



BYLAW NO. 09/16

A BYLAW OF THE TOWN OF ABERDEEN ENACTED FOR THE PURPOSE OF AUTHORIZING THE REPLACEMENT OR INSTALLATION OF WATER METERS FOR EACH WATER UTILITY ACCOUNT HOLDER HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE "WATER METERING BYLAW".

WHEREAS Section 8 of the *Municipalities Act*, authorizes the Council of the Town of Aberdeen to pass bylaws for municipal purposes respecting public utilities and services provided by or on behalf of the municipality; and

WHEREAS the Town of Aberdeen provides a potable water supply distribution system, and a sewage collection and treatment system and deems it necessary to install or replace water meters for all water utility account holders in order to promote water conservation and collect accurate revenues.

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Town of Aberdeen **ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:**

1. The provisions of the Bylaw shall apply to any property obtaining water from the water supply distribution system operated by the Town of Aberdeen.
2. Each property obtaining water from the water supply distribution system operated by the Town of Aberdeen must be equipped with:
 - a. an operational, interior shut-off valve;
 - b. a water meter for the purpose of transmitting a read.
3. All water meters must be installed in an approved location and be readily accessible to authorized representatives of the Town of Aberdeen for the purpose of verifying, inspecting, repairing or replacing the meter.
 - a) The cost of the water meter shall be at the expense of the Town of Aberdeen. A qualified person (licensed certified plumber) shall carry out the water meter installation at the expense of the property owner and each installation shall be subject to inspection by the Town of Aberdeen Public Works. Should an installation prove to be inadequate upon inspection, the property owner shall alter the installation to the satisfaction of the Town of Aberdeen and at the expense of the property owner.
 - b) The Town of Aberdeen accepts no financial responsibility or liability for damages incurred to private property while accessing or attempting to access the water meter for inspection or replacement.
 - c) Owners of property obtaining water from the water distribution system operated by the Town of Aberdeen must allow the Town of Aberdeen or its authorized representative to

install a compliant water meter on the owner's property and the Town of Aberdeen or its authorized representative shall have the right to enter upon the owner's property at periodic intervals for the purpose of verification, inspection, removal, repair, or replacement of said meter.

- d) The property owner shall be responsible for the cost of any additional plumbing requirements beyond the initial meter installation or replacement, such as cut-ins, modifications, or relocations. Should the Town of Aberdeen be able to accommodate these requirements as part of the overall project, the cost may be added to the property owner's utility bill over a six-month period, upon execution of an agreement to that effect.
4. The Town of Aberdeen assumes no responsibility for the maintenance, replacement and repairs of any water infrastructure located inside the property owner's property line, with the exception of water meter change outs as initiated from time to time by the Town of Aberdeen in its sole discretion. The use of a certified plumber is recommended.
5. Mobile Home owners must exercise additional precautions to protect the water meter from damage, including but not limited to the installation and activation of heat tape on the water lines and on the meter; and the enclosure of the water lines and the meter with insulated skirting, otherwise meters must be relocated to an approved main floor location readily accessible to authorized representatives of the Town of Aberdeen. Supplies, labour costs for replacement of water meters due to broken frost plates, other preventable damage, as well as re-location are the responsibility of the property owner.
6. Water meters shall at all times remain the property of the Town of Aberdeen and shall not be tampered with or interfered with at any time by the property owner or the user. Any damage to the said meter shall be paid for by the property owner or the user. Any damage to the said meter shall be paid for by the property owner, on the basis of cost of parts required plus labor charge of **\$50.00** per hour, per person with a minimum charge of one hour.
7. No person other than the Public Works Operators or their duly authorized agent shall turn off or turn on, or attempt to turn off or turn on, the water supply from the Town of Aberdeen water distribution system to the property or attempt to do so. Every person who contravenes this section of this bylaw is guilty of an offence and upon issuance of an offence ticket shall pay a penalty of **\$250.00**.
8. No person shall intentionally alter a meter placed on any service pipe or connected with it inside or outside any house, building or other place so as to lessen or alter the amount of water registered by it, unless specifically authorized by the Town of Aberdeen. Every person who contravenes this section of this Bylaw is guilty of an offence and upon the issuance of an offence ticket shall pay a penalty of **\$250.00**.
9. The charges for a municipal utility service provided to a parcel of land are an amount owing to the municipality by the owner of the parcel. If nonpayment occurs the amount owing will be applied to the Tax Roll for the parcel and collected as taxes.

10. That all renters of residential properties be charged a \$300 meter deposit, and all renters of commercial properties be charged a \$1,000 meter deposit, which shall be returned when the renter vacates the property and all outstanding amounts owing have been paid.

11. This Bylaw shall come into force and take effect upon approval of Council.

Read a first time this 19 day of July, 2016

Read a second time this 19 day of July, 2016

Read a third time and adopted, this 19 day of July, 2016





Mayor



Chief Administrative Officer

Certified a true copy of Bylaw 09/16
passed by resolution of Council July 19, 2016



Administrator