

**MASTER RATES BYLAW NO. 06-2024  
OF THE  
TOWN OF SMOKY LAKE  
IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA**

**BEING A BYLAW OF THE TOWN OF SMOKY LAKE, IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF GENERAL FEES AND CHARGES FOR GOODS AND SERVICES AS DELIVERED TO THE COMMUNITY**

**WHEREAS** it is expedient for the Council of the Town of Smoky Lake to enact a bylaw that establishes and maintains the General Fees and Charges for services rendered within the Town of Smoky Lake;

**AND WHEREAS** by virtue of the power conferred upon it under the *Municipal Government Act*, R.S.A. 2000, c. M-26, section 8, the Council of the Town of Smoky Lake may pass bylaws to establish fees and charges for the provision of certain goods and services;

**NOW THEREFORE** the Council of the Town of Smoky Lake in the Province of Alberta, duly assembled, enacts as follows:

**1. Title:**

1.1 This Bylaw may be referred to as the "Master Rates Bylaw" of the Town of Smoky Lake.

**2. Administration**

2.1 The following administration fees shall be charged:

| <b>ADMINISTRATION</b>   |              |
|---|--------------|
| <b>Photocopying</b>   |              |
| Black & white   | \$0.25 /page |
| Color   | \$0.40 /page |
| The Town of Smoky Lake will provide free use of photocopying services for non-profit organizations/clubs. |              |
| <b>Faxing</b>   |              |
| Faxing  | \$1.25 /page |
| <b>Laminating</b>   |              |
| Laminating – Credit Card Size   | \$1.00 /card |

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|---|---|
| Laminating - Letter or Legal                                | \$2.00 /page                                |
| <b>Miscellaneous</b>  |   |
| Town Pins   | \$2.00                                      |
| Business License  | \$25.00 /Calendar Year                      |
| Peddler License (for the year)                              | \$200.00                                    |
| Peddler License (for the day)                               | \$50.00 /day                                |
| Non-Sufficient Funds Charge (NSF)                           | \$35.00 (GST exempt)                        |
| Research  | \$30/hour - commencing after the first hour |
| FOIP Request  | \$50.00                                     |
| <b>Document Copy Fees</b>                                   |   |
| Land Use Bylaw  | \$25.00                                     |
| Municipal Development Plan                                  | \$25.00                                     |
| Area Structure Plan   | \$25.00                                     |
| Regional Engineering Design Standards                       | \$25.00                                     |
| Large documents over 50 pages                               | \$0.10/page                                 |
| Note: All the above documents are available on our website. |   |

### 3. Utilities

3.1 The following utility fees shall be charged:

| MONTHLY UTILITY FEES  |                                      |
|---|--------------------------------------|
| Natural Gas Service Charges                                     |                                      |
| As per Gas Alberta Inc. purchase price and variable rate charge | /GJ                                  |
| Distribution Charge   | \$1.90/GJ                            |
| Capital Replacement Levy  | \$0.40/GJ or \$0.42/MCF              |
| Gas Service Charge (meters under 450 Series)                    | \$25.00                              |
| Gas Service Charge (meters 450 Series and above)                | \$60.00                              |
| Carbon Tax Levy   | Rate set by the Government of Canada |

\*G.S.T applied on all above Natural Gas Service Charges

\*The gas service charge is invoiced each month whether gas is consumed or not, providing the infrastructure is present.

| Water Service Charges                                |  |
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| Highway 28/63 Regional Water Service Commission cost | plus \$1.10 variable charge/M3                           |
| Sani Dumps   | Highway 28/63 Regional Water Service Commission cost /M3 |
| Residential Water Service Charge                     | \$35.00  |

| Non- Residential Water Service Charge (Based on Meter Size) |              |
|---|--------------|
| <u>Meter Size</u>   | <u>Price</u> |
| 5/8 inch  | \$ 50.00     |
| 3/4 inch  | \$ 80.00     |
| 1 inch  | \$ 86.00     |
| 1-1/4 inch  | \$ 100.00    |
| 1-1/2 inch  | \$ 150.00    |
| 2 inch & over   | \$ 200.00    |

\*This service charge represents costs associated with delivering water to each meter. The service charge is invoiced each month for as long as the infrastructure is present, whether water is consumed or not.

| Sewer Service Charges                |   |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| Sewer Consumption Fee                | \$0.60/per cubic meter(m3) of water consumption |
| Residential Sewer Service Charge     | \$15.00   |
| Non-Residential Sewer Service Charge | \$29.00   |

\*The monthly sewer service charge represents costs associated with removing sewage from the Customer. The service charge is invoiced each month for as long as the infrastructure is present, whether sewer is consumed or not.

| Curbside Waste Collection              |                  |
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| Residential Garbage Service Charge     | \$31.50 per unit |
| Non-Residential Garbage Service Charge |                  |
| <u>Type</u>                            | <u>Price</u>     |
| Residential/Commercial without a Bin   | \$85.50          |
| Commercial without a Bin               | \$85.50          |
| Religious or Not For Profit            | \$15.50          |
| <u>Bin Program</u>                     | <u>Price</u>     |
| Commercial 1-3 yd Bin                  | \$186.50         |
| Commercial 2-3 yd Bin                  | \$373.00         |
| Commercial 1-6 yd Bin                  | \$263.50         |
| Commercial 2-6 yd Bin                  | \$527.00         |
| Commercial 3-6 yd Bin                  | \$790.50         |
| Commercial 4-6 yd Bin                  | \$1,054.00       |

\*This charge is for garbage bag pick-up four times per month and the rental and emptying of bins. This fee shall apply whether the service is being used or not.

| CONNECTION OF SERVICES  |            |
|---|------------|
| Natural Gas Connection  |            |
| The fee for a gas service to be connected to the gas main shall be: |            |
| Residential Gas Service Main Connection Fee (includes materials)    | \$2,500.00 |
| Non- Residential Gas Service Main Connection Fee (plus materials)   | \$2,500.00 |

| <b>Water Connection</b>  |            |
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| <b>The fee for a water service to be connected to the water main shall be:</b> |            |
| Residential Water Service Main Connection Fee (includes materials)             | \$2,500.00 |
| Non-Residential Water Service Main Connection Fee (plus materials)             | \$2,500.00 |
| <b>Sewer Connection</b>  |            |
| <b>The fee for a sewer service to be connected to the sewer main shall be:</b> |            |
| Residential Sewer Service Main Connection Fee (includes materials)             | \$2,500.00 |
| Non-Residential Sewer Service Main Connection Fee (plus materials)             | \$2,500.00 |
| Southside Sewer Connection Fee   | \$1,100.00 |

| <b>OTHER UTILITY FEES</b>   |  |
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| New Customer Fee (The following fee shall apply each time there is a new utility account including owner changes and/or renter changes).                        | \$50.00                                      |
| Monthly Utility Penalty   | 3.5% applied against the outstanding balance |
| Meter Dispute Charge  | \$200.00                                     |
| <b>Disconnection of Services</b>  |  |
| If the utility services are shut off due to non-payment or by customer request, the following fees shall be applied to the utility account for each occurrence. |  |
| Disconnecting the water service   | \$35.00                                      |
| Disconnecting the gas service   | \$35.00                                      |
| <b>Reconnection of Services</b>   |  |
| In the event the Customer requests utilities be reconnected, the following fees will be due and payable prior to turning on the utilities.                      |  |
| Reconnecting the water service  | \$35.00                                      |
| Reconnecting the gas service  | \$35.00                                      |
| <b>Utility Release Charge</b>   |  |
| Gas Release Charge  | \$4,000.00                                   |
| Water Release Charge  | \$4,000.00                                   |
| <b>Lagoon Septage Disposal Fees and Charges</b>   |  |
| Wastewater Disposal Fee   | \$20.00 / truckload (up to 15m3)             |
| Wastewater Disposal License Fee   | \$100.00 / year                              |
| Wastewater Lagoon Gate Key Deposit  | \$100.00                                     |
| <b>EV Station Charges</b>   |  |
| Level 3 EV Charger Station  | Cost per kWh                                 |

#### **4. Animal Control:**

4.1 The following animal control fees shall be charged:

| <b>ANIMAL CONTROL</b>   |              |
|---|--------------|
| <b>Licenses</b>   |              |
| Neutered dog/cat (pro-rated after July 1)                         | \$20.00      |
| Non-neutered dog/cat (pro-rated after July 1)                     | \$50.00      |
| Replacement for tag for lost tag                                  | \$1.00       |
| Restricted dog license  | \$250.00     |
| Hens  | \$50.00      |
| <b>Fines &amp; Penalties</b>                                      |              |
| Impoundment   | \$50.00/day  |
| Dangerous/Vicious Dog Impoundment Kennel                          | \$100.00/day |
| Fail to obtain a valid dog/cat license                            | \$100.00     |
| Fail to obtain dangerous dog/cat license                          | \$100.00     |
| Keep or harbor more than three dogs/cats without a kennel license | \$250.00     |
| Dog/cat running at large  | \$100.00     |
| Fail to remove feces  | \$100.00     |
| Fail to remove feces on private property                          | \$100.00     |
| Fail to keep dog/cat from entering spray park                     | \$50.00      |
| Free dog/cat which was confined                                   | \$100.00     |
| Fail to confine/muzzle/harness/leash a dangerous dog/cat          | \$150.00     |
| Chase, attack, or bite  | \$500.00     |
| Dangerous/ vicious dog not controlled by person 16 years or older | \$100.00     |
| Failure to maintain liability insurance for a restricted dog      | \$1,000.00   |

\* Second offences within a 24-month period - penalty will be doubled

\* Third or subsequent offence within a 24-month period – penalty will be tripled

#### **5. Taxation and Assessment:**

5.1 The following taxation and assessment fees shall be charged:

| <b>TAXATION AND ASSESSMENT</b>        |                            |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| September 1 - Tax Penalty             | 10% on current outstanding |
| January 1 - Tax Penalty               | 18% on all outstanding     |
| Tax Certificate                       | \$50.00                    |
| Tax Arrears Discharge Fee             | As per Alberta Land Titles |
| Tax Arrears List Fee                  | As per Alberta Land Titles |
| Assessment Review Board Complaint Fee | \$50.00                    |

**6. Water Fees:**

6.1 The following water fees shall be charged:

| <b>WATER</b> |            |
|--------------|------------|
| Bulk Water   | \$7.50 /m3 |

**7. Public Works:**

7.1 The following public works fees shall be charged:

| <b>PUBLIC WORKS</b>                                 |  |
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| G.S.T. to be added on all items                     |  |
| <b>Labour<br/>(Public Works/Utilities Operator)</b> |  |
| During regular business hours                       | \$60.00 /hour  |
| After regular business hours (Call out)             | \$90.00/hour   |
| Bylaw Enforcement Fee (Bylaw infractions)           | \$100.00/hour minimum of two hours                       |
| <b>Equipment with Operator Rates</b>                |  |
| Ditch Witch   | \$90.00/hour   |
| Power Snake   | \$105.00 /hour   |
| Skidsteer   | \$125.00 /hour   |
| Single Wheel Gravel Truck                           | \$125.00 /hour   |
| Wheel Loader  | \$145.00/hour  |
| Fire Truck  | \$125.00 /hour   |
| Bucket Truck  | \$125.00 /hour   |
| Grader  | \$150.00 /hour   |
| Sanding Truck                                       | \$175.00/ hour (minimum one hour)                        |
| Service Truck                                       | \$60.00 /hour  |
| Sewer Camera  | \$200.00 for the first hour, \$50.00 per additional hour |
| Mowing  | \$100.00/ hour (minimum of two hour)                     |

**8. Planning and Development:**

8.1 The following planning and development fees shall be charged:

| <b>PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT</b>  |          |
|--|----------|
| <b>RESIDENTIAL/COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT</b>  |          |
| Compliance Certificate   | \$75.00  |
| Amendment, including Rezoning, Land Use Bylaw, Municipal Development Plan, Intermunicipal Development Plan | \$500.00 |

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| Development Permit – Fence                            | \$50.00  |
| Development Permit – Accessory Building               | \$75.00  |
| Development Permit – Permitted Use                    | \$150.00   |
| Development Permit – Discretionary Use                | \$300.00   |
| Development Permit- Not for Profit                    | No Charge  |
| Variance Request                                      | \$100.00   |
| Encroachment Application                              | \$100.00 plus cost of registration, if applicant wishes for encroachment to be registered on title |
| Intermunicipal Subdivision and Development Appeal Fee | \$250.00   |
| Demolition Permit                                     | \$100.00   |
| Permit Renewal  | \$100.00   |

\* All other associated fees are the responsibility of the owner/applicant.

**9. General:**

9.1 This Bylaw shall come into force and effect on the third and final reading.

9.2 Master Rates Bylaw No. 005-2022 is hereby rescinded.

READ a FIRST time this 18th Day of March, 2024.

READ a SECOND time this 8th Day of April, 2024.

READ a THIRD and FINAL time this 29th Day of April, 2024.

Original signed  
Amy Cherniwchan  
Mayor

Original signed  
Dawn Phillips  
Chief Administrative Officer