

### The Corporation of The Township of King

#### By-Law Number 2024-092

# A BY-LAW TO ESTABLISH WATER AND WASTEWATER SYSTEM 2025 RATES AND CHARGES THROUGHOUT THE TOWNSHIP OF KING

**WHEREAS** Section 391(1) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, provides that a local municipality may pass by-laws imposing fees or charges on any class of persons for services or activities provided or done by or on behalf of it;

**AND WHEREAS** public notice has been given with respect to the proposed rates and charges;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Township of King HEREBY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

- **1. THAT** Council has adopted full life cycle costs for the replacement of water and wastewater infrastructure subject to the requirements of the *Water Opportunities Act*;
- 2. THAT the water meters shall be read, and the water and wastewater rates and charges shall be billed on the basis of water consumption bi-monthly, and that all water passing through the water meter shall be billed, whether knowingly used or not:
- 3. THAT the rates and charges for the distribution of municipal water to any residential or non-residential unit, and the rates and charges for collection and transmission of wastewater for any residential or non-residential unit in the wastewater service area connected to or that should be connected to the sanitary sewer system, shall be as shown on Schedule "A" attached hereto and Schedule "A" shall form part of this Bylaw. For clarity, if the sanitary sewer system has been made available to a property, the Base Maintenance Charge and the Variable Rate will be applied to bill, regardless of connection in accordance with the relevant By-laws Authorizing a Mandatory Requirement to Connect to the Sanitary Sewer System by Benefitting Owners(s), and the Imposition of a Capital Charge Based on the Number of Residential Equivalent Units (RE) per Household.
- 4. THAT the Bulk Metered rates for as shown on Schedule "A" attached hereto, shall apply to the supply of municipal water to licensed commercial vendors
- 5. THAT the Flat Rate as shown on Schedule "A" attached hereto, shall be used In the event that the consumption of municipal water cannot be determined because of tampering or disconnecting of the meter or meter register by any person, and in addition to any other action that the Township of King may take, the calculation of the bill for the supply of municipal water and the collection and transmission of wastewater service shall be based on the annual Flat Rate as shown on Schedule "A" attached hereto.

- 6. THAT In the event that the consumption of municipal supplied water cannot be determined by reason of a manufacturer's fault in the meter or a mechanical or electrical failure of the meter register, calculation of the bill for the distribution of municipal water and collection and transmission of wastewater services shall be based on the average consumption of the previous three bills for the same billing period, previous year's consumption or previous billing cycle's consumption, whichever is readily available. If a previous billing has not occurred, then the Flat Rate as shown on Schedule "A" to this By-law shall apply. If after one billing cycle where the consumption cannot be determined and there has been no attempt by the property owner to arrange for a service call to have the meter fixed, the Flat Rate as shown in Schedule "A" shall apply. Once the meter has been fixed, staff will use the actual consumption data to adjust the bill immediately preceding the service call.
- 7. THAT the owner or occupant shall provide ready and convenient access to any Meter installed for purpose of Township's representative to read and examine the Meter.
- 8. THAT the owner or occupant or their agent, shall notify the Township of King in writing the occupancy date, in a timely manner in order to have the water/wastewater account created for billing.
- 9. (a) That a penalty of FIVE percent (5%) of the gross bill for the distribution of municipal water/wastewater service shall be added in the event of the failure to pay water/wastewater rates or charges as and when they become due and that the gross amount plus penalty shall be shown on the bill.
  - (b) Payment of bills for the distribution of municipal water and transmission of wastewater shall be the responsibility of the owner of the premises. In the event of failure to pay water/wastewater rates or charges as and when they become due, any amount remaining uncollected after the due date of each bi-monthly billing may be added to the Tax Roll and collected in the same manner as municipal property taxes.
  - (c) To accommodate residents for payments, property owners can spread their payment over a 2-month period with no interest. The property owner must contact the Township Treasury department to make the formal request prior to the due date. The billing for that period can then be split over 2 equal payments with no interest prior to the next due date.
- **10. THAT** in the case of a proven water leak or meter malfunction, an adjustment to the most recent bill may be made provided:
  - a) The property owner made best efforts to follow up with the Township
  - b) The property owner must provide proof of the repair to the equipment in the household that was a direct relation to the water leak or meter
  - c) Township staff see the reduction in consumption following the repair
  - d) The adjustment is only for the bi-monthly billing (2 months) effected as the property owner must show that they made best efforts to correct the problem in a timely basis

- e) The adjustment cannot go back prior bi-monthly billing or prior years
- f) The property owner will be compensated in being charged the Tier 1 rate as approved in the Water and Wastewater Rate By-law
- 11. THAT the cost of maintaining the municipal portion of the water services and related repairs shall be the responsibility of the Township of King.
- **12. THAT** the cost of maintaining the private portion of the water services and related repairs shall be the responsibility of the owner.
- 13. THAT any premises for which an application is made for the distribution of municipal water shall include payments for the supply and installation of a water meter and MXU device that are required to read the water meter;
  - (a) A deposit, in addition to the supply and installation of a water meter and MXU device, may be required to be paid to the Township of King by the owner of the premises at the time of application for the supply of municipal water to ensure that the required water meter and MXU device are installed and that adequate provision is made during the installation of the plumbing in the premises to accommodate the installation of the water meter and the MXU device. The deposit shall be refundable upon completion of the installation of the water meter and MXU device less any costs incurred by the Township of King by reason of the owner failing to ensure adequate accommodation for the water meter and MXU device.
- 14. THAT the Township of King shall determine the size of the pipes and fittings to be connected to a watermain but no service shall be less than the diameter required by the Ontario Building Code.
- **15. THAT** all meters shall be furnished by the Township of King and remain the property of the Township of King.
- 16. THAT the Township of King will create a Tenant billing account if the Tenant Application for Water and Sewer Service Form signed by the Owner and Tenant is returned to the Township of King; and the occupant will be billed directly for the convenience of the owner. The owner assumes full responsibility for all charges applied to the Tenant billing account in the event that the occupant fails to pay.
- 17. THAT this By-law shall be reviewed in conjunction with the next scheduled review of wholesale water and wastewater rates set by the Regional Municipality of York or as otherwise directed by the Council of the Township of King;
- 18. THAT By-law Number 2023-084 is hereby repealed; and
- **19. THAT** this By-law shall be deemed to have come into force and effect on the 1st day of January 2025.

**READ** a **FIRST** and **SECOND** time this 12th day of November 2024.

READ a THIRD time and FINALLY PASSED this 12th day of November 2024.

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Steve Pellegrini Mayor

Denny Timm Township Clerk

(Ref.: Public Works and Finance Dept. Joint Report No. JR-2024-003, C.O.W. Nov.12/24)



# SCHEDULE "A" TO BY-LAW NUMBER 2024-092

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	2024 Bi-	2025 Proposed	2024 Bi-	2025 Proposed		
Supply Size	Monthly Base	Bi-Monthly	Monthly Base	Bi-Monthly Base		
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System Base Maintenance Charge per Billing Cycle			5			
<1.5"	\$46.49	\$46.49	\$69.17	\$69.17		
2"	\$129.52	\$129.52	\$184.99	\$184.99		
>3" - 5"	\$298.49	\$298.49	\$294.17	\$294.17		
>6	\$579.33	\$579.33	\$633.33	\$633.33		

## 2025 Combined Fixed Base Charge Bi-Monthly

Supply Size	2024 Bi-Monthly			
<1.5"	\$ 115.67	\$	115.67	
2"	\$ 314.51	\$	314.51	
>3" - 5"	\$ 592.66	\$	592.66	
>6	\$ 1,212.66	\$	1,212.66	

	Water				Wastewater			
Water Consumption per cubic meter (m3)		2024		2025		2024		2025
Tier 1: up to 49 m3	\$	2.11	\$	2.24		N/A		N/A
Tier 2: 50 to 70 m3		3.65		3.87		N/A		N/A
Tier 3: over 71 m3		4.74		5.03		N/A		N/A
Wastewater Consumption per cubic meter (m3) Flat Rate per billing cycle 6 Billings Per Year Units (non-metered service)	\$	N/A 421.91	\$	N/A 448.28	\$	2.60 573.32	\$	2.63 579.05
Bulk Metered Rate per cubic meter (m3)								
bulk water service providers	\$	3.68	\$	3.91		N/A		N/A

Combined Rate Water and Wastewater Variable Rate		2024	2025		
Tier 1: up to 49 m3	\$	4.71	\$	4.87	
Tier 2: 50 to 70 m3	\$	6.25	\$	6.50	
Tier 3: over 71 m3	\$	7.33	\$	7.66	