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TOWN OF SIDNEY

BYLAW NO. 2210 (CONSOLIDATED)

Amendment Bylaws incorporated as listed at the end of the document.

A BYLAW TO SET RATES AND CHARGES FOR THE OPERATION OF THE TOWN'S WATER UTILITY

Council may, by bylaw pursuant to section 194 of the *Community Charter*, impose a fee for all or part of a service of the municipality.

The Council of the Town of Sidney, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

1. This bylaw may be cited as “**Water Utility Rates and Charges Bylaw No. 2210**”.
2. In this Bylaw, unless the context otherwise requires:
 - (a) **Water** means water supplied or made available by the Water Utility of the Town;
 - (b) **Quarterly** means a period of approximately three months, which represents the Town's billing interval;
 - (c) **Fixed Charge** means the quarterly charge per unit covering the fixed costs of operating the Water Utility;
 - (d) **Variable Charge** means the rate applicable to all water consumption (metered water flow);
 - (e) **Billing Unit** means the number of distinct sections, apartments or other space divisions included within each water account; and
 - (f) **Scaling** means a gradual reduction in the total number of Billing Units per account, where the number of Units exceeds 50 (refer to Schedule A).
3. The following fees or charges are payable by the owner or occupier of property which is connected to the Town's water distribution system.
 - (a) A Fixed Charge per billing unit, per quarter, as specified in Schedule A of this Bylaw; and
 - (b) A Variable Charge, as specified in Schedule A of this Bylaw, for metered water consumption.

4. The following other charges are hereby set out in this Bylaw:
 - (a) Where, by request of the owner, a connection is turned off, or back on, there shall be payable a charge in accordance with the “Work for Others” section of Town of Sidney Miscellaneous Fees and Charges Bylaw 1711.
 - (b) When, at an owner’s request, a meter is removed for testing and is found to be within 1.5 per cent of the true flow, a testing charge of \$120 shall be applied to the account. There shall be no charge if the meter is found to be reading the flow incorrectly (i.e. a variance of more than 1.5%).
5. Accounts will be billed quarterly, based on meter readings. If the charges remain unpaid thirty one days after the due date indicated on the invoice, there shall be payable a penalty of five percent (5%) of the current billing amount.
6. This Bylaw covers all of the Town of Sidney, and any areas outside the Municipal boundaries which are serviced by the Town.
7. “Water Utility Rates and Charges Bylaw No. 2169” is hereby repealed.

Introduced and read a first time the	8 th	day of	March, 2021
Read a second time the	8 th	day of	March, 2021
Read a third time the	8 th	day of	March, 2021
Adopted the	8 th	day of	March, 2021

MAYOR

CORPORATE OFFICER

(amendment No.1) - Bylaw No. 2224, March 2022
(amendment No.2) - Bylaw No. 2252, April 2023
(amendment No.3) - Bylaw No. 2270, March 2024
(amendment No.4) - Bylaw No. 2285, April 2025
(amendment No.5) - Bylaw No. 2308, April 2026

Schedule A

1. Fixed Charge: \$25.00 per Billing Unit, per Quarter.
2. Variable Charge: \$6.86 per 1,000 gallons consumed.
3. Scaling of Billing Units: Any account with more than 50 Units shall be scaled as follows for billing purposes:

	# of Units		Scale Factor
	From	To	
Group 1	0	50	1
Group 2	51	100	0.75
Group 3	101	150	0.625
Group 4	151		0.5

Exceptions: Hotels and Senior/Care Homes scaled at 0.5 for all units.