

## BYLAW NO. 3210

**CONSOLIDATION OF A BYLAW OF THE CITY OF MEDICINE HAT** to impose a penalty on utility arrears.

THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE CITY, DULY ASSEMBLED, ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. This bylaw may be cited as the Utilities Penalty Bylaw.
2. In this Bylaw,
  - (a) "City" means the City of Medicine Hat;
  - (b) "due date" means the date that is 7 days after the Statement Date shown on the utility bill;
  - (c) "penalty date" means the date shown on a utility bill as the penalty date, which shall be not less than 16 days from the due date; and
  - (d) "utility bill" means a bill, invoice or statement of account for fees, rates, charges or other amounts payable to the City pursuant to the following bylaws or bylaws amending or replacing the following bylaws:
    - (i) Bylaw No. 2489, the Gas Utility Bylaw;
    - (ii) Bylaw No. 2244, the Electric Utility Bylaw;
    - (iii) Bylaw No. 2379, the Water Service Bylaw;
    - (iv) Bylaw No. 1805, the Waste Bylaw; and
    - (v) Bylaw No. 1541, the Sewer Bylaw.
3. A Utility bill is due and payable to the City on the due date.
4. If payment of a utility bill is not received by the City on or before the penalty date, the person responsible for payment of the utility bill shall pay, in addition to the amount of the utility bill, a penalty in the amount of two-point-five six per cent (2.56%) of the amount remaining unpaid for the current billing period.
5. Section 22 of Bylaw No. 2489, the Gas Utility Bylaw, is amended by deleting the sentence and substituting the following:

"Utility bills for amounts payable to the City under this Bylaw

  - (i) are payable, and
  - (ii) subject to penalties,

in accordance with the provisions of Bylaw No. 3210, the Utilities Penalty Bylaw."

Amended by:  
Bylaw 3722  
May 16, 2006

Amended by:  
Bylaw 4644  
Nov 3, 2020

6. Bylaw No. 2244, the Electric Utility Bylaw, is amended as follows:
  - (a) Subsection 22(1) is amended to read as follows:

“The rates and charges for electrical energy provided by the Electric Utility

    - (a) are set out in Schedules “A” and “B”, and
    - (b) are payable in accordance with the provisions of Bylaw No. 3210, the Utilities Penalty Bylaw.”
  - (b) The following portion of Section 26:

“Any person supplied with any service by the Electric Utility who fails to pay the account within the thirty days after the account is rendered shall pay a penalty per month on the amount of the utility arrears until the same is paid,”

is amended to read as follow:

“Unpaid utility bills for amounts payable to the City under this Bylaw shall be subject to penalties in accordance with Bylaw No. 3210, the Utilities Penalty Bylaw,”.
7. Section 40 of Bylaw No. 2379, the Water Service Bylaw, is amended by deleting “the City’s Utilities Penalty Bylaw being Bylaw No. 1438, as amended” and substituting “Bylaw No. 3210, the Utilities Penalty Bylaw”.
8. Bylaw No. 1438, as amended, is repealed, with the exception of subsection 2(b), as amended.
9. This Bylaw comes into force at the beginning of the day it is passed.

**READ A FIRST TIME** in open Council on February 1, 1999.

**READ A SECOND TIME** in open Council on February 16, 1999.

**READ A THIRD TIME** in open Council on February 16, 1999.

**SIGNED AND PASSED** on February 17, 1999.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that this is a true and correct copy of Bylaw No. 3210 consolidated pursuant to Section 69 of the *Municipal Government Act* to incorporate all subsequent amendments thereto, printed under the authority vested in me by the said Section 69 and by the City of Medicine Hat Bylaw No. 1957.

CERTIFIED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

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ANGELA CRUICKSHANK  
MUNICIPAL SECRETARY AND CITY CLERK  
CITY OF MEDICINE HAT