

TOWN OF SLAVE LAKE

A BY LAW OF THE TOWN OF SLAVE LAKE,  
IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA,  
TO AMEND BY LAW #5 - 1975.

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Under the authority and subject to the provisions of the Municipal Government Act and the Public Health Act and all regulations and amendments thereto, the Council of the Town of Slave Lake, duly assembled, enacts as follows:

1. DEFINITION

In this By Law:

- a. "account" means the account for utility charges sent monthly by the Town of Slave Lake to a consumer and includes charges for waste collection, gas consumption, water consumption and sewerage service.
- b. "billing date" means the date stated on each account as the Billing Date.
- c. "service" means delivery of any notice to the address to which the account is sent and leaving such notice with any adult person residing in or occupying the premises or by posting such notice in a conspicuous place on some part of the said premises;

2. a. A deposit of \$75.00 shall be payable in advance of the provision of water and sewerage service:

- (i) on any connection made pursuant to section 2(c) and section 3(e) on By Law # 5-1975;
- (ii) upon any connection of service where disconnection of service is due to any change of ownership, possession or tenancy of the premises;
- (iii) upon receipt of notice by the Town of any change of ownership, possession or tenancy of the premises whether or not reconnection of service is necessary;
- (iv) upon any connection of service, where the prior disconnection of service resulted from non-payment of accounts;
- (v) upon a notice being sent to a consumer pursuant to section 5 of this By Law.

b. If any deposit required to be paid by section 2(a) of this By Law is not paid, the Town shall not connect the service or shall be at liberty to disconnect the service.

3. PAYMENTS

- a. An account shall be due on receipt of the account and may be paid at the Office of the Town's Secretary Treasurer or mailed thereto, or at such other place as may be designated from time to time by Council and failure to receive an account shall in no way affect the liability of the consumer to pay the account.

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- b. All payments must be made on or before the 21st day next following the billing date and if payment is mailed the payment must be received in the Office of the Town's Secretary Treasurer on or before the 21st day after the billing date.
- c. The account shall be billed monthly and shall show a breakdown of the utility rate charges.
- d. When any payment is made on an account such payment shall be applied:

  - (i) first to any penalties levied by the Town against the account;
  - (ii) second to the payment of arrears and current charges for collection of waste;
  - (iii) third to the payment of arrears and current charges for sewer service; and
  - (iv) fourth to the payment of arrears and current charges for water consumption.
- e. If any deposit held by the Town on account for waste collection, water consumption and/or sewerage service is to be applied to an account it shall be applied in the same order of priority as established by clause 3(d) of this By Law.
- f. The Town is not required to use any deposit held by it to pay any arrears or current charges and is hereby authorized to retain the deposit and effect any other remedy to collect current charges or arrears or penalties allowed to the Town pursuant to this By Law or otherwise.
- g. In default of payment of any account, the Town may recover same by action in a Court of competent jurisdiction or by distress upon and seizure of goods and chattels of the person to whom the account is charged or may make such accounts a charge against the property for which the account was payable and such accounts are subject to the same penalties and are collectible by the same procedure as taxes levied by the Town.

4. In the event an account is not paid by the 21st day after the date of billing a penalty of six (6%) percent of the total account shall be added to and shall form part of the amount payable.

5. In the event that an account is not paid by the 28th day after the date of billing, the Secretary Treasurer may cause a written notice to be served on the delinquent customer advising that the water service shall be shut-off unless the account and any deposits required pursuant to section 2 of this By Law are paid in full within forty-eight (48) hours of the date appearing on the notice.

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6. In the event that a shut-off notice is sent pursuant to section 5 of this By Law, the consumer shall be required to pay a deposit pursuant to section 2 of this By Law in addition to the amount of any outstanding accounts within forty-eight (48) hours of service of the shut-off notice being sent or the water service shall be turned off.
7. If after forty-eight (48) hours, as provided in section 5 and 6 of this By Law, the account and deposit remains unpaid the Secretary Treasurer may order the water service to be turned off.
8.
  - a. In the event that water service has been turned off, as provided in section 7 of this by Law, by reason of nonpayment of the account or deposit or both, a reconnection fee of \$10.00 shall be charged and shall be payable in advance of the reconnection of the service.
  - b. In the event that water service has been turned off by reason of non-payment of account between the 15th day of November of any year and the 15th day of April of the next succeeding year then a further deposit of FIFTY (\$50.00) DOLLARS shall be payable in advance for reconnecting the service.
  - c. In the event any water line has frozen following discontinuance of water service, the FIFTY (\$50.00) DOLLAR deposit referred to in section 8(b) of this By Law shall be used to offset the cost of thawing the waterline.
  - d. In the event a FIFTY (\$50.00) DOLLAR deposit referred to in section 8(b) of this By Law has been collected by the Town and has not been utilized as provided for in section 8(c) of this By Law, the said deposit shall be applied as a credit against the consumer's account.
9. By Law #5 - 1975, section 7(a) -(f) and any amendments thereto are hereby repealed.
10. This By Law shall come into force and have effect on January 18, 1988.

READ A FIRST TIME THIS 13th DAY OF January, 1988.

J. Wattstrom  
MAYOR

J. E. G.  
SECRETARY TREASURER

READ A SECOND TIME THIS 13th DAY OF January, 1988.

J. Wattstrom  
MAYOR

J. E. G.  
SECRETARY TREASURER

READ A THIRD TIME THIS 13th DAY OF January, 1988.

J. Wattstrom  
MAYOR

J. E. G.  
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