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**TOWN OF HIGH RIVER
IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA
BYLAW 4641/2025 – RATE BYLAW (UTILITIES)**

A BYLAW OF THE TOWN OF HIGH RIVER TO AUTHORIZE THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HIGH RIVER TO SET VARIOUS FEES, FINES, AND OTHER CHARGES.

WHEREAS pursuant to the *Municipal Government Act R.S.A., c. M-26* and any amendments thereto is in force;

AND WHEREAS pursuant to Part 2 (Bylaws) of the *Municipal Government Act*, the Town is authorized to pass a bylaw to levy fees, fines, and other charges where applicable;

AND WHEREAS authority to levy fees, fines and other charges, where applicable, are found in bylaws as noted within each section of the attached schedules of this Bylaw;

AND WHEREAS all applicable fees, fines, and other charges are attached to this Bylaw;

AND WHEREAS an individual fee, fine, or other charge outlined in the attached schedules may, from time to time, be waived or modified by a resolution of Council.

NOW THEREFORE, the Town of High River Council, duly assembled, enacts as follows:

PART I – PURPOSE, DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

Purpose

1. The purpose of this Bylaw is to set various fees, fines, and other charges for the Town of High River for Public Works Rates, Utility Fees and Utility Bylaw Offence Fines.

Short Title

2. This Bylaw may be cited as the “2025 Rate Bylaw (Utilities)”.

Definitions

3. Words used in this Bylaw have the same meaning as defined in the *Municipal Government Act*, with the following changes or additions:
 - (a) “**Act**” means the *Municipal Government Act, RSA 2000, c. M-26*, together with any amendments and Regulations made thereunder;
 - (b) “**Bylaw**” means Bylaw 4641/2025 also known as the 2025 Rate Bylaw (Utilities);
 - (c) “**Chief Administrative Officer**” means the individual appointed to the position of the Chief Administrative Officer or his or her designate for the Town;
 - (d) “**Council**” means the governing body of the Town;
 - (e) “**Town**” means the municipal corporation of the Town of High River.

Interpretation

4. Headings and sub-headings in this Bylaw are included for convenience only and shall not be considered in interpreting the substantive content of this Bylaw.
5. The preamble paragraphs that precede the numbered paragraphs of this Bylaw are an integral and necessary part of this Bylaw and not a mere recital.
6. Every provision of this Bylaw is independent of all provisions and it is the intention of the Council that if any provision of this Bylaw is declared invalid by a Court of competent jurisdiction, all other provisions of this Bylaw shall remain valid and enforceable.

7. Nothing in this Bylaw relieves a Person from complying with any Federal or Provincial law or regulation, any other Town Bylaw, or any requirement of any lawful permit, order, or license.
8. References in this Bylaw to an act, statute, regulation, or other Bylaw refer to the current laws and legislation, as amended or replaced from time to time, including successor legislation.
9. This Bylaw is gender-neutral and, accordingly, any reference to one gender includes the other.
10. The word "shall" is mandatory and not merely directory.

PART II - GENERAL


Effective Date


1. This Bylaw comes into effect on July 1, 2025.

Repeals

2. Council authorizes the removal of associated fees, fines, and other charges contained within this Bylaw from Bylaw 4612/2023, being the 2023 Rate Bylaw.

READ A FIRST TIME THIS 28th DAY OF April, 2025




 MAYOR/DEPUTY MAYOR


 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

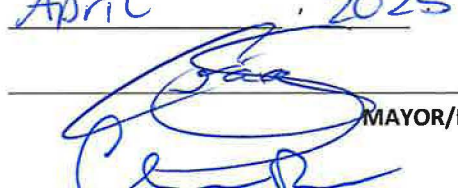
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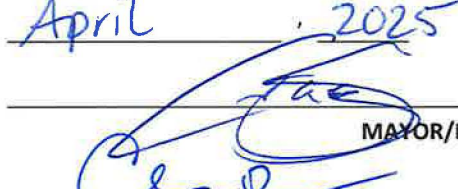
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SIGNED AND PASSED THIS 28th DAY OF April, 2025



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 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

PUBLIC WORKS

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OPERATION CHARGES and BYLAW OFFENCE FINES	RATE	UNIT	GST
FEE FOR SERVICE			
From time to time it is deemed appropriate for the Town of High River to provide services to the private sector or outside agencies. The rental rate for Town-owned equipment shall be the Operational Services current external rates which are based on the most current rate in the latest version of the Alberta Roadbuilders and Heavy Construction Association Equipment Rental Rates Guide. If a rental rate cannot be determined using the Guide, a similar rate being charged by local or nearby equipment suppliers shall be the rental rate charged.			
Equipment - one hour minimum	External cost		Taxable
Labour rates - one hour minimum			
Worker	\$35.00	per Hour	Taxable
Supervisor	\$45.00	per Hour	Taxable
Overtime - when applicable	1.5 x applicable rate	per Hour	Taxable
Double time - when applicable	2.0 x applicable rate	per Hour	Taxable
PLUS overhead charge on equipment and labour	5%		Taxable
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT BYLAW OFFENCES and FINES			
MINIMUM CHARGE FOR ALL CONTRAVENTIONS	\$100.00		Exempt
Section 3(b) - Use of improper waste containers	\$130.00		Exempt
Section 3(k) - Failure to maintain clean waste receptacle	\$130.00		Exempt
Section 3(l) - Placing waste in waste receptacle owned by another person	\$130.00		Exempt
Section 6(b) - Placing waste receptacle in a location that prevents collectors from collecting waste in a safe or efficient manner	\$130.00		Exempt
Section 6(f) - Failure to properly set out automated waste collection carts	\$130.00		Exempt
Section 7(a) - Failure to properly prepare waste for collection	\$130.00		Exempt
Section 7(b) - Placing restricted items for waste collections	\$130.00		Exempt
Section 8(a) - Removing wet garbage from a premise	\$130.00		Exempt
Section 9(a) - Loose or uncontrolled waste	\$255.00		Exempt
Section 9(c) - Failure to recapture waste	\$255.00		Exempt
Section 9(d) - Unsuitable waste receptacle	\$130.00		Exempt
Section 9(f) - Disposing of waste inappropriately and/or failure to dispose of waste	\$255.00		Exempt
Section 10(f) - Failure to remove or dispose of waste at a premise that the Town does not collect from	\$130.00		Exempt
Section 10(g) - Waste collection cart set out before 7:00 pm on the day prior to collection or after 7:00 am on collection day	\$130.00		Exempt
Section 10(h) - Failure to remove waste receptacle or collection cart prior to 8:00 pm on collection day	\$130.00		Exempt
Section 11 - Failure to cover waste while being transported	\$130.00		Exempt
Section 13(a) - Dumping waste within Town	\$255.00		Exempt
Section 13(b) - Picking over, removing and/or disturbing waste set out for municipal collection	\$130.00		Exempt
Section 13(c) - Placing residential or commercial waste in a public litter container	\$255.00		Exempt

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OPERATION CHARGES and BYLAW OFFENCE FINES	RATE	UNIT	GST
Section 13(d) - Burning waste	\$255.00		Exempt
WATER CONSERVATION BYLAW OFFENCES and FINES			
RESIDENTIAL			
First Offence	\$100.00		Exempt
Second Offence	\$250.00		Exempt
Third Offence	\$800.00		Exempt
COMMERCIAL			
First Offence	\$1,000.00		Exempt
Second Offence	\$3,000.00		Exempt
Third Offence	\$10,000.00		Exempt

UTILITY RATES (IN TOWN)

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WATER, WASTEWATER, SOLID WASTED and STORMWATER FEES and CHARGES	RATE	UNIT	GST
WATER			
RESIDENTIAL - includes single family, duplexes and mobile homes			
SERVICE FEE			
3/4" (20 mm) meter	\$20.86	bi-monthly	Exempt
1" (25 mm) meter	\$40.38	bi-monthly	Exempt
USAGE FEE			
0 to 27 m ³	\$1.08	per cubic metre	Exempt
27 m ³ to 54 m ³	\$1.36	per cubic metre	Exempt
54 m ³ to 108 m ³	\$2.04	per cubic metre	Exempt
over 108 m ³	\$2.74	per cubic metre	Exempt
MULTI-RESIDENTIAL - with one meter with 50 units or more			
These accounts will be established as modified residential accounts as follows:			
Total Consumption Block for each Account = Equivalent Residential Units (ERU)* x each inclining Block Allowance Usage Fee.			
*ERU will be the maximum housing units available, regardless of occupancy rates			
Service fee shall be based on the commercial meter service size			
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USAGE FEE			
0 to 27 m ³	\$1.08	per cubic metre	Exempt
27 m ³ to 54 m ³	\$1.36	per cubic metre	Exempt
54 m ³ to 108 m ³	\$2.04	per cubic metre	Exempt
over 108 m ³	\$2.74	per cubic metre	Exempt
COMMERCIAL - includes all commercial buildings, institutional, apartment buildings, multi-unit residential sites with less than 50 units per account, 3- or 4-plexes, mobile home parks			
SERVICE FEE			
3/4" (20 mm) meter	\$24.95	bi-monthly	Exempt
1" (25 mm) meter	\$45.98	bi-monthly	Exempt
1-1/2" (38 mm) meter	\$92.61	bi-monthly	Exempt
2" (50 mm) meter	\$147.02	bi-monthly	Exempt
3" (75 mm) meter	\$215.25	bi-monthly	Exempt
4" (100 mm) meter	\$265.04	bi-monthly	Exempt
6" (150 mm) meter	\$854.17	bi-monthly	Exempt
USAGE FEE			
0 to 16 m ³	\$1.08	per cubic metre	Exempt

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WATER, WASTEWATER, SOLID WASTED and STORMWATER FEES and CHARGES	RATE	UNIT	GST
16 m ³ to 180 m ³	\$1.50	per cubic metre	Exempt
over 180 m ³	\$1.91	per cubic metre	Exempt
UNMETERED WATER RATE			
Consumers who refuse a water meter will be charged a service fee not less than ten (10) times the applicable current service fees for water	\$214.00	bi-monthly	Exempt
OTHER WATER SERVICE FEES			
Disconnection fee	\$91.00	per turn off	Exempt
Reconnection fee	\$91.00	per turn on	Exempt
PLUS additional after-hours disconnection/reconnection fee	\$91.00	per turn off/on	Exempt
Transfer utility charges to taxes	\$50.00	per transfer	Exempt
Bulk water sales (also from hydrants)	\$4.72	per cubic metre	Exempt
WATER METER TESTS			
5/8" to 1" (15 to 25 mm) meter	\$214.00	Each	Exempt
1.5" to 2" (38 to 50 mm) meter	\$387.60	Each	Exempt
Over 2" (50 mm) meter (testing & labour for removal and reinstallation)	cost recovery		Exempt
WATER and SEWER CONNECTION FEES			
Water, wastewater and storm sewer service installations/upgrades (connections) shall be at the owners' expense. Cost shall be determined using the Town's current internal rates plus overhead cost.	cost recovery		Exempt
WASTEWATER			
RESIDENTIAL - includes all residential property including multi-unit homes, apartments and mobile home parks			
SERVICE FEE			
3/4" (20 mm) meter	\$18.94	bi-monthly	Exempt
1" (25 mm) meter	\$31.05	bi-monthly	Exempt
USAGE FEE - based on water consumption			
Usage fee per m ³	\$2.06	per cubic metre	Exempt
COMMERCIAL - includes all commercial buildings including retail, manufacturing, institutional and mixed-use buildings			
SERVICE FEE			
3/4" (20 mm) meter	\$20.30	bi-monthly	Exempt
1" (25 mm) meter	\$36.81	bi-monthly	Exempt
1-1/2" (38 mm) meter	\$56.32	bi-monthly	Exempt

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WATER, WASTEWATER, SOLID WASTED and STORMWATER FEES and CHARGES	RATE	UNIT	GST
2" (50 mm) meter	\$92.61	bi-monthly	Exempt
3" (75 mm) meter	\$122.91	bi-monthly	Exempt
4" (100 mm) meter	\$184.12	bi-monthly	Exempt
6" (150 mm) meter	\$244.37	bi-monthly	Exempt
USAGE FEE - based on water consumption			
Usage fee per m ³	\$2.20	per cubic metre	Exempt
UNMETERED WATER RATE			
Consumers who refuse a water meter will be charged a service fee not less than ten (10) times the applicable current service fees for sewer	\$196.00	bi-monthly	Exempt
OTHER WASTEWATER SERVICE FEES			
Sewer Camera charge (does not include labour and dependent on availability)	\$180.55	per occurrence	Exempt
Flat Residential Fee - Where the owner does not have at least one year continuous Winter consumption history or customer does not have a water meter, a flat fee for wastewater produced will be charged plus the service fee.	\$68.35	bi-monthly	Exempt
Commercial sanitary dumping fee	\$180.55	per occurrence	Exempt
WASTEWATER FEE EXEMPTIONS			
<p>Summer months (May through Oct) consumption for residential will be calculated using the 3 previous winter water billings (Nov/Dec, Jan/Feb, Mar/Apr – a minimum of one winter history). If the water consumption in a summer billing period is less than the previous winter average or the Flat Residential Fee (used for when there is not 1 year's continuous water consumption), then the current consumption will be used.</p> <p>Exemptions for the wastewater rate and fee apply for irrigation meters (no wastewater charge for meters designated as irrigation) and customers who are not connected to the town wastewater system.</p> <p>Exemptions apply for commercial/industrial customers where 15% or more of their water usage is used in a sellable product. Customers must apply in writing for this exemption. Proof will be provided by the customer to the Town's satisfaction of the average percentage on an annual basis or as requested by the Town. This average will be subtracted from the wastewater rate.</p>			
SOLID WASTE			
RESIDENTIAL GARBAGE COLLECTION RATES			
240-litre cart pick-up	\$22.91	bi-monthly	Exempt
360-litre cart pick-up	\$31.86	bi-monthly	Exempt
ADMINISTRATION and REPLACEMENT CHARGE			
Administration fee for changing the size of automated waste collection cart	\$31.86	per occurrence	Exempt

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WATER, WASTEWATER, SOLID WASTED and STORMWATER FEES and CHARGES	RATE	UNIT	GST
Administration fee for replacing cart (dirty) for the same size cart (clean)	\$31.86	per occurrence	Exempt
Replacement of damaged cart			
240-litre cart	\$80.00	per occurrence +	Exempt
360-litre cart	\$100.00	per occurrence +	Exempt
PLUS administration fee for cart replacment	\$20.00		Exempt
RECYCLING CHARGE			
RESIDENTIAL - includes all residential property including multi-unit homes, apartments and mobile home parks	\$5.81	bi-monthly	Exempt
COMMERCIAL - includes all commercial buildings including retail, manufacturing, institutional and mixed-use buildings	\$27.08	bi-monthly	Exempt
STORMWATER			
STORMWATER SEWER SURCHARGE			
RESIDENTIAL - includes all residential property including multi-unit homes, apartments and mobile home parks	\$10.00	bi-monthly	Exempt
COMMERCIAL - includes all commercial buildings including retail, manufacturing, institutional and mixed-use buildings	\$10.00	bi-monthly	Exempt

UTILITY RATES (OUT OF TOWN)

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Total Consumption Block for each Account = Equivalent Units (EU)* x each Inclining Block Allowance Usage Fee. *EU will be the maximum number of units available, regardless of occupancy rates.	RATE	UNIT	GST
WATER FEES			
FOOTHILLS COUNTY - ALDERSYDE CORRIDOR			
SERVICE FEE			
Service fee	\$1,210.00	monthly	Exempt
USAGE FEE			
0 to 16 m ³	\$1.08	per cubic metre	Exempt
16 m ³ to 180 m ³	\$1.50	per cubic metre	Exempt
over 180 m ³	\$1.91	per cubic metre	Exempt
UNACCOUNTED WATER			
Unaccounted Water shall include the water usage reading at the Town's north bulk meter minus the actual reading at the Cargill water meter minus the collective read of the County's water meters.	\$1.16	per cubic metre	Exempt
PENALTIES			
Water usage over the County's licensed annual allotment (usage penalty)	\$3.10	per cubic metre	Exempt
Water usage over the County's licensed annual allotment (annual penalty)	\$10,000.00	annual	Exempt
FOOTHILLS COUNTY - CAYLEY			
SERVICE FEE			
Service fee	\$129.28	monthly	Exempt
USAGE FEE			
0 to 16 m ³	\$1.08	per cubic metre	Exempt
16 m ³ to 180 m ³	\$1.50	per cubic metre	Exempt
over 180 m ³	\$1.91	per cubic metre	Exempt
UNACCOUNTED WATER			
Unaccounted Water shall include the water usage reading at the Town's south bulk meter minus the collective read of the County's water meters.	\$1.16	per cubic metre	Exempt
PENALTIES			
Water usage over the County's licensed annual allotment (usage penalty)	\$3.10	per cubic metre	Exempt
Water usage over the County's licensed annual allotment (annual penalty)	\$10,000.00	annual	Exempt
CARGILL			
SERVICE FEE			
Service fee (the meter vault becomes the County's property and is the County's responsibility to maintain and charge for usage)	\$0.00	monthly	n/a

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Total Consumption Block for each Account = Equivalent Units (EU)* x each Inclining Block Allowance Usage Fee. *EU will be the maximum number of units available, regardless of occupancy rates.

	RATE	UNIT	GST
USAGE FEE			
Usage fee (based on water consumption - maximum of 7,855 cubic metres of water per day (24-hour period)).	\$1.08	per cubic metre	Exempt
Excess service rate - charged per day when maximum daily, annual, and/or maximum rate of withdrawal exceeded	\$4,200.00	per occurrence	Exempt
WASTEWATER FEES			
FOOTHILLS COUNTY - ALDERSYDE CORRIDOR			
SERVICE FEE			
4" (100 mm) meter	\$91.60	monthly	Exempt
USAGE FEE			
Usage fee per m ³	\$2.20	per cubic metre	Exempt
STANDBY RATE			
Annual Standby Rate	\$33,500.00	annual	Exempt