

BYLAW 2024-09

Rural Municipality of Lajord No. 128

A BYLAW TO FIX THE RATES TO BE CHARGED FOR THE CONNECTION, CONSUMPTION AND USE OF WATER AND SEWER SERVICES

The Council of the Rural Municipality of Lajord No. 128 in the Province of Saskatchewan enacts as follows:

1. This bylaw shall be known as the “Water and Sewer Rates Bylaw.”
2. Definitions:
 - a) Accessory Building Connection – a separate water or sewer service connection to a detached building or structure, which is not used for human habitation that is subordinate to the primary use of the same property.
 - b) Connection Fee – the fee that is charged to a new subscriber account for water and utility services for a new or existing water and sewer connection.
 - c) Council – The Council of the Rural Municipality of Lajord No. 128.
 - d) Flat Rate – Single fixed rate for water for a premise that does not have a water meter, or cannot have a water meter installed.
 - e) Infrastructure Fee – fees charged in addition to water and sewer rates on the total utility invoice for the purpose of collecting funds which are used by the Municipality for capital costs on the utility, debt repayment and replacements.
 - f) Meter – a device that is capable of measuring, recording and transmitting flows and volumes of water.
 - g) Out of Town – Service connections that are outside of the corporate boundaries of the municipality.
 - h) Public Utility – refers to the system or works used to provide for the following for public consumption, benefit, convenience or use (i) water; and or (ii) sewage disposal.
 - i) Residential Service – a service connection used exclusively for domestic purposes.
 - j) Subscriber – The owner of the property that is connected to the water and sewer service and will be the person(s) responsible for the fees of that connection.

APPLICATIONS WATER AND/OR SEWER SERVICE

3. An applicant requesting or applying for water and/or sewer service shall complete such application form as may be prescribed by the Chief Administrative Officer from time to time.
4. Each application shall be accompanied by the payment of a connection fee as per Schedule “D.”
5. The utility invoice shall be issued to the legal property owner. Where the property is occupied by another person, the owner may give consent to the Rural Municipality to issue a copy of the utility invoice to the occupant.

6. The Chief Administrative Officer and/or delegate shall review each application for service and shall reject any incomplete application, any application where the required charge is unpaid or when there is an outstanding utility invoice in the applicant's name.
7. If the water supply is shut off from the premises of a user for infringement of the provisions of this Bylaw, same shall not be turned on until all penalties, fees, rates, charged and arrears, if any have been paid.
8. There shall be a minimum fee and consumption fee for water usage to be paid by a subscriber whose water services has been turned on and shall be set forth in Schedule A hereto, or as amended from time to time, however, that the minimum shall be payable in every case whether or not any water is consumed.
9. There shall be a sewer charge to be paid by the subscriber connected to the sewer system in accordance with Schedule B hereto.
10. All subscribers shall be charged a utility infrastructure fee as set forth in Schedule C here to, or as amended from time to time.

DISCONNECTION AND PENALTIES

11. Accounts for water service and/or sewer service shall be paid within thirty (30) days from the date on which such accounts are rendered.
12. A monthly penalty of two percent (2%) will be added to all water and sewer accounts in arrears.
13. If an account is not paid withing thirty days, the water service may be cut off. When the water service is cut off, it shall not be turned back on until all arrears have been paid, together with a fee of \$150 to cover the expenses of turning off the water and turning it on again, provided that if it is required to turn on the water service outside the employee's regular working hours, the fee shall be \$200.
14. In the event that sewer service is not paid it may be cut off after a thirty (30) day period and shall not be reconnected until all arrears have been paid and actual costs paid to disconnect and reconnect depending on what is required to accomplish.
15. If water and sewer charges are in arrears the municipality has the option of placing same on property taxes and charging an addition \$50 flat charge and may add specific costs such as registered mail informing tenants and land-lords how and when unpaid utility amounts are added to the property taxes of the subscriber.
16. If the water supply is shut off from the premises of a user for infringement of the provisions of this Bylaw, same shall not be turned on until all penalties, fees, rates, charges and arrears, if any, have been paid.

BILLING

17. Invoices will be sent out by January 31st and July 31st of each year to the Hamlets. This is all dependent on the attached billing cycles for each hamlet.

REPEAL OF FORMER BYLAWS

18. Bylaw 351 and 2024-02 is hereby repealed.

EFFECTIVE DATE

19. The rates, charges, tolls or rents contained in this bylaw shall come into force and take effect on the day of approval being issued by the Local Government Committee



Originally Signed By _____

Reeve

Originally Signed By _____

Chief Administrative Officer

Certified a true copy of Bylaw 2024-09 adopted by resolution on the 9th day of April, 2024.

SCHEDULE A

Gray Hamlet: All Connections	\$11.00 per 1,000 gallons (Billed once per year)
Riceton Hamlet All Connections	\$225.00 per year (Billed once per year)
Davin Hamlet	\$390.00 per year (Billed once every 6 months)

SCHEDULE B

Gray Hamlet: All Connections	Included in water rates
Riceton Hamlet All Connections	\$225.00 per year (Billed once per year)
Davin Hamlet	\$390.00 per year (Billed once every 6 months)
Kronau Hamlet	\$320 per year (Billed once per year)

SCHEDULE C

Hamlet of Davin
Infrastructure Fee

\$120 per year billed to all hamlet residents.

Hamlet of Kronau
Infrastructure Fee

\$60 per year billed to all hamlet residents.

SCHEDULE D

Hamlet of Davin	\$2,100
Hamlet of Gray	\$5,000
Hamlet of Riceton	\$3,000

If the contractor invoice is above the fee for each Hamlet the subscriber will be responsible for the actual cost.