

Town of Watson

BYLAW NO. 2025 - 03

A BYLAW TO FIX THE RATES TO BE CHARGED FOR THE USE AND CONSUMPTION OF WATER AND TO FIX THE RATES TO BE CHARGED BY WAY OF RENT OR SERVICE CHARGE FOR THE USE OF THE SEWER.

The Council of the Town of Watson in the Province of Saskatchewan, enacts as follows:

1. This bylaw shall be known as the water and sewer rate bylaw.
2. All persons desiring to receive water and sewer shall apply in form as per Schedule "A" attached hereto and forming part of this bylaw.
3. The Town of Watson may, by bylaw, ration or limit the amount of water furnished to any and/or all consumers should circumstances deem to warrant such action.
4. The Council shall cause to be installed in the premises of every person receiving water service, a meter to be placed upon the service pipe connecting the premises to the Town Water System.
5. The Town of Watson retains ownership of the Water Meter located within the property. The homeowner may be charged for willful damage or neglect which damages the Water Meter.
6. No person other than the Town Administrator or a person authorized by them shall open, close or interfere with any curb stop, pipe or other waterworks appliance outside of any premises.
7. No person other than the Town Administrator or a person authorized by them shall turn water on or off in any premises.
8. Water and sewer services can be discontinued at any time at the discretion of the Town of Watson or any person authorized by the Town.
9. Each additional living unit in a residential dwelling will be metered separately. Two or more businesses in one building will be metered separately. If the installation of a meter is not possible the minimum charge will apply to each business.
10. The Town of Watson will only issue a water and sewer account to the registered owner. The registered property owner is responsible for the payment of water and sewer of leased, rented or otherwise occupied properties they own.

11. The Town of Watson will not provide water and sewer services for a client who already owes arrears from another account or residence within our municipality.
12. If the water supply is shut off from the premises of a user for infringement of the provisions of this bylaw, same shall not be turned on until all penalties, fees, rates, charges, custom labor, and arrears, if any, have been paid.
13. In the event of a freeze up of water service pipe between a building and a town water main, the Town will thaw the pipe without charge.
14. For the purpose of making repairs to the mains or connecting or repairing service pipes or constructing extensions or new work or any other work, the Town shall have the right to shut off services as long as it may be necessary to enable the work to be completed. Whenever feasible the customer shall be notified in advance.
15. The Town, and its employees shall not be liable for any damages resulting from the discontinuance of water supply, with or without notice, to any building, boiler, or factory deriving its supply from the waterworks system.
16. The charges to be paid by the water consumer whose water service has been turned on and for persons who own or occupy premises drained or that are by bylaw to be drained into the sewer shall be those set out in Schedule "B" attached, or as amended from time to time.
17. Persons who own or occupy premises drained or that are by bylaw required to be drained into the sewer shall pay for such service a rental rate or service charge in accordance with Schedule "C" attached, or as amended from time to time.
18. Persons who own or occupy premises that require water and sewer services to the premises shall pay an infrastructure fee in accordance with schedule "D" attached, or as amended from time to time.
19. Persons who own or occupy residential premises that require water and sewer services to the premises shall pay a Garbage Collection fee in accordance with schedule "E" attached, or as amended from time to time.
20. Commercial premises that require water and sewer services to the premises may pay a Garbage Collection fee in accordance with schedule "E" Attached, or as amended from time to time.
21. All expenses in connection to unclogging the sewer line from the main line into any premises shall be borne by the owner of such premises.

22. All expenses in connection to laying the service pipe for water and sewer from the main line into any premises shall be shared with the property owner and the Town of Watson, with the cost divide being the property line.
23. All installations or repairs to the water and sewer works shall be done by a contractor approved by the Town of Watson, in accordance with Schedule 'A' Form B attached, or as amended from time to time.
24. Accounts for water service and/or sewer service shall cover a period of two successive months and shall be rendered on or before the first day of the month following such period. Accounts shall be paid within a period of thirty days from the date on which such accounts are rendered. If an account is not paid within the said period of thirty days, the water service may be cut off. When the water service is so cut off, it shall not be resumed until all arrears have been paid, together with a fee of \$150.00 to cover the expenses of turning off the water and turning it on again; provided that if the Town is required to turn on the said water service outside the Town employee's regular working hours, the fee shall be \$200.00.
25. All water and sewer accounts are due and payable when rendered. If the account shows arrears of thirty days after the billing date a 2% penalty charge shall be added to the arrears.
26. If an account shows arrears after 30 days from the billing date, the balance may be transferred to the property tax account at any time after that.
27. In the event a resident will not be occupying their property for several consecutive months, they will be charged for Infrastructure and Garbage Fees, but the Water and Sewer portion of the bill will be forgiven. (Snowbird Policy)
28. The rates, charges, tolls or rents contained in this bylaw shall come into force and take effect on the day of approval being issued by the Local Government Committee.
29. Bylaw No. 2024 - 04 is hereby repealed.

Read a third time and adopted
This 16 day of April 2025.

Mayor

Administrator

**TOWN OF WATSON
SCHEDULE "A"
TO BYLAW NO. 2025 - 03**

APPLICATION FOR THE SUPPLY OF WATER AND SEWER SERVICE

Date of Application	_____
Date Service Required	_____
Name (Print)	_____
Mailing Address	_____

Civic Address	_____
Phone/Cell	_____
Email	_____
# of people in household	_____

The undersigned hereby submits application for the supply of water to a building situated on the above-described location, also for sewer service from such building.

I hereby agree to pay the monthly water and sewer charged within thirty (30) days from the date of billing. It is understood that if I do not make payment within thirty (30) days from the date of billing, the service may be disconnected and a charge of one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150.00) may be charged for turning off the water and turning it on again. I further agree to pay the Town of Watson the bi-monthly water and service charge effective the date listed on this application as being required.

It is understood that I am responsible for payment for the billing until the date given on the notice of termination of service.

The Applicant grants permission to the Town of Watson entry to his/her property for the purpose of reading the water meter, disconnecting or reconnecting water services.

The Applicant grants permission to the Town of Watson to use this information for the Emergency Measures Contact Information, Santa Claus Day Fundraiser, and SAMA.

APPLICANT

WITNESS

Dog/cat License
Fire Pit Permit

**TOWN OF WATSON
SCHEDULE "A"
Form B
TO BYLAW NO. 2025 - 03**

Water and Sewer Installation

Lot _____ Block _____ Plan _____

Assessment No. _____

Owner: _____

Address: _____

Contractor: _____

Address: _____

The above named contractor installing the water and sewer connections hereby, as a certification of the quality of his work, fully guarantees the installation.

**TOWN OF WATSON
SCHEDULE "B"
TO BYLAW 2025 - 03**

Bi-Monthly Water Rates

Within Town Limits:

Base Rate – residential and business

19 cubic meters or less	\$55.00 Minimum Charge
19.1 to 115 cubic meters	\$5.00 per 4 cubic meters
115 cubic meters or more	\$1.00 per 4 cubic meters

Outside Town Limits:

19 cubic meters or less	\$70.00 Minimum Charge
19.1 to 115 cubic meters	\$5.00 per 4 cubic meters
115 cubic meters or more	\$1.00 per 4 cubic meters

Bulk Water Sales at WTP - \$20.00 per 1100 gallons (4.23 cubic meters)

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SCHEDULE "C"
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Bi-Monthly Sewer Service Rates

Base Rate

Residences

\$55.00 Flat Rate

Businesses

89 cubic meters or less

\$55.00 Minimum

90 cubic meters or more

\$20.00 additional per 45 cubic meters

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**TOWN OF WATSON
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Infrastructure Fund Fee

Bi-Monthly

Sewer Lift Upgrade Payment	\$21.30 Flat Rate
RO System Installation Payment	\$28.50 Flat Rate
Well/Water Line Payment	\$12.00 Flat Rate
Asset Revitalization Fee	\$28.20 Flat Rate

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**TOWN OF WATSON
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Garbage Collection Fee

Bi-Monthly

Automated Curbside Garbage Collection

\$24.00 Flat Rate

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