

**PRICE: \$3.00**



***CITY OF TERRACE***

***CONSOLIDATED FOR CONVENIENCE***

***"TERRACE SEWER CONNECTION AND RATES  
BYLAW #1327-1993"***

***(AND AMENDMENTS THERETO UP TO***

***BYLAW #1878-2007)***

***CONSOLIDATED FOR CONVENIENCE***

*All persons making use of this consolidated version of City of Terrace Bylaw No. 1327-1993 are advised that it has no legislative sanction; that the amendments have been embodied for convenience of reference only and that the original bylaw must be consulted for all purposes of interpreting and applying the law.*

*Subsections or sections of the original bylaw and/or amendments which have been repealed have not been included in this consolidation.*

**CITY OF TERRACE**  
**CONSOLIDATED FOR CONVENIENCE**  
**BYLAW NO. 1327-1993/1482-1996/1584-1997/**  
**1633-1998/1693-2000/1710-2000/1856-2006/1878-2007**

**"A BYLAW OF THE CITY OF TERRACE TO REGULATE CONNECTIONS TO THE SEWER SYSTEMS OF THE CITY AND TO IMPOSE SERVICE INSTALLATION RATES AND MONTHLY RENTAL RATES."**

**WHEREAS** Section 612 of the Municipal Act of the Province of British Columbia, provides that Council may, by Bylaw, impose charges upon owners of real property to defray the cost of laying connecting pipes, control the conditions of connection, regulate the discharge as to quantity and quality, and impose charges for the use of the sewage system.

**NOW THEREFORE** the Council of the City of Terrace in open meeting assembled hereby enacts as follows:

1. **DEFINITIONS**

*For the purpose of this Bylaw:*

**Administration Charge**

*Shall mean the administration charge as outlined in City Policy #66.*

**Building Sewer**

*Shall mean the sewer pipe extending from the property line of the property concerned to a point within 1 metre (approx. 3 feet) of the building situated thereon.*

**City**

*Shall mean the Corporation of the City of Terrace.*

**Connection**

*Shall mean the act of connecting the building sewer to the sewer lateral.*

**Director of Engineering**

*Shall mean the person appointed by Council from time to time as the Director of Engineering of the City and shall include such person's duly appointed deputy or assistant.*

*Documentation and Inspection*

*Shall mean field inspections and preparation of all utility drawings and records.*

*Sanitary Sewer*

*Shall mean any sewer main being a part of the City's sewer system.*

*Sewer Lateral*

*Shall mean the sewer pipe extending from the sanitary sewer main to the property line of the property being served or proposed to be served.*

***OWNER'S RESPONSIBILITY***

2. *If a parcel of land, upon which there is situated a building occupied by one or more persons, abuts a street, lane, or other public right-of-way, upon or under which there is laid a sanitary sewer main; upon notification from the City, the owner or agent of such property shall cause to be connected the said building to the sanitary sewer main in the manner provided by this Bylaw or any other pertinent Bylaw of the City.*
  
3. (a) *Before any sewer connection is made, the owner or the authorized agent of the owner shall:*
  - (1) *Complete and sign an application for sewer service form supplied by the City.*
  - (2) *Pay to the Collector of the City a sewer service fee in the amount specified in Schedule "A" Fees attached hereto and made part of this Bylaw.*
  
- (b) *The property owner shall be responsible for the connection at the property line, except as approved in writing by the Director of Engineering, and call for a service inspection, but shall not backfill until approval is granted.*
  
- (c) *The sewer service fee deposited or charged in accordance with this section does not embrace works within the property of the applicant.*

4. *Every person shall, upon being connected to the sanitary sewer main, pay to the City the applicable monthly rate, in lawful money of Canada, as specified in Schedule "B" attached hereto and made part of this Bylaw.*
  
5.
  - (a) *Every person required to connect to the sanitary sewer main pursuant to Section 2 hereof, who fails or neglects to make the said connection in the manner prescribed, shall be given notice by the City stating that the said person shall forthwith comply with all provisions of this Bylaw and that the connection of such person's building sewer to the sanitary sewer main shall be completed within SIXTY (60) days of the sending of such notice.*
  
  - (b) *The sending of such notice shall be deemed sufficient if sent REGISTERED MAIL to the last known address of the owner thereof.*
  
  - (c) *Upon the expiration of the SIXTY (60) day period herein referred, the City may enter upon the said person's property and cause the connection to be made. The total cost of effecting the connection including the cost of installing the building sewer and the sewer lateral shall be certified correct by the Director of Engineering and shall be filed with the Collector of the City who shall add the said certified amount to the taxes payable in respect of that land, and such amount shall be treated as taxes in arrears.*
  
  - (d) *In addition to the remedy provided in subsection 5 (c) hereof, rates as provided in Section 4 of this Bylaw shall be charged the property owner and shall be referred to in Schedule A thereof.*

*Replaced by  
#1482-1996*

6.
  - (a) *Every applicant who shall make use of the Municipal Sewer System shall pay to the Collector of the City, on demand by the City, the sums of money in lawful money of Canada as specified in Schedule "B" attached hereto and forming part of this Bylaw.*

*Residential applicants will be billed for the calendar year on the annual property tax invoice and, if payment is not made before the due date, there shall be payable a penalty of ten percent (10%) of the outstanding amount.*

*Replaced by  
#1482-1996*

- (b) *Non-residential applicants will be billed sixty (60) days prior to the payment due date for the quarter. Payment shall be made at the office of the City before closing time on the last working day of the quarter. If payment is not received by the time and date due, a ten percent (10%) penalty shall be charged on the current portion of the*

*invoice. Any rates or fees payable by the owner or occupier, if unpaid on the thirty-first (31st) day of December in any year, shall be added to and form part of the taxes payable in respect of that land and shall be deemed to be taxes in arrears.*

**MUNICIPAL ACT - FLOODING**

6. (c) *The owner shall be responsible for all operational problems and sanitary sewer checks required through the owners use of that sewer. This responsibility for related costs extends from the building to the connection at the sewer main. The City may hold the property owner responsible for tree roots from trees on their property causing blockage in the mains or lateral service pipe on City property.*

**CITY'S RESPONSIBILITY**

7. (a) *The Director of Engineering may disapprove of any connection application provided however that the approval shall not unreasonably be withheld.*  
  
(b) *Where any application for connection is not approved, the reasons for disapproval shall be given and any funds paid to the City in respect of the application shall forthwith be returned to the applicant.*
8. *No person, other than the City, through its employees or agents shall install or cause to be installed any sewer lateral or service on City property.*  
  
(a) *Where the City of Terrace makes the sewer connection at the property line the fees under Schedule "A" shall apply.*
9. *No connection shall be permitted which, in the opinion of the Director of Engineering shall cause the sewer to be incapable of carrying away the wastes emanating from such connections.*
10. *All requests for sewer service shall be acted upon at the discretion of the City.*
11. (a) *Materials and workmanship of building sewer which, in the opinion of the Director of Engineering are defective or otherwise not in accordance with the provisions of this Bylaw, shall be removed and replaced at the sole cost of the owners of such building sewers.*

- (b) Failure to replace material or repair workmanship as provided by this section shall be cause for the City to proceed in accordance with the provisions of Section 5 of this Bylaw.*

**GENERAL REGULATIONS**

12. *The City will be responsible for repairs necessary in that portion of the service line, between the main and the owner's property line, but only if such repairs are caused by pipe failure and/or deterioration.*
13. *Nothing in this Bylaw shall be construed to permit the connection of surface water to the sanitary sewer. The connection, either directly or indirectly, of roof leaders surface or ground water is not permitted. The owner of any property who connects, permits or causes to be connected any such storm or surface or ground water from his premises or property to the sanitary sewer shall be guilty of an infraction of this Bylaw.*
14. *No gasoline, naphtha, or other inflammable liquid or explosive substance, and no grease, oil, lye, free acid, mud, plaster of paris, lime, clay or any other trade or industrial waste which may injure or impair the efficiency or safety of the sewer, through deposits forming in same or owing to the attacking and weakening of such sewer, shall be discharged into any sanitary sewer within the City.*
15.
  - (a) *In the case of any commercial or industrial premises where there exists a possibility that such noxious wastes as are described in Section 13 hereof, may be discharged into the sanitary sewer, an application for connection shall not be approved, except and until the Director of Engineering has examined fully and approved the layout and design of the protective devices by means of which the applicant proposes to prevent or neutralize the discharge of the said noxious wastes into the sanitary sewer.*
  - (b) *Every such device, following approval of installation may at the discretion of the Director of Engineering be inspected periodically or regularly to ensure effective operation and it shall be deemed to be an offence against the provisions of this Bylaw to interfere or otherwise prevent any such inspections or to fail to comply with any requirement of the Director of Engineering to repair any such device or maintain the effectiveness of such device.*
16. *The minimum diameter of every gravity building sewer and sewer lateral shall be 100mm (approx. 4 inches).*

17. *Each and every building abutting a sanitary sewer shall have a separate and independent building sewer from each and every other building, except as approved in writing by the Director of Engineering.*
18. *All building sewers from houses and other building shall be installed by and at the cost of the owner and shall be constructed of one of the following materials:*
  - (a) *Plastic sewer pipe and fittings conforming to the B.C. Building Codes.*
  - (b) *Such other materials as the City may from time to time approve.*
19. (a) *All work shall be carried out in accordance to B.C. Plumbing Codes and to manufacturer's specifications and instructions.*
  - (b) *The pipe shall be laid not less than one (1) metre (approximately three feet) below the finished surface of the ground, as measured to the top of the pipe, or as approved by the Director of Engineering.*

#### **RECONNECTIONS**

20. *Applications for reconnections shall be made in the same manner as applications for service, but shall only be approved provided:*
  - (a) *The applicant makes full payment of the reconnection fee payable under Schedule "A" attached hereto and made part of the Bylaw and;*
  - (b) *The reconnection is made to the original sewer lateral.*

#### **PENALTY**

21. *Every person who offends against any of the provisions of this Bylaw or who suffers or permits any act or thing to be done in contravention or violation of any of the provisions of this Bylaw, or neglects to do or refrains from doing anything to be done by this Bylaw, or who does any act or thing which violates any of the provisions of this Bylaw shall be deemed to have committed an offence under this Bylaw.*
22. *Any person guilty of an infraction of this Bylaw shall be liable upon Summary Conviction to a minimum fine of \$100.00 (ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS) and a maximum fine not exceeding \$500.00 (FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS).*

#### **METRIC**

23. *Metric units are used for all measurements in this Bylaw. The approximate equivalent of those units in Imperial measure (feet, gallons, etc.) may be shown in brackets following each metric measurement and such bracketed figures are included for convenience only and do not form part of this Bylaw.*
24. *Sewer rates and service fees established in this Bylaw shall become effective on August 1st, 1993.*
25. *Terrace Sewer Connection and Rates **Bylaw No. 1147-1988** and all amendments thereto are hereby **repealed**.*
26. *This Bylaw may be cited as "**Terrace Sewer Connection and Rates Bylaw No. 1327-1993**".*

*This Bylaw is consolidated for convenience only. If discrepancies exist between this consolidation and the original bylaws, the original bylaws will prevail.*

***BYLAW #1327-1993 READ a first time this 12th day of July, 1993.***

***BYLAW #1327-1993 READ a second time this 12th day of July, 1993***

***BYLAW #1327-1993 READ a third time this 12th day of July, 1993.***

***BYLAWS #1327-1993 ADOPTED this 26th day of July, 1993.***

***ORIGINAL SIGNED BY "J. TALSTRA"***

***Mayor***

***ORIGINAL SIGNED BY "D. FISHER"***

***Acting Clerk-Administrator***

Replaced by  
#1633-1998

**SCHEDULE "A" FEES**

**TO**

**TERRACE SEWER CONNECTION RATES**

**CONSOLIDATED BYLAW NO. 1327-1993**

**SEWER**

**INSTALLATION OF A SEWER LATERAL:**

- *Basic charge for a 100mm sewer service to the property line, including pavement cut and patch:* \$950.00
  
- *Sanitary sewer service sizes **greater** than 100mm* COST PLUS  
ADMINISTRATION  
CHARGES  
*(Minimum charge will be \$950.00)*
  
- *A lateral over **18 metres** in length* COST PLUS  
ADMINISTRATION  
CHARGES

**CONNECTIONS: (When connected by the City)**

- *100mm sewer service* \$50.00
- *Over 100mm sewer service* COST PLUS  
ADMINISTRATION  
CHARGES

**SUBDIVISION LATERAL FEES:**

- *Estimated fees for laterals to be included in Preliminary Layout Review* ESTIMATED  
BY ENGINEERING

**MANHOLE REQUIREMENT:**

- *A man-hole may be required to be installed with sanitary sewer services where the size of service is 150mm or greater.* **COST PLUS  
ADMINISTRATION  
CHARGES**
- *Charges for the man-hole for sanitary sewer will be*

**WINTER CONSTRUCTION:**

- *Any sanitary sewer installation or connection done during the period November 1st - March 1st* **COST PLUS  
ADMINISTRATION  
CHARGES**

**RE-CONNECTION:**

- *Documentation and inspection fee shall apply (see below)*

**DOCUMENTATION & INSPECTION FEE:**

- *Basic charge* **\$50.00**
- *Re-inspection (each as required)* **\$50.00**

Replaced by  
#1633-1998 & #1710-2000

**SCHEDULE "B" FEES**

**TO**

**TERRACE SEWER CONNECTION AND RATES**

**CONSOLIDATED BYLAW NO. 1327-1993**

**STORM SEWER**

**INSTALLATION:**

- *Basic charge for installation of 100mm storm service* \$100.00
- *Greater than 100 mm storm service* COST PLUS  
Administration  
Charges

**CONNECTIONS (When connected by the City):**

- *100mm storm drain* \$50.00
- *Greater than 100mm storm drain* COST PLUS  
Administration  
Charges

**MANHOLE / CATCHBASIN REQUIREMENT:**

- *A manhole may be required to be installed with all storm sewer services where the size of service is 150mm or greater.* COST PLUS  
Administration  
Charges
- *Charges for manholes and catchbasins for storm sewer* COST PLUS  
Administration  
Charges

**DOCUMENTATION & INSPECTION FEE:**

- *Minimum charge* \$50.00
- *Re-inspection (each as required)* \$50.00

Added by  
#1633-1998

and Replaced by  
#1693-2000, #1856-2006 & #1878-2007

**SCHEDULE "C"**

**TO**

**TERRACE SEWER CONNECTION AND RATES**

**CONSOLIDATED BYLAW NO. 1327-1993**

***SEWER RATES (per month)***

*These are minimum rates for unmetered premises. Premises that obtain their water supply through a meter will be the minimum charges under "CLASS D" below plus any consumption greater than the minimum calculated under "CLASS G".*

*Unmetered premises with more than one business will be charged the minimum rate for each applicable use.*

*Commercial/residential mixed will be charged for each use: metered plus residential or unmetered plus residential.*

<b><u>CLASS</u></b>	<b><u>RATE</u></b>	<b><u>APPLICABLE USE</u></b>
<i>A</i>	<i>\$38.20</i>	<i>- Laundromats - Laundries - Dry Cleaners - Car Washes</i>
<i>B</i>	<i>\$30.40</i>	<i>- Restaurants - Lounges - Beer Parlours - Drive-In Restaurants</i>
<i>C</i>	<i>\$11.90</i>	<i>- Boarding Houses - Hotels - Motels - Plus charges under Class C2 or Class E</i>
<i>C2</i>	<i>\$ 2.35</i>	<i>- per room without cooking facilities</i>
<i>D</i>	<i>\$ 9.60</i>	<i>- Institutional, Commercial and Office Buildings - Premises with Business Licences that are not otherwise classified - Churches</i>

<b><u>CLASS</u></b>	<b><u>RATE</u></b>	<b><u>APPLICABLE USE</u></b>
<i>E</i>	<i>\$ 5.95</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <i>Residences</i></li><li>- <i>Apartments</i></li><li>- <i>Motel rooms with cooking facilities</i></li><li>- <i>Mobile Home pads</i></li><li>- <i>Trailer rental pads</i></li></ul>
<i>F</i>	<i>\$ 9.20</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <i>Serviced campsite or RV site (six months minimum charge per year)</i></li></ul>
<i>G</i>	<i>\$.131/m<sup>3</sup></i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <i>All buildings which obtain their water supply through a water meter will be charged at \$0.131 per m<sup>3</sup> for any consumption greater than the minimum charges above.</i></li></ul>