

CITY OF PORT COQUITLAM
SEWER REGULATION AMENDMENT BYLAW, 2020

Bylaw No. 4159

The Council of the Corporation of the City of Port Coquitlam enacts as follows:

1. CITATION

This Bylaw is cited as “Sewer Regulation Bylaw, 2016, No. 3936, Amendment Bylaw, 2020, No. 4159”.

2. ADMINISTRATION

2.1 That “Waterworks Regulation Bylaw, 2016, No. 3936” be amended by replacing Schedule “A” and Schedule “D” with the Schedule “A” and Schedule “D”, attached hereto, and forming part of this Bylaw.

READ A FIRST TIME this	14 th day of	January, 2020
READ A SECOND TIME this	14 th day of	January, 2020
READ A THIRD TIME this	14 th day of	January, 2020

Mayor

Corporate Officer

SCHEDULE "A"



A. Residential Properties:

	Rate
(a) Single Residential dwelling unit	\$339.08
(b) Each additional dwelling unit *	\$339.08
(c) Each townhouse unit	\$318.02
(d) Each apartment unit	\$301.40

* For each suite or additional dwelling unit located in a duplex or any form of multiple housing including manufactured home parks or individual guest rooms in motels, hotels, boarding houses, rooming houses, bed and breakfast businesses, and dormitories, as well as individual stores and individual or complementary rooms for business and personal services occupancies and not covered in parts (c) or (d) of Sections A and B.

B. Metered Rates:

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| (a) Metered users | |
| (i) 0 to 1,500 cubic feet (minimum charge) | \$92.40 |
| (ii) over 1,500 cubic feet (rate per hundred cubic feet) | \$2.3603 |

Any owner or occupier of real property other than residential users shall be charged for the use of the sewerage system on the basis of the quantity of water delivered to the real property by the City waterworks system. All rates for sewer shall become due and payable the first day of January, the first day of April, the first day of July, the first day of October, each and every year.

A user of the sewerage system who establishes to the satisfaction of the Director of Engineering & Public Works or designate that the discharge into the sewerage system is less than seventy five percent of the water delivered by the municipal waterworks system to his parcel of real property, by using in whole or in part the water so delivered in an industrial or commercial process or product, or in irrigation; or by discharging the water so delivered or part thereof directly into a natural water course or body of water; shall have the user charge reduced corresponding to the actual quantity of discharge.

C. Premises Used for Mixed Purposes

For premises used for mixed or multiple purposes which include a connection or service to a residential premise as well as another use, the Owner shall pay:

- (i) the rate prescribed under Section A of this schedule for each Residential Premise that, directly or indirectly, receives water from the Water System; plus
- (ii) the rate prescribed under Section B of this schedule for the Non-Residential premises.

SCHEDULE "A" Cont'd

The City may send a single invoice covering all non-residential strata lots to the Strata Corporation, or Strata Lot 1, as the City may on a case by case basis decide. If the Rates as set out on the invoice remain unpaid as of December 31 of the billing year, the Director of Engineering & Public Works or designate shall allocate volume of water as set out on the invoice among properties that shall pay the Metered rates as set out above, and determine the charges and penalties owing by the Owners of each strata title lot. Such charges shall be deemed to have been due and payable by each owner as of December 31 and the provisions of Section 231 of the *Community Charter* shall apply.

D. Recent purchase or sale

To meet the eligibility requirements in Section 5(b) or (c) of the Bylaw, the claimant must be the registered owner of the eligible residence and living on the property as his/her principal residence at the time the application is made. Therefore, the application for the waiver must be made prior to the conveyance of the dwelling. This is because sale of the property is conclusive evidence that it has ceased to be the principal residence of the vendor. Once a conveyance is completed, the vendor is no longer eligible for the waiver.

Circumstances may arise in which full utilities are paid by the vendor but no waiver is claimed. The waiver is a reduction of indebtedness for current year utilities and must be claimed by the individual who actually paid that debt. Since the indebtedness was paid by the vendor, no waiver can be allowed to the purchaser. The waiver cannot be prorated.

E. Late Payment Penalties:

Accounts billed for Residential purposes

A penalty of 5% shall be added to the outstanding flat rate balances levied for the current year under Sections A and C of this Schedule after:

- (a) the close of business on March 31st in each year; and
- (b) the close of business on May 31st in each year.

Accounts billed for Metered purposes

A penalty of 10% shall be added to the outstanding balances levied for the current year under Section B of this Schedule, after:

- (a) the penalty date established for the quarter period; or
- (b) thirty (30) days from the billing date.

F. Senior Citizen's Waiver:

Every owner and occupier of property who:

- (a) Sixty-five years of age or over at any time during the calendar year in which the charge is assessed; and
- (b) The owner of the property for which the charge is assessed; and
- (c) Who resides on the property and considers it to be his principal residence; and

SCHEDULE "A" Cont'd

- (d) Who has not applied for a senior citizen waiver of water rates on any other property in the City of Port Coquitlam during the calendar year in which the charge is assessed; and
- (e) Who does not own any other property as defined in the Assessment Act; and
- (f) The property does not contain a suite; and
- (g) Whose total annual net income (line 236) does not exceed the threshold of \$25,923 per person if they are the sole occupier of the residence or the threshold of \$32,275, if more than one person occupies the residence;

Shall be considered persons in special circumstances where additional benefits are warranted and shall be entitled to a waiver of one half of the applicable annual rate for their principal residence levied under this Bylaw. In order to qualify for the senior citizen's waiver the owner of the parcel shall complete, sign and submit a declaration in the form attached as Schedule D to this Bylaw to the Manager of Revenue and Collections.

A copy of the 2018 Canada Revenue Agency Notice of Assessment MUST be included with the application for a sewer and water fee subsidy.

G. Disability Waiver:

Every owner and occupier of property who:

- (a) Designated as a person with disabilities, and receiving disability assistance, hardship assistance or a supplement, under the *BC Employment and Assistance for persons with Disabilities Act* or is a person with disabilities, or am the spouse or relative with disabilities, and the person with disabilities resides with the owner and the collector has been provided with the required Schedule C; and
- (b) The owner of the property for which the charge is assessed; and
- (c) Who resides on the property and considers it to be his principal residence; and
- (d) Who has not applied for a senior citizen waiver of water rates on any other property in the City of Port Coquitlam during the calendar year in which the charge is assessed; and
- (e) Who does not own any other property as defined in the Assessment Act; and
- (f) The property does not contain a suite; and
- (g) Whose total annual net income (line 236) does not exceed the threshold of \$25,923 per person if they are the sole occupier of the residence or the threshold of \$32,275, if more than one person occupies the residence;

Shall be considered persons in special circumstances where additional benefits are warranted and shall be entitled to a waiver of one half of the applicable annual rate for their principal residence levied under this Bylaw. In order to qualify for the senior citizen's waiver the owner of the parcel shall complete, sign and submit a declaration in the form attached as Schedule D to this Bylaw to the Manager of Revenue and Collections.

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SCHEDULE "D"

APPLICATION FOR A SEWER AND WATER USER FEE SUBSIDY.

I am the owner and occupier of _____ (address)

I am 65 years of age (or over): my date of birth is _____ or I am a designated as a person with disabilities, and receiving disability assistance, hardship assistance or a supplement, under the *BC Employment and Assistance for Persons with Disabilities Act* or is a person with disabilities, or am the spouse or relative with disabilities and the person with disabilities reside with the owner.

I live on the property and consider it to be my principal residence and the property does not contain a suite.

I do not own any other property as defined in the Assessment Act.

There are (including myself) _____ person(s) living at the above address. The following is my (our) 2018 income. All income must be shown below, including Pensions, Interest, rent etc.

My total annual net income does not exceed \$25,923 or our household annual net income does not exceed \$32,275.

I have not applied for a sewer or water user fee subsidy on any other property during this calendar year.

Source of Income

		Amount
1. Owner	Old Age Pension	_____
	Canada Pension	_____
	Guaranteed Income Supplement	_____
	Other Income	_____
2. Spouse and all other occupants of the household	Old Age Pension	_____
	Canada Pension	_____
	Guaranteed Income Supplement	_____
	Other Income	_____
Total Net Income(Line 236)		=====

I have attached a copy of my (our) 2018 Canada Revenue Agency Notice of Assessment(s)

I understand that I will be required to sign this form each year, as long as I remain eligible for this waiver. I agree to provide the collector with any documentation necessary to establish my eligibility for the waiver, including the 2018 Revenue Canada Notice of Assessment.

AND I MAKE THIS SOLEMN DECLARATION CONSCIENTIOUSLY BELIEVING IT TO BE TRUE, AND KNOWING THAT IT IS OF THE SAME FORCE AND EFFECT AS IF MADE UNDER OATH AND BY VIRTUE OF THE 'CANADA EVIDENCE ACT'.

Print Name _____ Signature of Registered Owner _____

Phone Number _____ Dated at Port Coquitlam, BC this _____ day of _____, 20____.

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN BEFORE DUE DATE TO AVOID PENALTIES.

The personal information on this form is collected under the authority of the Municipalities Enabling and Validating Act and will be used for the purpose of determining eligibility for a waiver as per Bylaw No. 3936. If you have any questions about the use and collection of this information, contact the Tax Collector at 604-927-5426.