charges prescribed under this Bylaw and any schedule attached hereto.
- 6.5. Where the County makes the necessary connections to the County Water Line, at the request of an applicant, the applicant shall be liable to indemnify the County for all costs and expenses incurred for making the said connection.
- 6.6. The applicant shall be liable for any and all damages related to connections made to the County's Water System, except where those damages are caused by the negligence of the Authorized Employees of the County.
- 6.7. Any connection to the County's Water System must be made pursuant to the County directions and specifications which shall be provided upon the application for water services.
- 6.8. Each Water Service Line must be provided with a stop and waste tap of a pattern approved by the County, placed inside the outer wall of the Premises for the use of the Occupant of the Premises in case of leaky fixtures, or when the Premises are vacated, and such stop and waste taps shall be kept clear of all obstruction so that ready access may be had to shut off the water when an occasion arises.
- 6.9. All plumbing work within the County shall be done in strict accordance with the regulations under the Safety Codes Act R.S.A. 2000, c. S-1 as amended, and the regulations or codes passed pursuant to that Act.

7. FIRE HYDRANTS AND CURB STOPS

- 7.1. Except as hereinafter provided, no Persons other than the Authorized Employees of the County, shall open up, close or operate, or interfere in any way, with any valve, fire hydrant or fire plug, or draw or use water therefrom.
- 7.2. The Chief of a Municipal Fire Department, his assistants and officers, and members of that department, are hereby authorized to use fire hydrants or fire plugs for the purposes of extinguishing fires, fire protection and fire training practice, but all such uses shall be under the direction and supervision of the said Chief or his authorized assistants or delegates.
- 7.3. No Person shall obstruct in any manner the free access to any fire hydrant, water valve or Curb Stop. No vehicle, building, rubbish or any other matter which would cause such obstruction of a hydrant whether on the road or otherwise may be located within five (5) meters of the front and sides of a hydrant and within (1) meter of the rear side of the hydrant.
- 7.4. No Person shall interfere with, damage or make inaccessible any Curb Stop due to the construction of walks, driveways or in any other manner.
- 7.5. In addition to the penalties prescribed by this Bylaw, the Owners of any Serviced Premises shall be liable for any costs, expenses or damages related to repairs or construction to or for a curb stop or sidewalk required due to the actions of any Owner, Tenant, Occupant or Person in charge of the Premises, or their agents or contractors.

8. WATER METERS

- 8.1. Where water supplied to Consumers is measured by water meters, all water meters shall be supplied by the County, which meters shall remain the property of the County. Should a meter, while on the Premises of the Consumer, be damaged or destroyed, the cost of repairing or replacing the water meter shall be paid for by the said Consumer.

- 8.2. Every Owner or occupier of a property where a County water meter is installed shall provide adequate protection for the meter against frost, heat or other internal or external damage.
- 8.3. Where water meters are damaged by hot water or frost, the Owner or occupier, as the case may be, shall pay to the County on demand, for any repairs or replacement undertaken by the County.
- 8.4. Where water is measured by a water meter, there shall not be any fixture or Appurtenance to remove water from the water line between the Curb Stop and the water meter.
- 8.5. Reading of Meters:
- 8.5.1. Every Owner and occupier of Premises connected to the Water System shall provide free and convenient access to his Premises at all times for the purpose of reading meters. At the discretion of the County, reading of the meters will be performed monthly.
- 8.5.2. In the event that the County is unable to obtain access to the Premises, it may estimate the water consumption. If no reading is obtained at the end of the next billing period, the Owner or occupier will be required to make suitable arrangements for regular readings. If the Owner or occupier fails to comply with the request of the County, the water service may be discontinued without further notice.
- 8.6. Inspecting, Repairing and Placing of Meters:
- 8.6.1. Every Owner or occupier of Premises connected to the Water System shall provide free and convenient access to his Premises at a reasonable time for the purpose of inspecting, repairing or placing meters upon any service pipe or connection within or without any house or building, such access being provided on receipt or reasonable notice of intent by the County's Chief Administrative Officer or any other Authorized Employee of the County of Stettler No. 6.
- 8.7. Examination of Serviced Premises:
- 8.7.1. The Chief Administrative Officer and/or Persons duly authorized by him may enter a Premises of any Consumer to examine pipes, meters and fixtures to ascertain the quantity of water used or the manner of its use, and compliance with the terms of this By-law.
- 8.8. Interference with Meters and Stop Cocks:
- 8.8.1. No Person shall, in any way, interfere with any stop cock, pipe or other water works outside of his own Premises, nor shall he in any way interfere with any meter whether inside or outside of his Premises. No Person, except a Person authorized by the Chief Administrative Officer, shall tap or make any connections whatsoever with any County Water Line or private water pipes or mains.
- 8.8.2. The Chief Administrative Officer or his delegate may disconnect or shut off water service from any Serviced Premises of an Owner or Occupier who has failed to comply with this Bylaw or amendments thereto. In cases where the water has been shut off for allowing waste or leaks or defects in pipes or stop cocks to be repaired, Water Services shall not be resumed until satisfactory evidence has been provided to the County that the necessary repairs have been properly made and upon payment of the sums chargeable for turning the water off and on.



9. DISCONTINUANCE OF WATER SERVICES

- 9.1. A Consumer who wishes the County to discontinue a supply of water to the Consumer's Premises by reason of the Consumer about to vacate those Premises or otherwise, must give at least one (1) week prior written notice to the County to discontinue such services.
- 9.2. A Consumer who fails to give to the County one (1) week's prior written notice to the to discontinue water services shall be liable for all fees, rates and charges applicable until the water service is discontinued and any and all damages costs or expenses that may result, or accrue to the date of discontinuance.
- 9.3. A fee for the disconnection of County Water Services shall be payable in accordance with Schedule "A" of this Bylaw.
- 9.4. When any Consumer discontinues the use of the water furnished by the County, or the County refuses to continue to supply water services, including for failure to pay amounts owed to the County, then an Authorized Employee may enter the Serviced Premises for the purpose of removing therefrom any fittings, wires, machines, apparatus, meters, pipes or other things that are the property of the County, including those that may connect the Water Service Line to the Water System.
- 9.5. Upon discontinuance of water service the water service deposit shall be applied to the payment of any Water Service Charges due and payable, any balance is to be returned to the Consumer.

10. WATER RESTRICTIONS

- 10.1. When the Chief Administrative Officer, in their discretion, deems there to be conditions which are causing or may cause a water shortage, they may declare a water restriction.
- 10.2. A water restriction shall be in writing and the County shall notify Consumers through the radio, television, newspaper, the County website or other such means as the County of Stettler may choose.
- 10.3. Water restrictions shall outline uses of municipal water which are prohibited or limited.
- 10.4. Water restrictions may apply to the entire County, specific areas, or customers serviced by specific infrastructure.
- 10.5. Any Person who contravenes the terms of a water restriction shall be guilty of an offense and subject to a fine, on summary conviction, of not less than \$100 but not more than \$2,500 and the costs for each and every offense, or for failing to make payment, not more than 30 days imprisonment.
- 10.6. The County may discontinue water service to a Serviced Premises of any Consumer who violates or continues to violate any water restriction or prohibition.
- 10.7. The County does not guarantee continued Water Service or water availability, and shall not be liable for any water shortage, any interruptions to water availability or frequency, quantity or pressure of water.
- 10.8. The County may at any time shut off or restrict water supply for maintenance, repair, safety, emergency or other similar reasons.

11. WATER SERVICE TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- 11.1. No Person, without first having obtained the permission of the County to do so, may make any connection whatsoever with any of the County Water Lines.
- 11.2. No Person being the Owner, Consumer, occupier, Tenant or Person in charge of any Serviced Premises shall:
 - 11.2.1. Lend, supply, sell or dispose of any water supplied by the County;



- 11.2.2. Give or permit any water being supplied by the County to be taken from the Premises;
- 11.2.3. Allow water supplied by the County to be used for the benefit of Persons other than himself or for the domestic purpose of his household;
- 11.2.4. Increase the usage of the water being supplied by the County beyond that agreed upon with the County;
- 11.2.5. Wrongfully or improperly waste the water supplied by the County;
- 11.2.6. Repair, tamper with, modify or in any way alter any water meter installed in or upon any Serviced Premises;
- 11.2.7. Make any connection to, cut or otherwise tamper in any way with a County Water Line without first having obtained a written permit from the County to do so; or
- 11.2.8. Turn on or off the water being supplied to Serviced Premises without written permission from the County.
- 11.3. Any Person who contravenes a prohibition provided in s. 12.2 above shall forfeit the right to be supplied with water and shall be guilty of an offense and liable to a fine, upon summary conviction, of not less than \$100 but not more than \$2,500.
- 11.4. Any Person damaging, tampering with, modifying or in any way altering any installed water meter shall, in addition to being liable for any fine prescribed by this Bylaw, also be responsible to pay the County for all costs and expenses incurred by the County to repair the said water meter.
- 11.5. Any Person making connection to or cutting or otherwise tampering in any way with a County Water Line, whether having obtained a permit to do so or not, shall be fully liable for any and all damages arising therefrom.
- 11.6. Where the water services is to be for the supply of water to any steam or hot water boilers on the Consumer's Premises, the Consumer shall install a storage tank, sufficient to provide at least a twelve (12) hour supply of water for each steam or hot water boiler.
- 11.7. The County shall not be liable for any damage which may result to any Person or property from the shutting off of or the failure of the water supply to any steam or hot water boiler,
- 11.8. After any construction, reconstruction, alteration or change, or the completion of any work requiring a permit, water shall not be turned on to the Serviced Premises until after the whole of the work has been done to the satisfaction of the plumbing inspector, or other inspector authorized by the County.
- 11.9. Where water is turned off and on for the purposes of reconstruction, alterations, renovations or change, such work shall only be done upon application to the County and the prepayment of a fee prescribed by Schedule "A" of this Bylaw to cover the costs of disconnecting and reconnecting the water services to the Serviced Premises.
- 11.10. For the purpose of inspecting, repairing, reading or installing water meters within or upon any Serviced Premises, any Authorized Employee shall have free access, to the said water meter.

12. PAYMENT OF RATES AND CHARGES

- 12.1. The County shall charge the Consumer, and the Consumer shall pay, the Recurring Service rates, fees and charges prescribed by Schedule "A" of this Bylaw.
- 12.2. The rate at which a Consumer shall pay may vary between the Services Areas defined in Schedule "B" of this Bylaw.



- 12.3. The County shall provide a statement indicating the amount of Water Service Charges or Wastewater Service Charges, or both, which are due and payable and the date upon which the payment of those rates and charges falls due.
- 12.4. The Consumer shall pay those Water Service Charges or Wastewater Service Charges, or both, which are due and payable, within the time specified within each statement mailed to that Consumer.
- 12.5. Where the Consumer is liable to the County for any damages or other charges incurred under this Bylaw, other than the ordinary Water Service Charges or Wastewater Service Charges levied by the County, those damages and charges shall be deemed to be part of the Water Service Charges or Wastewater Service Charges levied against that Consumer, as the case may be, and shall be collectable in a like manner as Water Service Charges and Wastewater Service Charges are recovered.
- 12.6. The rates and charges prescribed in Schedule "A" of this Bylaw shall be payable for services identified in Schedule "A" of this Bylaw.

13. DEFAULT

- 13.1. A Consumer who fails to make payment of any Water Service Charges or Wastewater Service Charges, or both, when due, shall be in default of payment and the County may add a further overdue charge as set out in the County of Stettler Fee Bylaw, which is due and owing and such penalty charge shall be deemed to be part of the Water Service Charges or Wastewater Service Charges, as the case may be and collectible in a like manner as Water Service Charges and Wastewater Service Charges are recovered.
- 13.2. Where a Consumer owes Water Service Charges or Wastewater Service Charges, or both, which are greater than 60 days past due, the County may discontinue water or wastewater services, or both, to the defaulting Consumer's Premises with 30 days' notice, and in the case of Water Service Charges, the County may apply the water service deposit to the Water Service Charges due and payable to the County by the defaulting Consumer.
- 13.3. Where a Consumer is in arrears in payment of his Water Service Charges or Wastewater Service Charges, or both, such arrears may be recovered by the County in the following manner:
 - 13.3.1. The County may take any action allowed by statute, or commence a court action for recovery of any and all amounts owing in any Court of competent jurisdiction. Where the Consumer is also the Owner or purchaser of a building or lot or part of a lot, the sum payable by him for the Water or Wastewater services, or both, supplied by the County and all rates, costs and charges imposed or by this Bylaw may be added to the tax roll of the property and collected in a like manner as Municipal rates and taxes are recoverable.
 - 13.3.2. Any Water Service Charges or Wastewater Service Charges, or both, that may be charged as tax against a Consumer and may be entered on the assessment and tax roll at any time by the Chief Administrative Officer.
 - 13.3.3. When the Consumer, to whom the Water or Wastewater services, or both, have been supplied, is a Person other than the Owner or purchaser of the building or lot or part of a lot, the sum payable by the Consumer is a debt due by him and is a preferential lien and charge on his Personal property and may be levied and collected with costs by distress.
 - 13.3.4. In all cases, the County may distain and sell the goods and chattels of the Consumer owing the Water Service Charges or Wastewater Service Charges, or both, wherever they may be found in the County.
- 13.4. The sale of property resulting from the failure to pay Water Service Charge or Wastewater Service Charge arrears, or both, shall be conducted in the like manner as

sales are conducted for arrears of taxes and the costs chargeable in regard thereto are those payable pursuant to the Municipal Government Act, RSA 2000, c.M-26, as amended.

- 13.5. An attempt to collect the Water Service Charges or Wastewater Service Charges, or both, by distress does not in any way invalidate any lien the County is entitled to on any Premises.
- 13.6. The imposition of any penalty prescribed under this Bylaw for the default in the payment of any Water Service Charges or Wastewater Service Charges, or both, shall not prejudice or interfere with the County's right to recover any of the Water Service Charges or Wastewater Service Charges, or both, by the remedies prescribed under this Bylaw or any Law in force in Alberta.
- 13.7. Where the County discontinues water and wastewater services, or both as the case may be, the said services shall not be reconnected until all outstanding Water Service Charges and Wastewater Service Charges, plus any reconnection fee prescribed by Schedule "A" of this Bylaw is paid in full, together with any applicable Water Service deposit.
- 13.8. If the water is required to be turned on after the regular working hours of County employees, a reconnection fee as prescribed under Schedule "A" of this Bylaw shall be payable.

14. BULK WATER STATIONS

- 14.1. The County may, at its discretion, make water available for sale at Bulk Water Stations at various locations within the County.
- 14.2. The County does not guarantee the supply of water at the Bulk Water Stations.
- 14.3. Any Person wishing to use a County Bulk Water Station to obtain water:
 - 14.3.1. May purchase water using coins where coin operation facilities exist; or
 - 14.3.2. May purchase water on account where appropriate facilities exist, using a County-issued passcode, providing the Person:
 - 14.3.2.1. Enters into a Bulk Water Servicing Agreement with the County;
 - 14.3.2.2. The Person is not in breach of the Bulk Water Service Agreement or this Bylaw.
- 14.4. Contamination of a Bulk Water Station or truck fill, or any equipment related thereto is strictly prohibited, and is an offence under this Bylaw.
- 14.5. The County reserves the right to refuse access to any Bulk Water Station for any reason the County deems appropriate.
 - 14.5.1. Discontinuation of access to Bulk Water Stations shall be immediate upon discovery of contamination or abuse of County equipment provided at any Bulk Water Station.
- 14.6. Bulk Water Station rates are payable, as prescribed in Schedule "A" of this Bylaw.

15. PENALTIES

- 15.1. Except where otherwise provided under this Bylaw, any Person or Persons guilty of a breach of the provisions of this Bylaw or of neglecting to comply with any lawful order given by the County shall, on summary conviction thereof, be liable to a fine of not less than \$100 but not more than \$2,500 and all costs related to each and every offense.

16. RESCISSION OF PREVIOUS BYLAWS

- 16.1. County of Stettler Bylaw 1757-26 is hereby rescinded upon this Bylaw coming into effect.



16.2. This Bylaw shall come into effect May 1, 2026.

READ A FIRST TIME this 8th day of April, 2026 A.D. on a motion of Councillor Stevens.
Carried Unanimously

READ A SECOND TIME this 8th day of April, 2026 A.D. on a motion of Councillor Hunter.
Carried Unanimously

MOVED BY Councillor Nibourg that a third reading be considered in the same meeting as the
first reading.
Carried Unanimously

READ A THIRD TIME this 8th day of April, 2026 A.D. on a motion of Councillor Stevens.
Carried Unanimously

DATED this 8 day of April, 2026 A.D.



Reeve



Chief Administrative Officer

SCHEDULE A

1. Recurring Service Fees

1.1. Water Rates by Service Area

Fixed Monthly Charge	\$22.00
The fixed monthly charge shall remain chargeable during seasonal disconnections	
Fixed per cubic meter consumption by service area	
Central Service Area	\$ 3.30
South East Service Area	\$ 3.50
Buffalo Sands Service Area	\$ 3.30
Buffalo View Estates Service Area	\$ 3.30

1.2. Wastewater Rate

Fixed Monthly Charge	\$20.00
The fixed monthly charge shall remain chargeable during seasonal disconnections	
Fixed per cubic meter consumption charge (80% of Water Consumption)	
Buffalo Sands and Buffalo View Estates Service Areas	\$25.00

1.3. Endiang Wastewater Provision

Annual Wastewater Charge for all Endiang Serviced Premises – All past capital costs for the Endiang Wastewater System shall be divided equally between the users connected. The County of Stettler No. 6 shall maintain a record of all the costs paid to the County of Stettler No. 6 as it relates to the outstanding capital costs and if any Person or Persons chooses to pay their share of the capital cost upfront, it shall be recorded and reflected in the billing of the annual costs charged to that user. The annual interest rate shall be prime plus two percent (2%) as determined January 1 of the year of the outstanding capital expenditure costs.

2. Connection Fees

2.1. Fee to Connect to Rural Water Systems

Only by entering into Water Service Agreement with the County of Stettler No. 6

Initial Connection Fee: \$20,000.00

Payment Options:

One Time Payment \$20,000.00

- Or -

15 year amortization at 4.76% interest per annum with 15 annual payments:

Fixed Annual Payment due last business day of October
in each of the 15 years \$1,895.71
(Balance can be paid in full anytime during the amortization period)

Disconnection and/or Connection Fee for Services
(per occurrence) \$ 50.00

2.2. Fee to Connect to Water systems in the Hamlets of Botha, Byemoor, Endiang, Erskine, or Gadsby or the Subdivisions of Buffalo Sands and Buffalo View Estates

Community Facilities Connection Fee No Charge
Initial Connection Fee \$ 1,200.00

3. Large Facility Services

For the purposes of calculating the equivalent number of fixed monthly charges by schools in this provision, we will use the following formula:

25 students = one (1) fixed monthly charge

population figures will be provided, upon request, by Clearview Public Schools. The fixed rate will not increase until a school exceeds the next threshold (+/- 25 students).

3.1. Water Rates

3.1.1. Byemoor Hotel

The Byemoor Hotel shall be deemed to be equivalent of one (1) fixed monthly charges plus consumption rate.

3.1.2. Byemoor School

The Byemoor School shall be deemed to be the equivalent of one (1) fixed monthly charges plus consumption rate.

3.1.3. Byemoor Community Hall/Curling Rink

The Byemoor Community Hall/Curling Rink shall be deemed to be the equivalent of one (1) fixed monthly charge plus consumption rates

3.1.4. Endiang Community Hall

The Endiang Community Hall shall be deemed to be the equivalent of the one (1) fixed monthly charge plus consumption rates

3.1.5. Erskine School

The Erskine School shall be deemed to be the equivalent of five (5) fixed monthly charges

3.1.6. Erskine IOOF Hall

The Erskine IOOF Hall shall be deemed to be the equivalent of the one (1) fixed monthly charge plus consumption rates

3.1.7. Botha Community Center

The Botha Community Center shall be deemed to be the equivalent of the one (1) fixed monthly charge plus consumption rates

3.1.8. Botha School

The Botha School shall be deemed to be the equivalent of two (2) fixed monthly charges plus consumption rates

3.2. Wastewater Charges

3.2.1. Byemoor Hotel

The Byemoor Hotel shall be deemed to be equivalent of one (1) fixed monthly charges.

3.2.2. Byemoor School

The Byemoor School shall be deemed to be the equivalent of one (1) fixed monthly charges.

3.2.3. Byemoor Community Hall/Curling Rink

The Byemoor Community Hall/Curling Rink shall be deemed to be the equivalent of one (1) fixed monthly charge

3.2.4. Endiang Community Hall

The Endiang Community Hall shall be deemed to be the equivalent of one (1) fixed monthly charge

3.2.5. Erskine School

The Erskine School shall be deemed to be the equivalent of five (5) fixed monthly charges.

3.2.6. Erskine IOOF Hall

The Erskine IOOF Hall shall be deemed to be the equivalent of one (1) fixed monthly charge

3.2.7. Botha Community Center

The Botha Community Center shall be deemed to be the equivalent of the one (1) fixed monthly charge

3.2.8. Botha School

The Botha School shall be deemed to be the equivalent of two (2) fixed monthly charges

4. Bulk Water Rates

4.1. Water Rates

Fixed Per Cubic Meter Rate

\$4.20

5. Services to Premises which do not abut Water or Wastewater lines, or which are not specified above

5.1. As determined by Council

Schedule B

Service Areas

Central Service Area

The Central Service Area shall include all premises which are equipped with water meters which can be read from outside the property and serviced by transmission lines, rural distribution lines, and/or hamlet distribution lines that are supplied with water directly from the Shirley McClellan Regional Water Services Commission.

The Central Service Area shall also include all premises which are equipped with water meters which can be read from outside the property and serviced by transmission lines, rural distribution lines, and/or hamlet distribution lines that are supplied with water directly from the Town of Stettler.

For greater certainty, this includes, but is not limited to, premises in the Hamlets of Erskine, Botha, Gadsby (with the exception of self-reported meters), and Red Willow and the Central and North Rural Water Line phases.

South East Service Area

The South East Service Area shall include all premises which are equipped with water meters which can be read from outside the property and serviced by transmission lines, rural distribution lines, and/or hamlet distribution lines that are supplied with water directly from the Henry Kroeger Regional Water Services Commission.

For greater certainty, this includes, but is not limited to, premises in the Hamlets of Endiang and Byemoor and the South East Rural Water Line phase.

Buffalo Sands Service Area

The Buffalo Sands Service Area shall include all premises which are equipped with water meters which can be read from outside the property and serviced by transmission lines, rural distribution lines, and/or hamlet distribution lines that are supplied with water directly from the wells and reservoirs located on lot 55MR, block 2, plan 0522242.

Buffalo View Estates Service Area

The Buffalo View Estates Service Area shall include all premises which are equipped with water meters which can be read from outside the property and serviced by transmission lines, rural distribution lines, and/or hamlet distribution lines that are supplied with water directly from the reservoirs located on lot 9MR, block 1, plan 0620307.