

CITY OF SURREY

BY-LAW NO. 13395

A by-law to amend the provisions of "Surrey Waterworks Regulation By-law, 1969, No. [2932](#)" as amended.

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The Council of the City of Surrey, in open meeting assembled, ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. "Surrey Waterworks Regulation By-law, 1969, No. [2932](#)," as amended is hereby further amended as follows:

(1) Section 12 is amended by deleting Subsection (2) in its entirety and inserting new Subsection (2) as follows:

"(2) Meters shall be installed on all water services in a manner and of such make and design as may be prescribed by the General Manager, Engineering."

(2) Schedule "B" is deleted in its entirety and new Schedule "B", attached hereto and forming a part of this By-law as Schedule A, is inserted in its place.

(3) Schedule "C" is deleted in its entirety and new Schedule "C", attached hereto and forming a part of this By-law as Schedule B, is inserted in its place.

2. This By-law shall be cited for all purposes as "Surrey Waterworks Regulation By-law, 1969, No. [2932](#), Amendment By-law, 1998, No. 13395."

PASSED THREE READINGS on the 27th day of April, 1998.

RECONSIDERED AND FINALLY ADOPTED, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, and sealed with the Corporate Seal on the 4th day of May, 1998.

\_\_\_\_\_MAYOR

\_\_\_\_\_CLERK

Schedule A to By-law No. 13395

"SURREY WATERWORKS REGULATION BY-LAW, 1969, NO. 2932"

SCHEDULE "B"

FLAT RATE CHARGES - EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 1998

1. The following minimum flat rate charges for water services shall apply to all of the waterworks system within the City of Surrey owned and operated as a self-liquidating utility by the City of Surrey.

- A. To every single dwelling unit, including those within a condominium;  
to every church;  
to every commercial unit, where the average monthly consumption or use of water does not exceed that of the average single dwelling unit;  
and  
to every commercial unit with a single dwelling unit attached thereto and having plumbing fixtures installed in the dwelling unit only:

Annual User Charge	If Paid By <u>Sept. 2</u>	If Paid By <u>July 2</u>
\$196.90	\$187.95	\$179.00

- B. To each additional dwelling unit located within the structure of a single family dwelling unit:

Annual User Charge	If Paid By <u>Sept. 2</u>	If Paid By <u>July 2</u>
\$157.52	\$150.36	\$143.20

- C. To all duplex houses and apartment houses, for each dwelling unit contained therein:

Annual User Charge	If Paid By <u>Sept. 2</u>	If Paid By <u>July 2</u>
\$196.90	\$187.95	\$179.00

- D. To all commercial buildings containing two (2) or more commercial units, and where the average monthly consumption or use of water does not exceed that of the same number of average single dwelling units, for each commercial unit contained therein:

Annual User Charge	If Paid By <u>Sept. 2</u>	If Paid By <u>July 2</u>
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\$196.90   \$187.95   \$179.00

2. The rates levied on a property do not in any way legalize the use of land and premises which might be in breach of other City by-laws. In levying the rates, no determination of compliance with other City by-laws has been made and should the use of land and premises breach any of its by-laws now or in the future, the City reserves the right to enforce those by-laws in accordance with their conditions.

Schedule B to By-law No. 13395

"SURREY WATERWORKS REGULATION BY-LAW, 1969, NO. 2932"

SCHEDULE "C"

**A. USER RATES FOR METER CONSUMPTION - EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 1998**

1. All water meters shall be read and billed three times per calendar year on a periodic four month basis.
2. All metered accounts shall be due and payable on the twenty-fifth (25) day of the month following the month in which the account is rendered and shall be entitled to a discount of ten percent (10%) if the amount for that period is paid on or before that date.
3. The following domestic, commercial and industrial Meter Rates shall apply to water consumption within the City of Surrey from metered service connections to the waterworks system owned and operated by the City of Surrey:

- (a) For domestic consumption in residential premises:

Base charge:    \$ 25.00 per four month period;

Plus :            \$ 0.25 per cu. m.

The minimum charge for any one month or part thereof shall be \$7.50;

- (b) For commercial, industrial, institutional or other water users in commercial premises:

Base charge:    \$ 30.00 per four month period;

Plus : \$ 0.3375 per cu. m.

The minimum charge for any one month or part thereof shall be \$7.50;

PROVIDED HOWEVER, that for Auto Courts, Motels and Mobile Homes Parks, such minimum charge shall be the total of \$7.50 for the first dwelling unit and \$9.12 for each additional dwelling unit or Mobile Home space, and

PROVIDED FURTHER, that any metered connection serving premises, which, if it were not for the metered installation, would be rated in accordance with the provisions of Schedule "B" to this By-law, shall be subject to a minimum monthly charge equal to one-twelfth (1/12) of the total annual charge payable under Schedule "B" for each such premises, and the minimum periodic billing charge shall be four (4) times the minimum monthly charge computed as hereinbefore provided.

4. Notwithstanding the above, the increase or decrease between the aggregate water meter user charge for the year resulting from the conversion to the 'pay-by-flow' method and the corresponding aggregate 1997 water charge adjusted appropriately for inflation up to the year under consideration, shall be phased-in over the four-year period commencing 1998 in the following manner:

- 25% of the increase or decrease will be charged in 1998
- 50% of the increase or decrease will be charged in 1999
- 75% of the increase or decrease will be charged in 2000, and,
- 100 % of the increase or decrease will be charged in 2001 and thereafter.

#### 5. **Adjustment Due to Faulty Meter**

Where a meter is found defective when read, and has not indicated correctly the volume of water which has passed through it, the provisions of Section 12(5) of this By-law shall apply, and the charges billed for that period or month shall be computed accordingly.

#### 6. **Undetected Leaks**

Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 12(4) of this By-law, where an underground leak is discovered in a consumer's waterworks system, and where the consumer could not reasonably have been expected to be aware of such leak, the City shall be entitled to charge

for such water a rate which does not exceed the average of the rates billed for the preceding eight (8) months plus a rate of 15 cents per 1,000 gallons for all water which, as recorded by the meter, has passed through the meter since the last previous reading thereof, and which is in excess of the average consumption or use over the preceding eight (8) months and provided that repairs of the consumer's waterworks system have been carried out to the General Manager, Engineering's satisfaction within 96 hours of discovery of the leak.

**B. METER RENTALS** - EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 1998

The following rents shall be charged for meters in addition to the charge for water supplied or ready to be supplied:

<u>Meter Size</u> <u>in metric</u>	<u>Meter Size</u> <u>in Imp. units</u>	<u>Monthly Rental</u> <u>(4 Month)</u>	<u>Periodic Rental</u>
19 mm	3/4"	\$0.98	\$ 3.90
25 mm	1"	\$1.71	\$ 6.82
32 to 38 mm	1 1/4" to 1 1/2"	\$3.41	\$13.63
50 mm	2"	\$4.39	\$17.53

The said rentals shall be added to the meter rates charged, pursuant to Section "A" of this Schedule, shall be collected therewith and shall be subject to the discount hereinbefore provided.