

BYLAW 2026-06

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"* hereto, 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. A utility payment or payment advice on account not received in the R.M. Office by the due date will be considered in arrears and subject to penalty.
12. A monthly penalty of two percent (2%) will be added to all water and sewer accounts in arrears. The penalty will be applied on the 1st day of each month until paid.
13. If an account is not paid within 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 \$150.00 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 \$200.00.
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 \$50.00 flat charge and may add specific costs such as registered mail informing tenants and landlords 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 to the Hamlets, in accordance with the respective billing cycles of each hamlet.

REPEAL OF FORMER BYLAWS

18. Bylaw 2026-04 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 date of approval being issued by the Local Government Committee or January 1, 2027, whichever date is later.



Originally Signed By _____
Reeve

Originally Signed By _____
Chief Administrative Officer

Certified a true copy of Bylaw 2026-06
adopted by resolution on the
11th day of August, 2026.

Originally Signed By
Chief Administrative Officer

SCHEDULE "A"
TO BYLAW NO. 2026-06
WATER RATES

Gray Hamlet All Connections	24,545 gallons or less Over 24,546 gallons	Minimum \$270 per year \$11 per 1,000 gallons or part thereof
Riceton Hamlet All Connections	\$225 minimum per year	
Davin Hamlet All Connections	\$390 minimum per year (Billed twice per year - \$195 per billing)	

SCHEDULE "B"
TO BYLAW NO. 2026-06
SEWER RATES

Gray Hamlet: All Connections	Included in Water Rates as per Schedule "A"
Riceton Hamlet All Connections	\$225.00 minimum per year
Davin Hamlet All Connections	\$390.00 minimum per year (Billed twice per year - \$195.00 per billing)
Kronau Hamlet All Connections	\$320.00 minimum per year

SCHEDULE "C"
TO BYLAW NO. 2026-06
UTILITY INFRASTRUCTURE FEE

Hamlet of Davin
Infrastructure Fee

\$120.00 per year billed to all Hamlet residents.
(Billed twice per year - \$60.00 per billing)

Hamlet of Kronau
Infrastructure Fee

\$60.00 per year billed to all Hamlet residents.

SCHEDULE "D"
TO BYLAW NO. 2026-06
WATER AND/OR SEWER CONNECTION FEE

Hamlet of Davin	\$2,100.00
Hamlet of Gray	\$5,000.00
Hamlet of Riceton	\$3,000.00

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