

TOWN OF NOBLEFORD
IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA
BYLAW NO. 704

BEING A BYLAW OF THE TOWN OF NOBLEFORD, IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, TO ESTABLISH AND PROVIDE FOR THE LEVYING AND COLLECTING OF CHARGES AND RATES FOR WATER, SEWER AND GARBAGE SERVICES AND TO REGULATE THESE SERVICES WITHIN THE TOWN OF NOBLEFORD.

WHEREAS THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT ACT, R.S.A. 2000, c M-26 – THAT COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF NOBLEFORD MAY AUTHORIZE THE REVISION OF ALL OR ANY OF THE BYLAWS OF THE MUNICIPALITY.

NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF NOBLEFORD, IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, DULY ASSEMBLED ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. TITLE

1.1. This bylaw is hereby cited as the “Utility Rates Bylaw”.

2. APPLICATION FOR SERVICE CONNECTION

2.1. Utility service shall be supplied to the owner. No utility service will be supplied to any renter, lessee or other person not considered being the owner of the property.

2.2. Any owner who desires the commencement of a utility service from the Town of Nobleford shall apply in writing to the Town on the form supplied by the Town for that purpose.

2.3. An owner may request that their water service be physically shut off at the curb stop. The property owner should submit to the Town office a completed utility application form with payment as set out in the Town of Nobleford Utility Rates Bylaw.

3. RATES AND BILLING

3.1. Water, sewer, and garbage utility billing accounts will be issued bi-monthly as follows:
February, April, June, August, October, and December.

3.2. A Utility bill showing the current service charges for water, sewer, and garbage as stated in Schedule “A” – Water Rates, Schedule “B” – Sewer Rates, and Schedule “C” – Garbage Rates.

3.3. The Town of Nobleford utility bill shall be mailed to the owner of the property. Payment for the amount due for the utility bill shall be payable on the billing date. Payment will be accepted at the Town Office or at such other place as may be designated from time to time by Council, and via Option Pay, e-Transfer, or pre-authorized debit (forms are available at the Town Office and on its website). Failure to receive a billing shall in no way affect the liability of the consumer to pay the account.

3.4. If any part of such utility bill remains unpaid after the 30th day of the month in which the billing is mailed, a penalty in the amount of 2% shall be added to the unpaid balance. This penalty is part of the arrears and subject to collection in the same manner as all other rates and charges.

3.5. Any person intending to vacate any premises that have been supplied with water from the waterworks or who desires to discontinue the use shall give written notice of the same to the Town. Otherwise, the rates shall be charged until such notice is received by the Town. No rebate shall be made for any fractional part of a month in which any such notice is given.

4. UTILITY CHARGES ADDED TO TAXES

4.1. Any utility charges in arrears for services supplied by the Town of Nobleford or any other charges for utility services supplied by the Town to any land or premises may be added to the taxes assessed against the real property to which the utility has been supplied and may be collected in any of the ways provided for in the collection of taxes, including the sale of the said property.

4.2. In addition to the methods outlined herein for the recovery of outstanding charges, the Town reserves the right to discontinue service to any property where any charge for service or work remains outstanding for more than thirty (30) days.

5. **PENALTIES**

5.1. Any person who commits a breach of any of the provisions of this bylaw is guilty of an offence and will be liable to a penalty of not less than two hundred-fifty (\$250.00) Canadian Dollars and not exceeding ten thousand (\$10 000.00) Canadian Dollars, and in default of payment to a term of imprisonment of not more than one year, or to both.

5.2. Where a Peace Officer believes that any person has committed a breach of any provision of this bylaw, they may cause a violation ticket to be served upon such person under Part 2 of the Provincial Offences Procedure Act, R.S.A. 2000, c. P-34.

5.3. The Town also retains the right to discontinue utility service to anyone who continues to violate the regulations of this bylaw.

6. **GENERAL**

6.1 This bylaw hereby rescinds Bylaw 701 and all amendments in its entirety.

6.2 This bylaw shall come into force and effect upon the third reading of Council.

READ the **first** time this 24th day of February 2025



Mayor – Joan Boeder



Administrator – Steven Leusink

READ a **second** time this 24th day of February 2025



Mayor – Joan Boeder



Administrator – Steven Leusink

READ a **third** time and finally PASSED this 24th day of February 2025



Mayor – Joan Boeder



Administrator – Steven Leusink

SCHEDULE "A"

WATER RATES

1. Bi-monthly Residential Water Basic Rate Charges:

Type	2025
Single Family Dwelling	\$55.50
Multi-Family Dwelling (per unit)	\$55.50

2. Residential Charge per Cubic Meter Consumed:

Type	2025
0-100 m ³	\$0.83 per m ³
101m ³ and over	\$1.71 per m ³

3. Bi-monthly Commercial/Industrial/Institutional Basic Rate Charges:

Type	2025
Basic Rate (per service line)	\$55.50

4. Commercial/Industrial/Institutional Charge per Cubic Meter Consumed:

Type	2025
0-100 m ³	\$1.76 per m ³
101-250m ³	\$1.81 per m ³
251-500m ³	\$1.86 per m ³
501-1000m ³	\$1.92 per m ³
1001m ³ and over	\$1.97 per m ³

5. Water Conveyance Rates Outside of the Corporate Limits of Nobleford:

Type	2025
Basic Rate	\$120.00
Over 42 m ³	\$3.30 per m ³

6. Water Conveyance Rates to the Town of Barons and Lethbridge County:

Type	2025
Water Conveyance to the Town of Barons	\$1.81 per m ³
Water Conveyance to Lethbridge County	\$1.81 per m ³

7.

Bulk Water Rates

Type	2025
Bulk Water	\$4.75 per m ³
Bulk Water via Hydrant	\$5.25 per m ³

- The cost of Bulk Water Key Fobs shall be \$25.00 each. The cost of the key fob will not be refunded upon returning or losing the key fob.
- Basic water utility charges shall apply to all properties vacant or occupied after 2 years of ownership. Unpaid utility accounts shall be subject to a 2% monthly penalty after the due date specified on the utility bill.
- "Institutional" means a facility, usually owned by a government, operated for public purposes such as a school, university, or medical facility (hospital, nursing station, and nursing home).
- If payment is not received in full or sufficient payment arrangements have not been made on an account ninety (90) days after the due date specified on the utility bill, the water service may be turned off and not turned on until such a time as the utility accounts including arrears, disconnection and a reconnection fee have been paid.
- All properties require a functioning water meter at the owner's cost, with the exterior reader located within 2 meters of the front of the building closest to the street and must be clear of any obstructions. Properties without operating meters for two (2) billing cycles are subject to billing penalties of \$200.00 bi-monthly.
- A \$50.00 disconnection fee shall apply at the time of disconnection of water services due to non-functioning water meters, non-payment of account, upon owner request, or any other reason as specified by the Town. A \$50.00 reconnection fee shall apply at the time of reconnecting water services which resulted from a disconnection fee.
- Outstanding accounts may be transferred to the title holder's property tax account.

SCHEDULE "B"

SEWER RATES

1. Bi-monthly Sewer Charges:

Type	2025
Single Family Dwelling	\$35.00
Multi-Family Dwelling (per unit)	\$35.00
Commercial	\$50.00
High Use Non-Residential	\$140.00
Institutional	\$140.00

2. "High Use Non-Residential" properties include: car washes, truck washes, slaughterhouses, and hotels/motels.
3. "Institutional" means a facility, usually owned by a government, operated for public purposes such as a school, university, or medical facility (hospital, nursing station, and nursing home).
4. Basic sewer utility charges apply to all properties vacant or occupied after 2 years of ownership. Unpaid utility accounts shall be subject to a 2% monthly penalty after the due date specified on the utility bill.
5. Outstanding accounts may be transferred to the title holder's property tax account.

SCHEDULE "C"
GARBAGE RATES

1. Bi-monthly Garbage Charges:

<u>Type</u>	<u>2025</u>
Single Family Dwelling	\$60.00
Commercial	\$60.00
Institutional	\$300.00

2. Other Charges:

<u>Type:</u>	<u>2025</u>
Commercial Cardboard Pickup Surcharge	\$75.00

3. "Institutional" means a facility, usually owned by a government, operated for public purposes such as a school, university, or medical facility (hospital, nursing station, and nursing home).
4. Basic garbage utility charges apply to all properties vacant or occupied after 2 years of ownership. Unpaid utility accounts shall be subject to a 2% monthly penalty after the due date specified on the utility bill.
5. Outstanding accounts may be transferred to the title holder's property tax account.