

BYLAW NO. 827

A BYLAW OF THE TOWN OF DAVIDSON FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF WATER AND WASTEWATER SERVICES

The Council of the Town of Davidson, in the Province of Saskatchewan, enacts as follows:

1. This Bylaw may be cited as the Water and Wastewater Administration Bylaw.
2. Definitions:
 - a. **Authorized Person** means a municipal employee, person or contractor under the authority of the Town of Davidson.
 - b. **Customer** means the owner, tenant, or occupant who occupies a premise and makes application for water and wastewater utility services, and for whom a utility account is established.
 - c. **Municipality** means the Town of Davidson, in the Province of Saskatchewan.
 - d. **Premises** means a building or structure or any part thereof which is connected to utility services, and which has a separate metered water supply. Where a parcel of land or a building contains one or more portions or units which are or may be occupied separately and are each connected to a water and/or sanitary sewer main, then each portion shall be a premises.
 - e. **Property Owner** means the assessed property owner or authorized representative thereof, as contained in the records of the Town.
 - f. **Town** means the Town of Davidson, in the Province of Saskatchewan.
 - g. **Sanitary Sewer Main** means the sewer line running parallel to the street.
 - h. **Sanitary Sewer Service Connection Line** means the sewer pipes which connect the sewer main to the inside of the premises supplied with the sewer utility service, including the sewer saddle.
 - i. **Water Main** means the water line running parallel to the street.
 - j. **Water Service Connection Line** means the water pipes which connect the sewer main to the inside of the premises supplied with the water utility service.

Service Connections:

3. All buildings or premises shall be connected to the Municipality's waterworks and sanitary sewer system, provided there is reasonable access to water and sewer mains, except as otherwise provided by this Bylaw.
4. Every person who requires water and sewer services to a property shall make application for connection to the Municipality's waterworks system.
5. All applications for connections to the municipal system must be made in writing. The application must be filed at the Town Office and must be signed by the property owner or authorized agent.

6. Rental Property:
 - a. All utility accounts shall be in the name of the property owner, and the property owner shall be responsible for any meter deposit fee, connect or disconnect fee.
 - b. Upon the property owner's request, the utility bill may be sent to the renter, with a copy sent to the owner.
 - c. The property owner will be responsible for any outstanding accounts, and any balance owing may be added to and thereby form part of the taxes on the land or buildings of the owner with respect to which the water and sewer service was provided, according to this Bylaw and Section 369 of *The Municipalities Act*.
7. The cost of the installation of lines from a pre-existing service or from the water and/or sewer mains to the premises shall be borne by the property owner. The Town will cover the cost of pavement and sidewalk repair due to sanitary sewer service connection line installation or replacement once the ground has been adequately compacted and settled.
8. The installation of a service connection will be at a location authorized by the Municipality. Any new connection must be to the current municipal standard.
9. The property owner shall provide a place in the premises for the installation of a water meter, which shall be acceptable to the Municipality, and shall provide for wiring to an outside reader.
10. Only one (1) connection is permitted for each property unless approved by the Municipality. At the discretion of the Municipality, common or individual metering and shutoffs may be required for multi-unit buildings.
11. Where an applicant for a water services requires a quantity or type of service greater than which can be supplied from the existing works, the Municipality may require the said applicant to pay for all or part of any works considered necessary to increase system capacity to meet the water requirements.
12. A water service shall not be activated to a property until all fees have been paid in full, a water meter has been installed on the property and has been inspected by the Municipality and found to be in compliance with this Bylaw.
13. Water and sewer line ownership is defined as follows:
 - a. The Municipality owns the water and sewer mains
 - b. The property owner owns the water service connections from their property line to their building
 - c. The property owner owns the sewer service connections from the main to the building
 - d. The municipality owns the water line from the main to the property line, as well as the curb stop and water meter.
14. Every property owner connecting their premises to the waterworks system shall install a valve in the line before the meter to allow for shutting off the water to the premises.
15. *The Plumbing Regulations* shall apply to and govern all plumbing and drainage within the Municipality.

Waterworks System:

16. No person other than an Authorized Person shall open, close or interfere with any hydrant, valve or curb stop connected with the water works system, and no person shall in any way interfere with any curb stop, pipe or other waterworks appliance outside of their premises, nor

- shall they interfere with any water meter, whether inside or outside of their premises.
17. The Municipality does not guarantee a specific pressure or a continuous supply of water quality to meet the special requirements of individual users.
 18. No person shall attach any pipe or line to the water service line before the water meter.
 19. No person shall introduce into the waterworks system any harmful matter, substance or thing, whether liquid or solid, that would be injurious to health, life, or property or that may injure, pollute, or damage any stream, water course, storm drain, sewage system, water system, and/or the water treatment plant.
 20. The Municipality shall have the right to shut off the water to any customer without notice for the purpose of making repairs to the mains, meters or service lines or for connecting or constructing extensions or new work or any other work, and to keep it shut off as long as may be necessary to enable work to be completed. Whenever possible, affected consumers shall be notified by the Municipality in advance.
 21. The Municipality or its employees shall not be liable for any damages resulting from the discontinuance of waterworks supply, whether from natural causes or accident, with or without notice, to any building, boiler, or factory deriving its supply from the waterworks system.
 22. No person shall willfully or maliciously discharge water so that it is wasted.
 23. No person drawing water from a hydrant or a bulk water loader shall use a container or tank that is contaminated with any chemical harmful to animal or plant life, nor shall there be containers with chemicals harmful to any animal or plant life stored or transported on the vehicle hauling or trailer holding the water container or tank.
 24. No person shall construct or dig a well on any property which can be serviced from the municipal waterworks system or abuts on a water main.

Works on Private Property:

25. No person to whose premises water is supplied shall make, or permit to be made, any additional connection to his service of either temporary or permanent nature, for the purpose of supplying water to another building, or mobile home on their, or any other property without permission of the Municipality.
26. No person shall interconnect any portion of works on private property which are supplied by the Municipality with an external source of water.
27. The property owner shall be responsible for the safekeeping, maintenance, repair and replacement of all service pipes and plumbing systems from the property line from water service lines, and to the main for sewer service lines, and shall protect them from frost or other damage, and shall promptly repair frozen, leaky, or imperfect pipes or fixtures.

Meter Location:

28. Every person who wishes to receive a supply of water from the waterworks system shall have a water meter installed on their property in compliance with the provisions of this Bylaw.

29. Every water meter shall be installed by the Municipality or qualified contractor retained by the owner of the parcel and approved by the Municipality.
30. Standard 3/4" or 5/8" meters will be supplied and paid for by the Municipality. Larger meters will be supplied by the Municipality and charged to the property owner.
31. The water meter shall be located in the building as close as possible to the entrance point of the water connection into the building and before any appliance, unless otherwise approved by the Municipality.
32. If any breakage, stoppage, or other irregularity in a water meter is observed by the customer, the customer shall notify the Municipality immediately.
33. No person shall remove or in any way disturb a water meter except under the direction of the Municipality.
34. The customer shall provide adequate protection for the water meter against freezing, heat, and other severe conditions which might damage the meter. Where a customer permits a water meter to freeze and damage to the meter results, the repairs or replacement shall be made by the Municipality and the cost of the replacement and/or of materials and labour shall be billed to the customer. Where damage to the meter results from tampering, any repairs including materials, labour, and/or replacement shall be at the cost of the consumer. If a water meter installed on a property is destroyed, lost or damaged in any way, the owner shall repair or replace the water meter at their cost.
35. A consumer must, at all reasonable times, provide adequate, convenient, and unobstructed access to the Municipality for inspecting and reading the water meter.

Water Use:

36. No customer shall convey, sell, dispose of, give away, permit to be carried or taken away, or supply water for the use or benefit of others.
37. The Municipality shall have the right to restrict the use of water, or to limit the hours for using same, should circumstances warrant such action.

Connection and Disconnection:

38. The Municipality may order the water supply to be discontinued without notice for violation of any of the provisions of this Bylaw or any other bylaw or policy regulating rates charged for water and/or sewer services including the non-payment of rates, fees or charges when due, for refusing to provide for the proper installation of a meter or backflow device, for failure to maintain the water service and private system in good condition without any leaks, or for a failed backflow assembly.
39. Customers who request to have their water service connected or disconnected shall give the Municipality at least one (1) business days' notice, unless in the event of an emergency; the conditions and regulations and fees to be charged shall be regulated by any other bylaw or policy of the Municipality.
40. No connections will be done after 4 p.m. on Monday to Friday or on weekends or holidays.
41. No disconnections will be done after 4 p.m. on Monday to Friday, or on weekends or holidays, except in the case of an emergency.

42. Service will be connected or disconnected by an Authorized Person only if the customer is present to check for leaks or open taps.
43. No person shall turn on water to any premises or open any valve on Town property, except under the authority of the municipality.
44. No person shall make any connection whatsoever with any of the public or private pipes or mains, except under the authority of the municipality.
45. No person, except the Public Works Department personnel or member of the Fire Department in the course of their duties, shall open, close, or interfere with any hydrant, gate or valve connection, the water main, nor with any water meter.

Sanitary Sewer:

46. Only one (1) connection is permitted for each property unless approved by the Municipality. At the discretion of the Municipality, a duplex or semi-detached dwelling may have a separate sewer service line from each unit to the main.
47. No owner will make or cause to be made any connection with any municipal sewer or house drain for the purpose of conveying into the same, storm water from roof drainage, cistern, sump pump or tank overflow.
48. For new construction requiring plumbing inspections, no person shall drain runoff water and/or ground water into the sanitary sewer system.
49. Only an Authorized Person will turn, lift, remove, raise or tamper with the cover of any manhole, ventilator or other accessory of any municipal sewer.
50. Only an Authorized Person will cut, break, pierce, or tap any municipal sewer or introduce any pipe, conduit or tube through or into any municipal sewer.
51. All premises to be connected to the sanitary sewer system shall meet the requirements of *The Plumbing Regulations* and from the date of this Bylaw shall install a backflow prevention valve, in accordance with *The Public Health Act*, to mitigate sewer back-up.
52. The Municipality shall not be liable for damage due to back-up of sewage. It shall be the responsibility of the owner to install backflow prevention valves and floor drain covers and it is the owner's responsibility to ensure proper use and operation of these devices.
53. Every owner or customer that makes a claim or demand, takes any action or alleges that they have a cause of action, claim or demand against the Municipality for or by reason of loss or whatsoever kind or nature arising out of any incident of sewer back-up and/or flooding shall install a backflow prevention valve on the premises at the cost of the owner or customer.
54. No person shall discharge into any drain, sewer or sewage system operated by the Municipality a harmful matter, substance or thing, whether liquid or solid, that would be injurious to health, life or property or that would injure, pollute or damage any street, watercourse, drain, sewer, sewage system or sewer treatment facility.
55. Every owner or operator of a restaurant or other commercial, industrial and institutional premises where food is cooked, processed or prepared, for which the premises is connected to the sanitary sewer system shall take all necessary measures, including procuring and utilizing a grease trap or interceptor to ensure that oil and grease are prevented from entering the sanitary sewer system as required by this Bylaw or *The Plumbing Regulations*.

56. Where the sanitary sewage collection system is not available to a property, the disposal system shall be connected to a private sewage disposal system complying with *The Public Health Act*. The owner shall operate and maintain the private system in a sanitary manner at all times at no expense to the Municipality.
57. The property owner shall be responsible for, and all costs relating to, the maintenance, repair, and replacement of the sanitary sewer service connection line from the sewer main, including the sewer saddle, to the premises.
58. In the event of a blocked sanitary sewer service connection line the property owner is responsible for obtaining the services of a private sewer cleaning service and pay for such sewer service.

Right of Access:

59. After making reasonable efforts to notify the owner or occupant of a property, or in an emergency, the Municipality is entitled to free access at all times to all or part of the property to which the waterworks system is connected for the purpose of inspecting any water meter or service connection, and/or constructing, maintaining or repairing any water service connection.
60. After making reasonable efforts to notify the owner or occupant of a property, or in an emergency, the Municipality is entitled to free access at all times to all or part of the property to which the sanitary sewer system is connected for the purpose of inspecting any sewer service connection, and/or constructing, maintaining or repairing any sewer service connection.
61. No person shall obstruct or prevent the Municipality from carrying out any of the provisions of this Bylaw.

Meter Deposit Fee:

62. Every customer wanting to receive water service shall deposit with the Town a \$100 fee per each meter. The person who paid the said Water Meter Deposit shall be entitled to a refund of the Water Meter Deposit when service is discontinued, less any outstanding amounts due at the time of discontinuing service. If the customer is a renter, the deposit shall be paid by the property owner.

Connection/Disconnection Fee:

63. A \$100 connection fee and \$100 disconnect fee shall be paid to the Municipality each time a customer wants to be supplied with, and/or disconnected from, water from the municipal system.
64. The fees in Section 63 do not apply to new construction-

Billing:

65. Accounts for water service and/or sewer service shall cover a period of three consecutive months and shall be paid within 30 days of billing date.
66. All unpaid fees and/or costs incurred under this Bylaw may either be applied to the account that the service was provided or the service may be disconnected.
67. If an account is not paid within the said 30 days, the water service may be disconnected and not be reconnected until all arrears have

been paid together with a reconnection fee as set out in the Water-Sewer Rate Bylaw.

68. Any rates or charges that remain unpaid 90 days after the billing date may be added to and thereby form part of the taxes on the land or building(s) with respect to which the service was provided, according to section 369 of *The Municipalities Act*.

Penalties:

69. The Municipality may turn off the supply of water to any person in default of the requirements of this or any other bylaw or policy regulating water rates or services. The person in default will be required to follow the procedures in place under this or any other bylaw or policy regulating water service and accounts before any water service may be restored.
70. It shall be unlawful for any person whose water has been turned off pursuant to this section, to turn such water on again, or to take any water from the waterworks system until such time as the Municipality authorizes the service to be restored.
71. Any person who contravenes Sections 11 and 53 of this Bylaw shall have service discontinued and a fine of \$2,000 for an individual or \$5,000 for a corporation shall be imposed.
72. Any person who contravenes any provision of this bylaw for which no other penalty is provided shall be guilty of an offense and liable upon summary conviction to penalties provided under the General Penalty Bylaw of the Municipality.
73. Conviction of a person for breach of any provision of this Bylaw does not relieve that person from compliance with the Bylaw.

Repeal of Former Bylaws:

74. Bylaw No. 811 is hereby repealed.

Coming into Force:

75. This Bylaw shall come into force and take effect on the date of final reading thereof.

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Mayor

Administrator

Certified a true copy of Bylaw 827
Adopted by the Council of the Town of
Davidson on the 10th day of February, 2026

Administrator