

**BYLAW 853-C-05-22  
TOWN OF COALDALE  
PROVINCE OF ALBERTA**

**BEING A BYLAW OF THE TOWN OF COALDALE  
TO AUTHORIZE AND GOVERN WATER, SEWER, SOLID WASTE, RECYCLING  
AND STORM WATER RATES**

**WHEREAS** under the authority of and pursuant to provisions of the *Municipal Government Act* the Council may pass a bylaw for establishing the rates and charges for public utilities;

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Municipal Council of the Town of Coaldale duly assembled hereby enact the rates and charges for public utilities.

**1. TITLE**

This Bylaw may be cited as the “Utility Rate Bylaw” of the Town of Coaldale. Where the terms of this Bylaw conflict with the provisions of any other Bylaw of the Town of Coaldale, this Bylaw shall prevail.

**2. INTERPRETATIONS AND DEFINITIONS**

2.1 Unless the context specifically indicates otherwise, the meaning used in this Bylaw shall be as follows:

- 2.1.1 “Bulk Water” means water provided to a Consumer through part of the Town’s Water System but not through a service connection as defined in Bylaw 762-R-07-19, the Water Services Bylaw;
- 2.1.2 “Commercial Consumer” means the owner or occupier of a commercial establishment or a dwelling unit containing a commercial establishment other than a house occupation where the premises has a Utility Services Account with the Town;
- 2.1.3 “Consumer” means both Commercial Consumers, Domestic Consumers, Out of Town Consumers, and any person, entity, or government, who has a Utility Services Account with the Town;
- 2.1.4 “Council” means the Council of the Town of Coaldale;
- 2.1.5 “Dwelling Unit” means one or more self-contained rooms designed to be used as a dwelling and that includes sleeping, cooking, living, and sanitary facilities and having an independent entrance either directly from the outside of the building or through a common area within the building;
- 2.1.6 “Domestic Customer” means the owner or occupier of a residence containing one or more dwelling units that has a utility services account with the Town and includes Churches premises;

- 2.1.7 “Occupant” means a person who is an owner of a premises who resides or carries on business within a premise or a person who resides in the premises or carries on a business within a premise pursuant to a lease or licence.
- 2.1.8 “Out of Town Consumer” means both Commercial Consumers and Domestic Consumers who have a Utility Services Account with the Town, but have property or a premise located outside of the geographical limits of the Town;
- 2.1.9 “Premises” includes lands and buildings or both, or a part thereof;
- 2.1.10 “Town” means the municipal corporation of The Town of Coaldale, and includes the geographical area within the boundaries of The Town of Coaldale where the context so requires;
- 2.1.11 “Utility Invoice” means a customer’s billing statement for Town utilities, including E-bills.
- 2.1.12 “Utility Services” means the utilities provided by the Town in accordance with the *Municipal Government Act*, RSA 2000 c M-26, including, water, sewer, garbage collection, and storm drainage.
- 2.1.13 “Utility Services Account” means the account a consumer sets up with the Town for the main purpose of receiving and paying utility invoices.

### 3. WATER RATES

#### 3.1 DOMESTIC CONSUMERS shall be billed:

\$23.10 per calendar month, effective January 1, 2022 per individual dwelling unit

plus

\$1.093 for each cubic meter of water used per calendar month, effective January 1, 2022.

#### 3.2 COMMERCIAL CONSUMERS shall be billed:

\$23.10 per calendar month, effective January 1, 2022 per premises or individual dwelling unit as determined by the Town in its sole discretion

plus

\$1.093 for each cubic meter of water used per calendar month, effective January 1, 2022 per premises or individual dwelling unit as determined by the Town in its sole discretion.

#### 3.3 BULK WATER users shall be charged:

\$3.6600 per cubic meter, effective January 1, 2022 per premises or individual dwelling unit as determined by the Town in its sole discretion.

**3.4 OUT OF TOWN CONSUMERS** users shall be charged as follows:

**3.4.1 DOMESTIC CONSUMERS** shall be billed:

\$34.76 per calendar month, effective January 1, 2022 per individual dwelling unit

plus

\$2.830 for each cubic meter of water used per calendar month, effective January 1, 2022 per individual dwelling unit.

**3.4.2 COMMERCIAL CONSUMERS** shall be billed:

\$34.76 per calendar month, effective January 1, 2022 per premises or individual dwelling unit as determined by the Town in its sole discretion

plus

\$2.830 for each cubic meter of water used per calendar month, effective January 1, 2022 per premises or individual dwelling unit as determined by the Town in its sole discretion.

**4. SANITARY SEWER RATES**

**4.1 DOMESTIC CONSUMERS** shall be billed:

\$22.67 per calendar month, effective January 1, 2022 per individual dwelling unit;

\$29.64 per calendar month, effective January 1, 2023 per individual dwelling unit;

plus

\$1.063 for sewage discharge volume as determined by the average winter water consumption, effective January 1, 2022 per individual dwelling unit.

**4.2 COMMERCIAL CONSUMERS** shall be billed:

\$22.67 per calendar month, effective January 1, 2022 per premises or individual dwelling unit as determined by the Town in its sole discretion;

\$29.64 per calendar month, effective January 1, 2023 per premises or individual dwelling unit as determined by the Town in its sole discretion;

plus

\$1.063 for sewage discharge volume as determined by water consumption, effective January 1, 2022 per premises or individual dwelling unit as determined by the Town in its sole discretion.

**4.3 OUT OF TOWN CONSUMERS** shall be charged as follows:

**4.3.1 DOMESTIC CONSUMERS** shall be billed:

\$24.57 per calendar month, effective January 1, 2022 per individual dwelling unit;

\$31.54 per calendar month, effective January 1, 2023 per individual dwelling unit;

plus

\$1.159 for sewer discharge volume as determined by the average winter water consumption, effective January 1, 2022, per individual dwelling unit.

**4.3.2 COMMERCIAL CONSUMERS** shall be billed:

\$24.57 per calendar month, effective January 1, 2022 per premises or individual dwelling unit as determined by the Town in its sole discretion;

\$31.54 per calendar month, effective January 1, 2023 per premises or individual dwelling unit as determined by the Town in its sole discretion;

plus

\$1.159 for sewer discharge volume as determined by the water consumption, effective January 1, 2022 per premises or individual dwelling unit as determined by the Town in its sole discretion.

**5. SOLID WASTE SERVICES RATES**

**5.1 DOMESTIC CONSUMERS** shall be billed:

\$29.50 per calendar month, effective January 1, 2022 as follows:

- January – February – Bi-weekly compost, bi-weekly solid waste, weekly recycle.
- March – November – Weekly compost, bi-weekly solid waste, weekly recycle.

- December – Bi-weekly compost, bi-weekly solid waste, weekly recycle.
- Extra Solid Waste Bins will be billed as follows:

\$9.00 per calendar month for Compost  
 \$9.00 per calendar month for Recycling  
 \$11.50 per calendar month for Garbage  
 \$125.00 plus GST one-time fee for each bin

**5.2 COMMERCIAL CONSUMERS** shall be billed:

- 5.2.1 \$59.15 per month shall be levied for two (2) solid waste pick-ups and one (1) recycling pick-up per week, per bin, effective January 1, 2022.
- 5.2.2 A charge of \$26.25 per pick-up shall be levied for each additional pick-up of solid waste over the regular pick-ups per week effective January 1, 2022;
- 5.2.3 A charge of \$13.00 per pick-up shall be levied for each additional pick-up of recycling over the regular pick-up per week effective January 1, 2022.

**5.3 SOLID WASTE VIOLATIONS**

- 5.3.1 \$125.00-\$250.00 per violation of Section 4 of the Solid Waste Bylaw - Scavenge Solid Waste
- 5.3.2 \$250.00-\$500.00 per violation of Section 6 of the Solid Waste Bylaw - Solid waste deposited without consent
- 5.3.3 \$125.00-\$250.00 per violation of Section 7 of the Solid Waste Bylaw - Improperly located waste containers
- 5.3.4 \$125.00-\$250.00 per violation of Section 8 Waste of the Solid Waste Bylaw - inaccessible because of fence
- 5.3.5 \$125.00-\$250.00 per violation of Section 9 of the Solid Waste Bylaw - Allowing offensive odors or untidy waste
- 5.3.6 \$250.00-\$500.00 per violation of Section 11 of the Solid Waste Bylaw - Setting out restricted waste for collection
- 5.3.7 \$125.00-\$250.00 per violation of Section 13 of the Solid Waste Bylaw - Improper packaging of yard waste
- 5.3.8 \$125.00-\$250.00 per violation of Section 15 of the Solid Waste Bylaw - Fail to provide single waste storage location

- 5.3.9 \$250.00-\$500.00 per violation of Section 16 of the Solid Waste Bylaw  
- Set out waste not generated on premises
- 5.3.10 \$125.00-\$250.00 per violation of Section 17 of the Solid Waste Bylaw  
- Fail to set out solid waste in automated collection container
- 5.3.11 \$125.00-\$250.00 per violation of Section 18 of the Solid Waste Bylaw  
- Use improper solid containers
- 5.3.12 \$50.00-\$250.00 per violation of Section 19 of the Solid Waste Bylaw -  
Set solid waste collection container out no later than 7:00 a.m. on the  
day of collection
- 5.3.13 \$50.00-\$250.00 per violation of Section 20.(a) of the Solid Waste  
Bylaw - Set automated collection containers out before 5:00 p.m. on the  
day before collection
- 5.3.14 \$50.00-\$250.00 per violation of Section 20.(b) of the Solid Waste  
Bylaw - Fail to remove solid waste automated collection containers  
from front street or alley collection areas by 8:00 a.m. on the day  
following the scheduled collection day
- 5.3.15 \$125.00-\$250.00 per violation of Section 22.(a) of the Solid Waste  
Bylaw - Fail to use automated collection container
- 5.3.16 \$125.00-\$250.00 per violation of Section 22.(b) of the Solid Waste  
Bylaw - Additional waste on top of or beside the automated collection  
container
- 5.3.17 \$125.00-\$250.00 per violation of Section 22.(c) of the Solid Waste  
Bylaw - Filled automated collection container exceeds 60 kilograms
- 5.3.18 \$125.00-\$250.00 per violation of Section 22.(e) of the Solid Waste  
Bylaw - Fail to properly locate automated collection containers for  
collection
- 5.3.19 \$250.00-\$500.00 per violation of Section 29 of the Solid Waste Bylaw  
- Fail to use commercial bin
- 5.3.20 \$250.00-\$500.00 per violation of Section 31 of the Solid Waste Bylaw  
- Fail to provide sufficient bins
- 5.3.21 \$250.00-\$500.00 per violation of Section 37 of the Solid Waste Bylaw  
- Unlawful for any person to dump building waste, garbage or other  
waste
- 5.3.22 \$250.00-\$500.00 per violation of Section 38.(b) of the Solid Waste  
Bylaw - Allowing building material or building waste material to remain  
loose, free or uncontrolled on the construction site

5.3.23 \$250.00-\$500.00 per violation of Section 38.(c) of the Solid Waste Bylaw - Failure to provide a suitable waste bin capable of receiving all building material on site

5.3.24 \$250.00-\$500.00 per violation of Section 38(d) of the Solid Waste Bylaw - Failure to provide a suitable waste bin at each construction site

## **6. STORM WATER DRAINAGE RATES**

### **6.1 DOMESTIC CONSUMERS** be billed:

\$7.95 per calendar month, effective January 1, 2022 per residential dwelling unit.

### **6.2 COMMERCIAL CONSUMERS** shall be billed:

\$7.95 per calendar month, effective January 1, 2022 per premises or individual dwelling unit as determined by the Town in its sole discretion.

## **7. TRANSFER FEE**

### **7.1 DOMESTIC AND COMMERCIAL CONSUMERS:** Fee for transfer of unpaid utilities to the property tax account as per the various utility Bylaws for the Town shall be:

\$30.00 per transfer, effective January 1, 2022.

## **8. WATER METER FEE**

### **8.1 DOMESTIC CONSUMERS:**

8.1.1 New and redeveloped Domestic Consumers with up to one (1) inch (25 mm) water service shall be charged a one-time water meter fee with the development permit application. Water meters shall be supplied and owned by the Town of Coaldale:

\$630.00 per water meter, effective January 1, 2022.

8.1.2 New and redeveloped Domestic Consumers with up to two (2) inch (51 mm) water service shall be charged a one-time water meter fee with the development permit application. Water meters shall be supplied and owned by the Town of Coaldale:

\$1,580.00 per water meter, effective January 1, 2022.

### **8.2 COMMERCIAL CONSUMERS:**

8.2.1 New and redeveloped Commercial Consumers with up to one (1) inch (25 mm) water service shall be charged a one-time water meter fee

with the development permit application. Water meters shall be supplied and owned by the Town of Coaldale:

\$630.00 per water meter, effective January 1, 2022.

8.2.2 New and redeveloped Commercial Consumers with up to two (2) inch (51 mm) water service shall be charged a one-time water meter fee with the development permit application. Water meters shall be supplied and owned by the Town of Coaldale:

\$1,580.00 per water meter, effective January 1, 2022.

8.2.3 New and redeveloped Commercial Consumers with water service exceeding two (2) inches (51 mm) shall be charged a one-time water meter fee of the cost of the water meter and MXU plus a 15% set-up fee with the development permit application. Water meters shall be supplied and owned by the Town of Coaldale.

## **9. MISCELLANEOUS UTILITY FEES**

9.1 Connect/Disconnect fees will be billed as follows:

\$58.25 per service activity, effective January 1, 2022.

9.2 New Utility Service Account fees will be billed as follows:

\$20.00 per new account set up, effective January 1, 2022.

9.3 Hourly Labour Rate Utilities will be billed as follows:

\$58.25 per hour, effective January 1, 2022.

9.4 Deposit for a new water meter, for new construction or development:

\$500.00 per meter, effective January 1, 2022.

9.5 Replacement fees for water meter components will be billed as follows:

9.5.1 \$350.00 – Residential/Commercial up to 1” meter;

9.5.2 \$1,400.00 – Commercial up to 2” meters;

9.5.3 Meter replacement Cost + 15% - Commercial greater than 2” meters;

9.5.4 \$325.00 – MXU (remote radio meter reader)

9.6 Water meter testing will be billed as follows:

\$159.15 per test on one (1) meter, effective January 1, 2022.

9.7 Fees for Fire Hydrant meter rental will be billed as follows:



- 9.7.1 \$3.66 per cubic meter, effective January 1, 2022,
- 9.7.2 \$20.00 per day,
- 9.7.3 \$750.00 damage deposit required at time of rental, and
- 9.7.4 If the unit or hydrant is damaged the renter, will be responsible for the full replacement cost.

9.8 Fees for irrigation meter rentals will be billed as follows:

- 9.8.1 \$100.00 per season per meter; and
- 9.8.2 \$1.093 per cubic meter, effective January 1, 2022.

9.9 Fees for damaged curb-stop that require excavation equipment to repair, will be billed as follows:

- 9.9.1 \$1,000.00

## **10. FEES FOR VIOLATION OF WATER RATIONING ORDERS**

10.1 Non-compliance with outdoor water use prohibitions and restrictions will be billed as follows:

- 10.1.1 \$100.00 per violation of a Stage 1 Water Rationing Order;
- 10.1.2 \$200.00 per violation of a Stage 2 Water Rationing Order;
- 10.1.3 \$300.00 per violation of a Stage 3 Water Rationing Order;
- 10.1.4 \$400.00 per violation of a Stage 4 Water Rationing Order; and
- 10.1.5 \$500.00 per violation on prohibitions and restrictions associated with a Water Emergency Rationing Order.

## **11. APPEALING FEES AND RATES**

A Consumer who uses, receives, or pays for Utility Services through a Utility Service Account with the Town, may appeal a service charge, rate, or toll charged under this Bylaw, to the Alberta Utilities Commission on the following grounds: that such service charge, rate, or toll does not conform to the established public utility rate structure, has been improperly imposed, or is discriminatory.

## **12. BYLAW RESCINDED**

Bylaw 838-C-12-21 and any amendments are hereby rescinded.

**13. EFFECTIVE DATE**

This Bylaw shall come into full force and effect when this Bylaw has achieved third reading and is duly signed.

READ the FIRST time this 24<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2022, for Utility Rate Bylaw 853-C-05-22.

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Mayor – Jack Van Rijn  
Motion: 201-2022

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CAO – Kalen Hastings

READ a SECOND time this 24<sup>th</sup> day of May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022, for Utility Rate Bylaw 853-C-05-22.

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Mayor – Jack Van Rijn  
Motion: 202-2022

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CAO – Kalen Hastings

UNANIMOUS CONSENT provided to hold all three readings at one meeting, May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022, for Utility Rate Bylaw 853-C-05-22.

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Mayor – Jack Van Rijn  
Motion #: 203-2022

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CAO – Kalen Hastings

READ a THIRD and FINAL time this 24<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2022, for Utility Rate Bylaw 853-C-05-22.

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Mayor – Jack Van Rijn  
Motion: 204-2022

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CAO – Kalen Hastings