

BYLAW NO. 23-05
VILLAGE OF GIROUXVILLE

A BYLAW OF THE VILLAGE OF GIROUXVILLE, IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF FEES OR RATES WITH RESPECT TO THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE SEWER AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM OF THE VILLAGE OF GIROUXVILLE AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE LEVYING AND COLLECTING OF SUCH RATES.

WHEREAS the Municipal Council of the Village of Girouxville deems it necessary to make provision for the levying and collection of certain rates or charges to meet the cost of maintenance and operating the sewer and sewage disposal system of the Village of Girouxville.

WHEREAS the *Municipal Government Act*, R.S.A. 2000, C. M-26; as amended, the Village has the authority to enact a Bylaw affecting and controlling public utilities, and

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the Village of Girouxville, in the Province of Alberta, duly assembled, enacts as follows:

1. THAT all occupants, owners or purchasers of premises serviced by a connection with the sewer and sewage disposal system of the Village of Girouxville shall be charged bi-monthly charges. The Sewer rates will be charged set as follows:
 - \$ 40.00 - General Rate
 - \$ 40.00 - Apartment (per unit)
 - \$ 80.00 - Garage with car wash
 - \$158.00 - Hotel with Restaurant
2. THAT the date and entry on the billing register shall be prima fascia evidence of the mailing of the sewer bill on the date shown.
3. THAT failure to receive a utility invoice is not considered sufficient reason for non-payment of the account.
4. THAT when a sewer line is discovered to be plugged, damaged or broken, the following will apply:
 - a) Pursuant to Section 35(2) of the *Municipal Government Act*, the municipality is responsible for the construction, maintenance and repair of the portion of the service connection from the main lines of the system or works to the boundary of the road or easement.
 - b) Pursuant to Section 38(2) of the *Municipal Government Act*, the owner of a parcel of land is responsible for the construction, maintenance and repair of a service connection of a municipal public utility located above, on or underneath the parcel.
 - c) If the plugged, damaged or broken sewer line is located on the municipal property, no charges will apply.
 - d) If it is determined that the plugged, damaged or broken sewer line is located on the owners parcel of land, the following charges will be applicable:
 - i) Minimum service call, up to one (1) hour during

regular municipal public works hours \$100.00 and \$50.00 per man hour thereafter.

- ii) Minimum service call, up to one (1) hour after regular municipal public works hours \$150.00 and \$75.00 per man hour thereafter.
- iii) Equipment charges.

5. THAT no trench either public or private in which has been laid any pipe leading to the main system shall be backfilled until the pipe or work has been tested and approved. The Village of Girouxville's Public Works Foreman shall be notified when the work is ready for inspection and such work shall be left uncovered until such time as it has been inspected.
6. THAT weeping tiles and similar accessories shall not discharge in sanitary sewer system. Connections to storm sewer systems shall be permitted only if storm sewer system is designed to handle weeping tile flow and only after the Village has reviewed and accepted the design.
7. AN interest charge of 1.5% per month shall be imposed on any utility accounts that remain unpaid after 30 days from the date of mailing of the account. Any unpaid sewer rates or charges provided under the Bylaw shall, when in default, constitute a lien upon the owner's property and shall be subject to the same penalties and collectable in the manner as taxes levied by the Village.
8. THAT this bylaw shall take effect on the date of the final passing thereof.
9. THAT Bylaw No. 19-02 is hereby repealed.

READ a First Time this 13th day of December, 2023.

READ a Second Time this 13th day of December, 2023.

READ a Third and Finally passed this 13th Day of December, 2023

 MAYOR 

 MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR

