

**VILLAGE OF VETERAN  
BYLAW 510-13  
UTILITIES BYLAW**

**BEING A BYLAW OF THE VILLAGE OF VETERAN TO PROVIDE FOR THE  
MANAGEMENT AND REGULATION OF THE WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM AND  
GARBAGE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL.**

**WHEREAS, under the authority of the Municipal Government Act, being Chapter M-26 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta, 2000, hereinafter referred to as the “MGA” all waterworks, sanitary sewers, drains and sewage disposal works belonging to the Village of Veteran now laid down, constructed or built, or hereinafter laid down, constructed or built, shall be under the direct control and management of the Village;**

**AND WHEREAS the MGA, Chapter M-26, 2000, allows for passing of bylaws respecting public utilities;**

**AND WHEREAS the Council of the Village of Veteran considers it desirable to regulate the usage of waterworks, sewer services and garbage collection and disposal service and provide for the collection of water, sewer and garbage services charges;**

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Village of Veteran in the Province of Alberta, duly assembled, hereby enacts as follows:

1. Short Title – This bylaw may be cited as the “Utilities Bylaw.”
2. Definitions:

“Council” means the Municipal Council of the Village of Veteran.

“Owner” means:

- (a) any Person registered as the owner of property under the Land Titles Act, RSA 2000, c.L-4, as amended or repealed and replaced from time to time;
- (b) a Person who is recorded as the Owner of the Property on the assessment roll of the Village;
- (c) a Person who has purchased or otherwise acquired the Property, whether he has purchased or otherwise acquired directly from the Owner or from another purchaser, and has not become the registered Owner thereof;
- (d) a Person holding himself out as the person having the powers and authority of ownership or for whom the time being exercises the powers and authority of ownership;
- (e) a Person controlling the Property under construction; or
- (f) a Person who is the Occupant of the Property under a agreement, lease, license or permit.

“Person” includes a corporation, an individual, and the heirs, executors, administrators or other legal representatives of an individual.

“Property” means any lands, buildings, structures or premises, or any personal property located thereupon, within the municipal boundaries of the Veteran.

“Village” means the Village of Veteran.

3. (a) The Village shall operate a water supply and distribution system for the purposes of supplying the owners within the Village with potable water and adequate fire protection.
- (b) The Village shall operate a wastewater collection and disposal system for the purposes of collecting, treating and disposing of sewage produced by the owners of water within the Village.
- (c) The Village shall operate a garbage collection and disposal service. Garbage collection shall be once a week for residential, and twice per week for commercial, with dates being set by Council.
- (e) Council may by resolution enter into agreements with other municipalities, private corporations, or persons for the supply of water or wastewater, or garbage services beyond the corporate limits of the Village, adopting such provisions, regulations or rates as may be deemed appropriate.

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- (f) The Council may, as becomes necessary, authorize the construction, replacement or upgrading of the water supply system or the sewage disposal system with funding for such projects obtained from whatever sources may be appropriate.
4. All contracts for the supply of water, sewer and garbage service from the system facilities owned by the Village of Veteran shall be entered into between the Village and the owners of the property being supplied with the service or services and with no other person or persons. No new utility account shall be set up for an occupant of a parcel of land who is not the owner for the use of the water supply and distribution system, sanitary sewer collection and disposal system, or for garbage disposal services.
5. (a) All expenses incidental to the tapping of the Village water and sewer mains and laying the standard water and sewer service lines from the water and sewer mains to the outer line of the street shall be done by the Village.
- (b) The Village shall be responsible for the maintenance of the water and sewer mains and the connections from the mains to the outer line of the street.
6. The Village may undertake an inspection of all service lines installed.
- (a) The owner shall advise the Village of the time of installation and shall allow the Village reasonable opportunity to inspect the installation for conformance to Village standards and specifications.
- (b) Persons excavating for service lines and connections shall not backfill until a request for inspection has been made to the Village, and the Village has done an inspection and approved the installation.
- (c) When making a request for an inspection, a 24-hour notice will be required by the Village and an inspection will only be done during normal working hours.
- (d) Persons backfilling before requesting and receiving an inspection may be asked by the inspector to dig out and expose the service lines so that a proper inspection can be done.
- (e) The expenses incidental to the laying, connecting, disconnecting, repairing or maintaining the service line from the property line of the street to the premises shall be payable by the owner of the premises.
- (f) Each water service connection shall include a shut-off valve located inside the building/facility and the shut-off valve shall be maintained in working order at all times.
- (g) The owner shall ensure that the water service curb stop valve remains accessible and exposed and where the owner damages or causes the curb stop to become inoperative, he shall be responsible for repair or replacement costs.
7. (a) Meters and remote reading devices shall be installed by the Village for the measuring of water consumption by owners at all premises within the Village and shall remain the property of the Village. Owners shall give the Village access to every facility for the introduction, placing, inspection and reading of such meter, and shall protect it from interference or injury by frost or otherwise and shall be liable for any damage which may occur to the meter. Where the installation requires pipefitting and alterations beyond the norm, the owner shall be responsible for those additional costs.
- (b) Meters shall be read monthly for those owners being assessed charges.
- (c) If any person claims a meter is not working properly and requests that the meter be removed and tested, the said person shall provide a deposit as set out in Schedule "A". The meter will then be removed from service and tested. If the meter is found to be over-reading by more than three per cent (3%), the deposit will be refunded and the meter replaced. Any meter meeting the three per cent (3%) guideline shall be considered adequate, and the deposit shall be forfeited along with any additional costs involved for the removal, testing, and installation of the meter.
- (d) The Village shall have the right at all reasonable times to enter houses or other places which have been connected to the Village water system to ascertain whether or not the meter is in working condition, to read the meter and to ensure that the operation of the meter is not being impeded in any way.

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8. (a) Rates for garbage, water and sewer are as per Schedule "A", attached hereto and forming part of this bylaw.
  - (b) The schedule of charges referred to in Schedule "A" may be amended without notice by Council, at any time.
  - (c) Accounts for utilities shall be rendered monthly with the charges estimated when the meter is not read. Any payments received shall be deducted from accounts made up from a meter reading.
  - (d) Accounts shall be deemed to be sufficiently forwarded if they are mailed by ordinary mail to the owner at the last known address.
  - (e) All accounts for water, sewage, garbage and other charges shall be due and payable when rendered.
  - (f) All accounts remaining unpaid after the 10th day of the month following the month in which the account was rendered shall be subject to a penalty, as set out in Schedule "A". This penalty shall be added to and form a part of the account owing. Penalty rates may be revised at any time, by Council.
  - (g) Any account delinquent for a period of ninety (90) or more days, will be transferred to the owners tax roll account, and may be collected in any of the ways provided for the collection of taxes, pursuant to Section 553 of the MGA, Chapter M26, 2000.
  - (h) When any outstanding amount is transferred to the owners tax account for non-payment, a service fee will be applied, per occurrence, as set out in Schedule "A".
  - (i) If necessary, service may be disconnected forty-eight (48) hours after notice of unpaid account is sent by ordinary mail to the last known address of the owner.
  - (j) If a utility service is shut off for non-payment, a service charge will be applied. The service will not be re-connected until payment is received in full, plus the re-connection fee, as set out in Schedule "A".
  - (k) Any outstanding utility amounts after December 31<sup>st</sup>, will be transferred to the owners tax account on January 1<sup>st</sup> of the following year and collected by the same procedures as taxes, pursuant to Section 553 of the MGA, Chapter M26, 2000 .
  - (l) Unpaid accounts may be collected by action in any court of competent jurisdiction.
9. (a) The Village hereby reserves the right to shut off the water without notice to the owner for any lawful reason. The Village shall endeavor to provide notice to customers of such interruption of service and shall seek to minimize the inconvenience to customers as may be possible and reasonable.
  - (b) It is hereby declared that no person shall have any claim for compensation or damages as the result of the Village shutting off the water without notice, or from the failure of the water supply from any cause whatsoever.
- 10.(a) The Village Council may at any time make orders restricting the use of water by all consumers or by a particular class of consumers and either throughout the Village or in any particular area or areas of the Village and the hours during which such restriction shall apply.
  - (b) No person may use water from the water works system in contravention of the terms of any order made by Council, under this section.
- 11.(a) The owner of the property must, in writing, apply at the Village Office for the installation of a water meter in the building being constructed. The owner must confirm that the building has been plumbed and is ready for the permanent installation of the said meter. The owner shall also apply, in writing, for the supply of water and sewer services.
  - (b) No person, except authorized employees of the Village, shall make any connection or communication whatsoever with any of the public pipes or water and sewer mains without first obtaining the written or expressed consent of the Village.
  - (c) In the case of a multi-family dwelling, each unit shall be deemed to be a separate building for the purpose of this bylaw.

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- (d) A property shall be considered serviced once it has been connected to the Village water and/or sewer system. Any further installations necessitated by demolition, excavation, renovations or other works on the land shall be paid by the owner.
12. After any construction, reconstruction, alteration or change, or the completion of any work requiring a permit, water shall not be turned on to any building or premises except for testing or emergency purposes, until after the whole of the work has been completed and approved by the Provincial Plumbing Inspector. Water shall be turned on or off only by an authorized employee of the Village.
13. No person, being an owner of any house, building or other premises which are supplied with water from the water system, shall vend, sell or dispose, give away or permit the same to be taken or carried away from the property unless specifically authorized by the Village.
14. No person shall turn on or attempt to turn on the water at a curb stop valve or other valve once shut off, except where authorized by the Village.
15. No person shall let off or discharge water so that it runs waste or uselessly.
16. No person shall alter any meter placed on a service pipe or connected with it inside or outside any premises so as to alter the amount of water registered by it, unless specially authorized by the Village for that particular purpose or occasion.
17. No person shall directly or indirectly place or cause to be placed any substance which would detract from the quality of the water within the water system or which could cause the water to fail to comply with the potable water regulations under the Alberta Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act.
18. (a) No person except employees of the Village or persons authorized by the Village shall open or close or operate or interfere with any valve, hydrant or fire plug, or draw water therefrom.
- (b) No person shall in any manner obstruct the free access to any hydrant or valve or stopcock.
- (c) The Chief of the Fire Department, his assistants and officers and members of that department are authorized to use the hydrants or plugs for fire protection and training.
19. (a) When an emergency in the water supply occurs, the Mayor or in his absence the Deputy Mayor may restrict the use of water from the Village supply system.
- (b) When said restrictions are in effect, no persons shall water any lawns, gardens, streets, yards or grounds or use a hose or similar device to wash the exteriors of houses or other buildings or vehicles except at commercial car washes, during such times that may be fixed by the Mayor or Deputy Mayor, provided that notice of the times during which the use of water for the purposes specified herein as prohibited, shall be given to the public in an announcement in the local newspaper, radio, public address system, or such other means as is deemed appropriate.
- (c) The Mayor, or Deputy Mayor, in fixing restrictions on the use of water for the purpose set out in this Section may vary the hours and days of use of differing portions of the Village or may attach other conditions as they deem necessary.
20. No person shall throw, deposit or leave in or upon any Village sewer, or any trap, basin, grating, manhole or other appurtenance of any Village sewer, any meat scraps or butcher's offal, garbage, litter, manure, rubbish, sweepings, sticks, stones, bricks, earth, gravel, dirt, mud, hay, straw, twigs, leaves, papers, rags, cinders, ashes, or refuse matter of any kind, except feces, urine, the necessary closet water, waste paper and slops properly discharged through a house sewer into a Village sewer.
21. No person shall permit to be discharged into any sewer, any liquid or liquids which would prejudicially affect the sewers or the disposal of the sewage or any matter or substance by which the free flow of the sewage may be interfered with.
22. No person shall make or cause to be made any connection with any Village sewer, or house drain, or appurtenance thereof for the purpose of conveying or which may be conveyed, into the same, any flammable or explosive material, cistern or tank overflow.
23. No person shall connect any roof downspout, weeping tile, exterior foundation drain or areaway drain, or collect or direct other sources of surface runoff or ground water, to a building sewer or

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- building drain which in turn is connected directly or indirectly to a sanitary sewer.
24. No person shall turn, lift, remove, raise or tamper with the cover of any manhole, ventilator or other appurtenance of any Village sewer except duly authorized employees of the Village.
  25. No person shall cut, break, pierce or tap any Village sewer or appurtenance thereof, or introduce any pipe, tube, trough or conduit into any Village sewer except duly authorized employees of the Village.
  26. No person shall interfere with the free discharge of any Village sewer or part thereof, or do any act or thing which may impede or obstruct the flow of or clog up any sewer or appurtenance thereof.
  27. Grease traps of sufficient size and approved design shall be placed on the waste pipes from all hotels, restaurants, laundries and such other places as the Village under advisement, may direct.
  28. The Village shall have the right at all reasonable times to enter houses or other places which have been connected with the Village water and sewer system to ascertain whether or not any improper material or liquid is being discharged into the sewers.
  29. It shall be a consideration of the granting of any application for a water and/or sewer connection, that the Village or any of its employees shall not be liable for any damage of whatever nature caused either directly or indirectly by such water and/or sewer connection.
  30. All owners shall provide and maintain in good condition sufficient garbage cans to contain the normal garbage generated from the premises during the period between garbage collections, and shall ensure that a cover is kept securely over the mouth of all such garbage cans except when same are actually being filled or emptied.
  31. All garbage cans must be easily accessible.
  32. All garbage must be contained in suitable bags.
  33. All owners shall at all times ensure that garbage is kept within the garbage cans or other approved receptacles provided for that purpose, and not allowed to spill over or accumulate on any land or street or adjoining public or private property.
  34. All owners shall keep the land in the rear of their premises to the centerline of the alleyway thereof in a clean and tidy condition and free from garbage.
  35. No person shall operate within the Village, a vehicle transporting garbage unless the garbage is completely enclosed or securely covered or fastened so as to prevent any portion of the garbage from falling off of or out of the vehicle while in transit.
  36. Collection of garbage shall be made by the Village Foreman, or an authorized representative of the Village, on the days and times as set by Village Council. The Village Foreman or an authorized representative shall have the right to enter at all convenient times such portions of all premises within the Village as may be required for the purpose of performing his collection, removal and disposal duties.
  37. The Village Foreman, or an authorized representative, shall not be responsible for the collection and removal of any of the following types of garbage:
    - (a) Trade garbage resulting from the construction, repair, decoration, clearing or grading of a building or premises.
    - (b) Scrap metal including car bodies, chassis, machinery or parts or garage refuse.
    - (c) Loose garbage in or around garbage cans.
  38. Any person who commits a breach of any provision of this bylaw shall be liable upon summary conviction to a maximum fine of \$2,500.00
    - (a) For a first offence to a fine not exceeding two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00) plus costs.
    - (b) For any subsequent offence to a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars (\$500.00) plus costs.
  39. The invalidity of any provision of this Bylaw shall not affect the validity of the remainder.

40. Bylaws 481-06 and 475-03 are hereby repealed.

41. This bylaw shall come into effect on the date of the final passing thereof.

Read a first time this 24<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2013.

Read a second time this 24<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2013

Read a third time and finally passed this 24<sup>th</sup> day of September 2013.

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Mayor

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Chief Administrative Officer

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**Village of Veteran  
Utilities Bylaw 510-13**

**Schedule A**

**Water Service Fees**

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| 1. Flat rate for 15 cubes of water   | \$45 per month. |
| 2. Each cube over 15 cubes per month | \$3 per cube    |
| 3. Bulk water                        | \$5 per cube    |

**Sewer Fees**

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| 1. Flat rate                         | \$14 per month.          |
| 2. Acadia Foundation/Wild Rose Manor | \$14 per unit, per month |

**Garbage Fees**

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| 1. Flat rate                         | \$16 per month.          |
| 2. Acadia Foundation/Wild Rose Manor | \$16 per unit, per month |

**Penalties & Service Charges**

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| 1. 2% interest shall be charged on the outstanding balance after the 10 day of each month. |      |
| 2. Deposit to test water meter   | \$50 |
| 3. Transfer outstanding balance to tax account   | \$25 |
| 4. Shut off water for non-payment  | \$25 |
| 5. Re-connection fee   | \$25 |
| 6. NSF fee   | \$25 |