

**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:

ADMINISTRATION	
Photocopying	
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.	
Faxing	
Faxing	\$1.25 /page
Laminating	
Laminating – Credit Card Size	\$1.00 /card

Laminating - Letter or Legal	\$2.00 /page
Miscellaneous	
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
Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Request	\$25.00
Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Continuing Request	\$50.00
Document Copy Fees	
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	
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	
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
Water Connection	
The fee for a water service to be connected to the water main shall be:	
Residential Water Service Main Connection Fee (includes materials)	\$2,500.00
Non-Residential Water Service Main Connection Fee (plus materials)	\$2,500.00
Sewer Connection	
The fee for a sewer service to be connected to the sewer main shall be:	
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

OTHER UTILITY FEES	
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
Disconnection of Services	
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
Reconnection of Services	
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
Utility Release Charge	
Gas Release Charge	\$4,000.00
Water Release Charge	\$4,000.00
Lagoon Septage Disposal Fees and Charges	
Wastewater Disposal Fee	\$20.00 / truckload (up to 15m3)
Wastewater Disposal License Fee	\$100.00 / year
Wastewater Lagoon Gate Key Deposit	\$100.00
EV Station Charges	
Level 3 EV Charger Station	Cost per kWh

4. Animal Control:

4.1 The following animal control fees shall be charged:

ANIMAL CONTROL	
Licenses	
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
Fines & Penalties	
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:

TAXATION AND ASSESSMENT	
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
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6. Water Fees:

6.1 The following water fees shall be charged:

WATER	
Bulk Water	\$7.50 /m3

7. Public Works:

7.1 The following public works fees shall be charged:

PUBLIC WORKS	
G.S.T. to be added on all items	
Labour (Public Works/Utilities Operator)	
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
Equipment with Operator Rates	
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:

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT	
RESIDENTIAL/COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT	
Compliance Certificate	\$75.00
Amendment, including Rezoning, Land Use Bylaw, Municipal Development Plan,	\$500.00

Intermunicipal Development Plan	
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 11th Day of June, 2024.

READ a SECOND time this 11th Day of June, 2024.

READ a THIRD and FINAL time with the UNANIMOUS CONSENT OF ALL COUNCILLORS this 11th Day of June 2024.

Original Signed
Amy Cherniwchan
Mayor

Original Signed
Dawn Phillips
Chief Administrative Officer