

**CITY OF PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE**

**BY-LAW No. 12-8562**

BEING A BY-LAW OF THE CITY OF PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE to provide for water and sewer rates and the collection thereof.

AND WHEREAS it is deemed advisable to amend the Water and Sewer Rate By-Law No. 06-8326;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed advisable to provide rates to be paid by persons to whom water is supplied by the City and who use the sewer system of the City and to provide for the collection thereof.

**NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE, IN SESSION DULY ASSEMBLED, HEREBY ENACTS A BY-LAW AS FOLLOWS:**

1. This By-Law shall amend By-Law No. 06-8326 with a new Schedule "A", Section 3 for 2013, 2014, 2015 and thereafter on water and sewer rates as attached hereto.
2. This By-Law shall have force and effect to all consumers supplied by the waterworks system except consumers exempted therefrom by Statute, by written agreement with the City of Portage la Prairie, or excepting any consumers expressly exempted from the operation of this By-Law by a By-Law of the Council of the City of Portage la Prairie.
3. Consumers shall pay for water and sewer service supplied to them by the City at rates and times set out in Schedule "A" attached hereto for 2013 and thereafter and forming part of this By-Law.
4. This by-law and rates hereto shall come into full force and effect on the first day of January 2013.

PASSED AND ENACTED BY THE CITY OF PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE IN COUNCIL DULY ASSEMBLED THIS 14<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2013.

[original signed by Earl Porter]  
Mayor

[original signed by Sharon Williams]  
Manager of Administration

Read a 1st time this 11<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2012.

Read a 2nd time this 14<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2013.

Read a 3rd time this 14<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2012.

**4. Accounts Due – Penalties, Disconnect and Reconnect**

All water accounts shall be filed within 15 days following the end of the quarter in which the water was used, and shall be payable at par on the first day of the month, next following the date of billing, called hereafter the due date, and for 21 days thereafter. A late payment charge of 1¼% shall be charged on the dollar amount owing after the billing due date.

One month after the due date for the payment of the account, the water may be shut off at the discretion of the City, and may be turned on only after all arrears and penalties have been paid together with the sum of \$40.00 for the turning on of the water, during the normal working hours of the City Employees.

**5. Outstanding Charges Form a Lien on the Land**

Pursuant to Section 252(2) of The Municipal Act, the amount of all outstanding charges for water and sewer service are a lien and charge upon the land serviced and shall be collected in the same manner in which ordinary taxes upon the land are collected, and with like remedies.

**6. Service to customers Outside the City Limits**

The Council of the City may sign agreements with customers for the provision of water and sewer services to properties outside the legal boundaries of the City. Such agreements shall provide for payment of the appropriate rates set out in this schedule herein, as well as a surcharge set by resolution of Council, which shall be equivalent to the frontage levy, general taxes and special taxes for utility purposes in effect at the time, or may be in effect from time to time, and which would be levied on the property concerned if it were within these boundaries. In addition, all costs of connecting to the utilities mains and installing and maintaining service connections will be paid by the customer.

**7. Fire Hydrant Rental and Connections**

The City shall pay to the water utility an annual rent of \$125.00 per hydrant for fire hydrants situated within the corporate limits of the City, which annual rental amount shall include charges for all water used through such hydrants for fire fighting purposes.

Privately owned hydrants that are direct extensions of the City's internal water distribution system shall be subject to an annual connection fee as follows:

|           |                         |              |
|-----------|-------------------------|--------------|
|           | i. Location of hydrant: |              |
|           | ii. <u>In-city</u>      | <u>Rural</u> |
| Metered   | \$50                    | \$125        |
| Unmetered | \$125                   | \$200        |

**8. Bulk Sales**

All water sold in bulk sales shall be charged for at the rate as identified in this schedule per 1,000 gallons on a pro-rated basis for all quantities greater than 250 gallons.

**9. Water Service for Construction**

THAT a rate for a construction turn-on be created for the purpose of providing a Contractor with construction water. This rate would be a flat rate of \$45.00 per construction turn-on for a period up to the date of substantial completion of the project as defined by the Builders Liens Act. The Contractor will also be responsible to pay the City the cost of any water consumed during this period at the applicable sewer and water rates. There would be a maximum of one construction turn-on per building allowed.

That the rate for either construction turn-on performed outside of normal working hours be fixed at \$95 per construction turn-on.

**10. Oversize Meter Charges**

That an oversize meter charge be levied on every water meter installed larger than the basic 5/8" water meter. The oversize meter charges shall be as follows:

| <b>Meter Size</b> |          |
|-------------------|----------|
| 5/8 inch          | \$ 0.00  |
| ¾ inch            | 50.00    |
| 1 inch            | 115.00   |
| 1 1/2 inch        | 295.00   |
| 2 inch            | 400.00   |
| 3 inch            | 1,455.00 |
| 4 inch            | 2,355.00 |
| 6 inch            | 4,170.00 |

**11. Calibration Fee**

That a calibration fee be charged on each water meter removed to check the meter calibration. That calibration shall be \$75.00 per calibration, which represents the cost of removing the water meter, checking the calibration and installing of a water meter. When the calibration of the water meter is found to be reading incorrect, the calibration fee shall be returned to the water meter user.

**12. Change of Water or Water & Sewer**

That a charge for change of water or water and sewer shall be \$40.00 per meter per turn on, performed during normal working hours, for a service that has changed users or service, the fee to recover the cost of completing the change of user or service.

That the charge for a change of water or water and sewer user shall be \$95.00 per meter per turn-on, performed outside of normal working hours, for a service that has changed users, the fee to recover the cost of completing the change of user.

**13. Inspection Fee**

That the inspection fee for a new sewer and water installation shall be \$50.00 per inspection per service installation between the street property line and the buildings. The inspection fee recovers the cost of the inspection and the completion of the records.

**14. Reconnection Fee**

That the reconnection fee shall be \$40.00 per meter per reconnection performed during normal working hours. That the charge be services that are discontinued due to unpaid accounts.

That the reconnection fee shall be \$95.00 per meter per reconnection performed outside of normal working hours. That the charge be for services that are discontinued due to unpaid accounts.



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**WATER & SEWER RATES BY-LAW NO. 12-8562**

**SCHEDULE "A"**

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i) Schedule of Quarterly Rates:

|              | gallons per quarter |           | 2014             |                  | Total<br>Water & Sewer |
|--------------|---------------------|-----------|------------------|------------------|------------------------|
|              | Min                 | Max       | Water/1,000 gal. | Sewer/1,000 gal. |                        |
| Domestic     |                     | 50,000    | 5.16             | 7.78             | 12.94                  |
| Intermediate | 50,001              | 500,000   | 4.17             | 7.78             | 11.95                  |
| Wholesale    | 500,001             | 4,000,000 | 3.93             | 5.21             | 9.14                   |
| Variable     | 4,000,001           |           | 1.62             | 5.21             | 6.83                   |
| Bulk Sales   |                     |           | 7.70             |                  |                        |

Sewer only residential customers

For most customers, the average quarterly consumption in gallons of water used for residential customers at the domestic sewer rate plus the quarterly service charge.

Where an exception to this occurs there is a water meter installed at locations such as these and charged per quarter on measured consumption.

ii) **Minimum Charges per Quarter**  
 A) **Water & Sewer Customers** **2014**

| Meter Size | Group Capacity Ratio | Water Included Gallons | Customer Service Charge | Water Commodity Charge | Sewer Commodity Charge | Water & Sewer Total Quarterly Minimum | Total Non-sewer Quarterly Minimum |
|------------|----------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 5/8 inch   | 1                    | 3,000                  | \$ 18.24                | 15.48                  | 23.34                  | \$ 57.06                              | \$ 33.72                          |
| 3/4 inch   | 2                    | 6,000                  | \$ 18.24                | 30.96                  | 46.68                  | \$ 95.88                              | \$ 49.20                          |
| 1 inch     | 4                    | 12,000                 | \$ 18.24                | 61.92                  | 93.36                  | \$ 173.52                             | \$ 80.16                          |
| 1 1/2 inch | 10                   | 30,000                 | \$ 18.24                | 154.80                 | 233.40                 | \$ 406.44                             | \$ 173.04                         |
| 2 inch     | 25                   | 75,000                 | \$ 18.24                | 362.25                 | 583.50                 | \$ 963.99                             | \$ 380.49                         |
| 3 inch     | 45                   | 135,000                | \$ 18.24                | 612.45                 | 1,050.30               | \$ 1,680.99                           | \$ 630.69                         |
| 4 inch     | 90                   | 270,000                | \$ 18.24                | 1,175.40               | 2,100.60               | \$ 3,294.24                           | \$ 1,193.64                       |
| 6 inch     | 170                  | 510,000                | \$ 18.24                | 2,173.80               | 3,942.10               | \$ 6,134.14                           | \$ 2,192.04                       |

B) Water only customers

Quarterly minimum charge is the same for each meter size as shown in table above, except that the Sewer Commodity charge is excluded.

C) Sewer only residential customers

Customers using sewer service only will pay the relevant minimum charge shown in "A" above except that the water commodity charge will be omitted.

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**SCHEDULE "A"**

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| i) <u>Schedule of Quarterly Rates:</u> | gallons per quarter |           | 2015 and on      |                  | Total<br>Water & Sewer |
|--|---------------------|-----------|------------------|------------------|------------------------|
|  | Min                 | Max       | Water/1,000 gal. | Sewer/1,000 gal. |                        |
| Domestic                               |                     | 50,000    | 5.42             | 8.17             | 13.59                  |
| Intermediate                           | 50,001              | 500,000   | 4.38             | 8.17             | 12.55                  |
| Wholesale                              | 500,001             | 4,000,000 | 4.21             | 5.57             | 9.78                   |
| Variable                               | 4,000,001           |           | 1.73             | 5.57             | 7.30                   |
| Bulk Sales                             |                     |           | 8.09             |                  |                        |

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| ii) <b>Minimum Charges per Quarter</b> | Group<br>Capacity<br>Ratio | 2015 and on                  |                            |                              |                              |             | Water &<br>Sewer Total<br>Quarterly<br>Minimum | Total Non-<br>sewer<br>Quarterly<br>Minimum |
|--|----------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------|--|---|
|  |                            | Water<br>Included<br>Gallons | Customer<br>Service Charge | Water<br>Commodity<br>Charge | Sewer<br>Commodity<br>Charge |             |  |   |
| A) <b>Meter Size</b>                   |                            |                              |                            |                              |                              |             |  |   |
| 5/8 inch                               | 1                          | 3,000                        | \$ 19.15                   | 16.26                        | 24.51                        | \$ 59.92    | \$ 35.41                                       |   |
| 3/4 inch                               | 2                          | 6,000                        | \$ 19.15                   | 32.52                        | 49.02                        | \$ 100.69   | \$ 51.67                                       |   |
| 1 inch                                 | 4                          | 12,000                       | \$ 19.15                   | 65.04                        | 98.04                        | \$ 182.23   | \$ 84.19                                       |   |
| 1 1/2 inch                             | 10                         | 30,000                       | \$ 19.15                   | 162.60                       | 245.10                       | \$ 426.85   | \$ 181.75                                      |   |
| 2 inch                                 | 25                         | 75,000                       | \$ 19.15                   | 380.50                       | 612.75                       | \$ 1,012.40 | \$ 399.65                                      |   |
| 3 inch                                 | 45                         | 135,000                      | \$ 19.15                   | 643.30                       | 1,102.95                     | \$ 1,765.40 | \$ 662.45                                      |   |
| 4 inch                                 | 90                         | 270,000                      | \$ 19.15                   | 1,234.60                     | 2,205.90                     | \$ 3,459.65 | \$ 1,253.75                                    |   |
| 6 inch                                 | 170                        | 510,000                      | \$ 19.15                   | 2,284.10                     | 4,140.70                     | \$ 6,443.95 | \$ 2,303.25                                    |   |

B) Water only customers

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C) Sewer only residential customers

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