

# **TOWN OF RAINBOW LAKE**

## **BYLAW NO. 99-05**

### **A BYLAW OF THE TOWN OF RAINBOW LAKE TO ALLOW FOR THE COLLECTION OF PENALTIES ON UTILITY BILLS FROM THE TOWN OF RAINBOW LAKE.**

**WHEREAS**, the Municipal Government Act, being Chapter M-26.1 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta, 1994 and amendments thereto, provides for the levying of fees and penalties;

**NOW THEREFORE** the Council of the Town of Rainbow Lake, in the Province of Alberta, duly assembled, enacts as follows:

#### **SHORT TITLE**

1. This Bylaw may be cited as the “Utility Penalty Bylaw”.

#### **DEFINITIONS**

2. In this bylaw, unless the context otherwise requires,
  - A) “**ACT**” means the Municipal Government Act, Revised Statutes of Alberta, 1994 and amendments thereto;
  - B) “**COUNCIL**” means the Council of the Town of Rainbow Lake, elected pursuant to the Local Authorities Election Act, Revised Statutes of Alberta;
  - C) “**MINISTER**” means the Minister of the Department of Alberta Municipal Affairs;
  - D) “**TOWN**” means the Town of Rainbow Lake, a Municipal Corporation in the Province of Alberta;
  - E) “**UTILITY**” means all public utilities provided by the Town and the Cable Committee including, but not limited to, natural gas, water, sewer, garbage, and Cable TV;

Any terms not defined within this bylaw shall be as defined by the Municipal Government Act.

#### **APPLICATION**

- 3.. This By-Law applies to all users of the Town’s utilities.

**PENALTY APPLICATION:**

4. All fees levied by the Town for Town utilities are due and payable on the date of invoice.
5. In the event that such utility bill remains unpaid 20 days following the date on which the utility bill was due and payable, there shall be added thereto by way of a penalty, an amount which shall be 2.5% of the then unpaid current utility bill. The said penalty shall be added to and form part of the unpaid utility bill.
6. In the event that such utility bill remains unpaid beyond the initial period noted in section 5, there shall be added to the bill by way of penalty an additional amount of 3.75% after every additional 30 days in which the bill remains unpaid. All such penalties shall be added to and form part of the unpaid utility bill.

**DISCONNECTION**

7. All utility bills remaining unpaid 60 days after the due date shall result in the notice to the consumer allowing 15 days for payment of the said invoice to avoid disconnection the said utility.
8. All utility bills remaining unpaid 75 days after the due date shall be subject to immediate disconnection without further notice to the consumer.

**AMENDMENTS**

9. All previous bylaws of the Town with respect to the levying of penalties and/or with respect to the collection of utility bills and the disconnection of services are hereby amended by this bylaw.

**DATE OF COMMENCEMET**

8. This bylaw shall come into full force and effect on July 1, 1999.

**READ A FIRST TIME** this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1999.

**READ A SECOND TIME** this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1999.

**READ A THIRD TIME AND FINALLY PASSED** this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1999.

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Mayor

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Town Manager