

**VILLAGE OF GRANISLE
BYLAW NO. 558,2026**

**A BYLAW TO REGULATE THE RATES, TERMS AND CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH
WATER FROM THE MUNICIPAL WATER UTILITY MAY BE SUPPLIED AND USED TO
IMPOSE USER FEES RELATED THERETO**

WHEREAS pursuant to Part 7 of the Community Charter, the Council has the power to provide for the establishment and use of a water system and impose fees payable in respect of all or part of a service of the municipality:

NOW THEREFORE, the Council for Corporation of the Village of Granisle in open meeting assembled, ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

CITATION

1. This bylaw may be cited for all purposes as **"Water Regulations and Rates Bylaw No. 558, 2026"**.

INTERPRETATION

2. In this bylaw, unless the context otherwise requires:

"Connecting pipe"	means the water line extending from the water main to the property line of the property being serviced or about to be serviced.
"Consumer"	means any person, company or corporation who is the owner or agent for the owner of any premises to which water is supplied or made available from the waterworks and any person who is the occupier of any such premises, and includes any person who is a user of water supplied to any premises or by any service from the said waterworks.
"Council"	means the Council of the Village of Granisle.
"Curb Stop"	means a shut off valve attached to a service connection installed near the property line which is used to start or stop the water supply.
"Disconnection"	means the disconnection of the water line extending from the water main to the property line of the property being serviced or about to be serviced.
"Fire Service"	means any installation which may be provided to supply water for fire fighting purposes over and above the supply of water required for the usual purposes of the consumer.
"Home Business Use"	means a home business that requires water consumption in addition to the normal household usage for a residential occupancy. Such home businesses shall include, but are not limited to, Bed & Breakfast or hair dressers.

“Multi-Family Dwelling”	means a residential use where a building or buildings on a parcel consists of four or more dwelling units, each of which is occupied or intended to be occupied as a permanent home or residence.
“Multiple Occupancy”	means a non-residential use where a building or buildings on a parcel consists of more than two occupancy types.
“Municipality”	means the Village of Granisle, its servants, agents and assigns.
“Premises”	means such separate and individual lots or parcels of land or individual units where they are housed in an individual structure.
“Public Works Department”	means the person designated in charge of Public Works, his designate, or any other person designated to act on behalf of the Village of Granisle.
“Service-pipe”	means that portion of the water supply line extending from the property line of the property concerned to the building situated thereon, and joining the water connection to the plumbing system at the building.
“Water Connection”	shall have the same meaning as “connecting-pipe”.
“Water Mains”	means the system or systems of piping, fittings and connections used in the distribution of water from the waterworks.
“Water Service”	means the supply of water from the waterworks to any person and all taps, valves, connections and other things necessarily used for the purpose of such supply.
“Waterworks”	means the waterworks of the Village of Granisle.
“Winter Conditions”	shall mean conditions requiring snow removal for access to the valve box.

APPLICATION FOR SERVICE

3. (a) Application for the supply of water to any property shall be made in writing on the form provided and delivered to the Public Works Department. Such application must be signed by the owner of the property or their duly authorized agent signing as such, and shall be accompanied by the required charge. Each application, when signed by the potential customer, shall be an agreement whereby the Customers agree to abide by the terms and conditions of this bylaw.
- (b) Upon approval of the application by the Public Works Department, the Public Works Department may turn on or cause to be turned on, the water service to the consumer’s premises.

CONNECTIONS

4. (a) Where a new building or structure is being built and will come within the provisions of this bylaw, the owner or their agent shall make application and payment for a service at the time the owner makes application for a building permit.
- (b) The Public Works Department shall determine the size of the pipe that is to be used in supplying any premises, the position to the street in which it is to be placed, and the main to which the connection shall be made if there is a choice of mains.

- (c) Upon approval of the application by the Public Works Department, a water connection extending from the water main to the applicant's property line shall be laid, unless already laid, thereupon the owner shall connect their service pipe to the water connection in accordance with the regulations hereinafter contained.
- (d) No work shall be permitted to be done on or under any street other than by an employee or agent of the municipality and no person shall be allowed to make any connection with the waterworks system without permission in writing from the Public Works Department.
- (e) It shall be the responsibility of the consumer to supply, install and maintain the connection or joint at the property line between the consumer's service pipe and the municipality's connecting pipe. The said connection or joint shall be of an approved type coupling or compression fitting as approved by the Public Works Department. No soldered joints below ground will be permitted.

Mandatory Connection

- (f) If a parcel of land, upon which is situated a building occupied or used by one or more persons, abuts a street or land or right-of-way upon or under which there is laid public waterworks the owner or occupiers of such building shall connect or cause to be connected the said building with the public waterworks in the manner provided by this bylaw.
- (g) When a building within the Village is removed or demolished, it shall be the duty of the owner or their agent to immediately apply to the Village Office, upon such forms as the Public Works Department shall prescribe, for a permit to disconnect from the public waterworks, at the property line. The Public Works Department shall then cause such disconnection. The fee for such disconnection shall be the actual cost of the work as determined by the Public Works Department.
- (h) If the owner or their agent of any property where the water line has been disconnected wishes to reconnect to the public waterworks, the owner shall make application upon such forms as the Public Works Department shall prescribe for the reconnection. The owner shall pay the estimated cost, with minimum fees being charged pursuant to Schedule "A" B.1 attached to this bylaw. Upon completion of the reconnection, the owner or their agent shall be sent a statement showing the actual cost of the work and the owner shall be refunded any overpayment or conversely the owner shall pay the Village and cost over and above the estimated cost of this work.

Disconnection of Service:

- (i) Upon written application to the Council the owner of land shall be exempt from payment of user rates when:
 1. a water disconnection fee has been paid and the water service to the land has been physically disconnected from the waterworks system: and
 2. the land has been unoccupied for a period not less than two years prior to the date of payment of the water disconnecting fee; and the exemption shall continue so long as the land remains unoccupied.
- (j) Owner Refuses or Neglects: Where the owner or owners of any parcel of land in the Village which is required to be connected to public water by this bylaw, neglects, omits or refuses to comply with the provisions of this bylaw, the Council may, by resolution, cause the owner to be served with a notice requiring him to comply with this bylaw within sixty (60) days of receipt of such notice. If the owner neglects, omits or refuses to comply within sixty (60) days of receipt of such notice, the owner shall be guilty of infraction of this bylaw.

CONNECTION/DISCONNECTION FEE

5. (a) To defray the cost of laying connecting pipe from water mains to the property being or about to be serviced, there is hereby imposed upon owners of such property, a water connection fee.
- (b) For a water connection, the connection fee shall be charged as per Schedule "A" B.1 attached hereto or as amended from time to time. The connection fee or cost of the connection as determined by the the Public Works Department shall be tendered with the application. At the completion of the work for those connections charged actual cost as per Schedule "A" B.1, the Public Works Department shall certify the actual cost and any refund to which the owner is entitled shall be paid forthwith and any excess of the actual cost over the estimated cost shall be paid within thirty (30) days. Any amount remaining unpaid on the 31st of December shall be added to the real property tax roll in respect of the property concerned.
- (c) To defray the cost of disconnecting the pipe from water mains to the property there shall be imposed upon owners of such property, a water disconnection fee
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SERVICE PIPES

6. (a) Before any person shall install or construct any water service, or commence doing any construction work in relation to or in connection therewith, he shall notify the Public Works Department in writing. If required by the Public Works Department, he shall furnish a plan and specifications which shall show:
1. the purpose for which the water is to be used, the size of the pipe and the number of outlets in connection with such an installation.
 2. a description of the material which the applicant proposes to use in connection with such installation or construction.
- (b) The installation of service-pipes shall be the responsibility of the property owner but shall conform to the specifications approved by the Public Works Department.
- (c) All underground pipes on any premises shall be placed below the frost line, and in no case, not less than one point eight-three meters (1.83 meters) below the surface of the ground or if placed under a driveway, sidewalk or other area that will be cleared of snow, not less than two point seven hundred forty-three meters (2.743 meters) below the surface of the ground. All other pipes exposed to frost shall be properly and sufficiently protected therefrom.
- (d) It shall be the duty of every consumer to provide that all taps and fittings connected with the service within the premises are in good order and installed in accordance with the provisions of the BC Building Code.
- (e) Every premises shall have a properly placed curb stop.

- (f) When the owner's service-pipe plans and water connection application have been approved, the owner may proceed with the installation of the service pipes. When the service-pipes have been installed, but before the excavation is backfilled, the Public Works Department shall be notified that such work is ready for inspection and shall make such inspection within two days thereafter, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays.
- (g) The backfilling of the service pipes shall not be commenced until the Public Works Department has signified in writing that the Public Works Department is satisfied that the materials and workmanship employed are to their satisfaction and that the pertinent sections of this and other bylaws have been adhered to.
- (h) The Public Works Department or any other officer or employee of the municipality may refuse to turn on water to any premises and may discontinue any service to any premises not complying with this section.
- (i) Every consumer shall provide for each service to their premises a pressure-reducing valve if required by Public Works Department whenever the water pressure in the main serving their property shall be or become so great as may cause damage.
- (j) A shut off valve shall be installed on the upstream side of each pressure-reduced valve. A check valve or back flow preventer, or both, may be required where the Public Works Department feels there is a chance of a cross connection or possibility of the private system attaining a pressure greater than the water main pressure.

RATES

- 8. (a) There is hereby imposed and levied a water user rate upon all users of water supplied by the municipal waterworks in accordance with the rates shown in Schedule "A".
- (b) The owners of premises, whether occupied or vacant, to which a service connection has been made, shall be responsible for the payment of all water rates, once occupancy has been declared, whether water is actually used or not.
- (c) User rates for new connections will commence within two (2) months immediately following the date of connection, or occupancy, whichever comes first.
- (d) Prompt Payment Discount
Annual accounts billed from January 1st to April 30th in each year shall be allowed a discount of ten percent (10%) if paid on or prior to April 30th in that year. If the account remains unpaid after April 30th, full rates shall be due and payable. Accounts which remain unpaid as of December 31st in any year shall be transferred to taxes in arrears and shall be subject to interest in the same manner as other taxes.

FIRE SERVICE

- 9. (a) There will be no charge for water used for firefighting purposes.

REGULATIONS

- 10. (a) No person shall destroy, injure or tamper with any hydrant or other fixture of the waterworks, and no person shall in any manner interfere or meddle with the water connection or work in any street, or make any additions or alterations to the water system or any connection, or turn on or off any waterworks stop-cock, service valve, or gate-valve without the express approval of the Public Works Department.

- (b) No connection or cross connection between the municipal water system and any other water system or source of water supply shall be permitted.
- (c) No person is permitted to connect equipment adapted for use on service-pipes or mains for pressure spraying of fertilizers, pesticides, insecticides or any materials of a toxic or non-toxic nature.
- (d) No person shall obstruct at any time or in any manner the access to any hydrant, valve, stop-cock or other fixture connected with the waterworks, and should any person obstruct such access the Public Works Department or any other employee or servant of the municipality may, by their order, remove such obstruction and the expense of such removal shall be charged to and paid by the person so offending, and on non-payment thereof, on demand, the municipality may recover the said expense if outstanding at year end, as a charge against the real property of such person as taxes in arrears.
- (e) No person shall obstruct or prevent the Public Works Department, or any person authorized by the Public Works Department from carrying out any or all the provisions of this bylaw, nor shall any persons refuse to grant the Public Works Department, or any person authorized by the Public Works Department, permission to inspect any water service work at any reasonable time.
- (f) No person, except an employee of the municipality in the course of their employment, or a member of the municipal volunteer fire department, shall open any hydrant, standpipe or valve or use any water there from.

DISCONNECTION OF SERVICE

- 11. (a) Any property owner who desires a turn off or turn on service must give to the Village, seven (7) days' notice, in writing in the form provided, except in case of an emergency, and shall at the same time pay a fee as set out in Schedule "A" Part B.2
- (b) Where a request for a turn-off is necessitated due to a breakage or other disruption of service the party creating the breakage or disruption shall pay to the municipality the actual cost of work performed by the municipality due to the breakage or disruption.

ADMINISTRATION

- 12. (a) The Public Works Department or their designates(s) is hereby authorized and directed to carry out the general supervision of the municipal waterworks system and administering the provisions of this bylaw.
- (b) The Public Works Department with the approval of the Chief Administrative Officer shall have the authority to employ assistants and inspectors for the purpose of administering the provisions of this Bylaw.
- (c) Nothing contained in this bylaw shall be construed to impose any duty or liability on the municipality to Service to any person or premises or to give a continuous supply of water to any person or premises.
- (d) The municipality shall not be liable for the failure of the water supply in consequence of any accident or damage to the works, or to excessive pressure or lack of pressure, or temporary stoppage thereof on account of alterations or repairs, whether such failure arises from the negligence of any person in the employ of the municipality or other person whomsoever, or through natural deterioration or obsolescence of the municipality's system or otherwise howsoever; but in the event of such failure or stoppage continuing for more than five consecutive days, an equitable reduction shall be made on all rates or services affected thereby.

- (e) The municipality may, without notice, disconnect the water service to any premises for any of the following reasons, and the municipality shall not be liable for damages by reasons of discontinuing water service for such reasons:
1. unnecessary or wasteful use of water, or violation of regulations concerning watering or sprinkling.
 2. non-payment of rates.
 3. failure to replace or repair defective pipes, fittings, valves, tanks or appliances which are leaking or are otherwise not in good state or repair and which are or may become a cause of waste of water.
 4. for employing any pump, booster or other device for the purpose of, or having the effect of increasing water pressure in service lines, without obtaining the approval of the Public Works Department.
 5. for violation of any of the provisions of this bylaw.

OFFENCE

13. Any person who shall be guilty of any breach or infraction of any of the provisions of this bylaw shall be liable on summary conviction, to a fine or penalty not exceeding the sum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00). and each day on which the violation occurs shall be considered a separate offence.
14. Wherever applicable, use of the masculine shall include the feminine and use of the singular shall include the plural, and vice versa.

REPEAL BYLAWS

15. The Village of Granisle Waterworks Regulations and Rates Bylaw No. 548,.2025 and all amendments thereto are repealed.

EFFECTIVE DATE

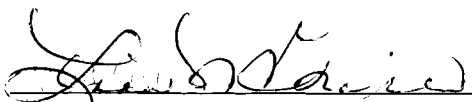
16. This bylaw shall become effective on January 1, 2026.

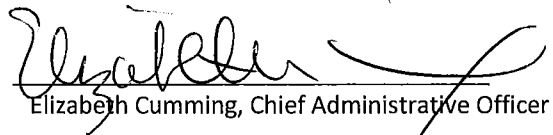
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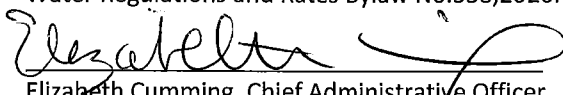
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FINAL ADOPTION THIS DAY 21ST OF JANUARY,2026


Mayor Linda McGuire


Elizabeth Cumming, Chief Administrative Officer

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