

BY-LAW NUMBER [INSERT NUMBER] OF 2025
OF THE CITY OF SARNIA

“A By-Law to Establish Water Rates”
(Re: Water Rates By-Law)

WHEREAS the City of Sarnia is a supplier of water;

AND WHEREAS the City of Sarnia desires to set the rates and charges related to the supply of water in accordance with Part XII of the *Municipal Act, 2001*;

AND WHEREAS public notice has been provided in accordance with the *Municipal Act, 2001*.

NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF SARNIA ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. The charge for consumption of water supplied to any person, corporation or other entity by the City of Sarnia shall be determined as follows:
 - a) Non-Metered Users: Water users who are not required to be connected with a meter, or who cannot practically be connected with a meter, shall pay the water charge as determined by the City Treasurer in accordance with Schedule “A”; or
 - b) Metered Users: Water users who are assessed by meter shall pay the monthly service charge set out in Schedule “B”, in addition to the amount determined by multiplying the amount of water consumed in a given period by the per cubic meter charge set out in Schedule “B”.
2. If a property is metered and the meter is damaged, or fails to accurately measure consumption, the water charge shall be assessed in proportion based on either:
 - a) the average monthly consumption over the proceeding twelve months, or
 - b) as a flat rate in accordance with Schedule “B” at the discretion of the City Treasurer.

3. Water charges shall be due and payable within 15 days of the delivery of a water bill, which bill shall be delivered at a time determined by the City Treasurer. An interest rate of 1.5 per cent per month will be applied to all overdue accounts.
4. In case of non-payment of water charges for 60 days after delivery of a water bill, the Corporation, or its duly authorized officers, may cut off the supply of water to any residence, store, office building, or part of a building upon which the charges are due. Water service shall not be restored until all outstanding water charges due in respect of the premises have been settled.
5. The method of water billing will be as follows:
 - a) Flat Rate Users: will be billed every month with the option of paying in full at any time.
 - b) Industrial and Commercial Users: meters will be read and billed monthly.
 - c) Residential and Small Commercial Users: meters will be read bi-monthly, but billed monthly. Consumption will be estimated for the months between actual readings.
6. This By-Law supersedes By-Law Number 58 of 1991 to the extent that this By-Law is inconsistent therewith, otherwise the provisions of By-Law Number 58 of 1991, as amended, shall continue in full force and effect.
7. By-Law Number 106 of 2024 is repealed effective December 31, 2025.
8. The short name of this By-Law shall be the "Water Rates By-Law".
9. This By-Law comes into force and effect January 1, 2026.

By-Law Read a First, Second and Third time this 25 day of November, 2025.

Mike Bradley
Mayor

Amy Burkhart
City Clerk

SCHEDULE "A"

SCALE OF FLAT WATER RATES – EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026

Water users who are not required to be connected with a meter, or who cannot practically be connected with a meter shall be charged a monthly distribution charge in accordance with the sizing of the water metering device for a similar user as outlined in Schedule "B", plus \$0.9938/M3 consumed.

The determination of a similar user will be made at the sole discretion of the General Manager of Engineering and Operations.

Monthly consumption shall be estimated by taking the prior year's average monthly consumption of all consumers with similar sized meters. This estimate shall be prorated for the number of days each month.

Sewer charges shall be 134.01 per cent of the monthly distribution charge plus consumption charges.

In households containing two or more self-contained dwellings, the rates specified above shall apply separately to each dwelling unit.

Changes to any of the above are at the discretion of the General Manager of Engineering and Operations.

SCHEDULE "B"

METERED WATER RATES – EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026

A monthly distribution charge shall be applied in accordance with the sizing of the water metering device measuring consumption for the premises. Rates for each meter size shall be as follows:

Size of Meter	Monthly Distribution Charge	Rate Per Cubic Meter of Water Consumed
5/8"	\$29.35	\$0.9938
3/4"	\$36.10	\$0.9938
1"	\$125.47	\$0.9938
1 1/2"	\$250.95	\$0.9938
2"	\$463.73	\$0.9938
3"	\$892.47	\$0.9938
4"	\$1,394.54	\$0.9938
6"	\$2,898.84	\$0.9938
8"	\$5,577.22	\$0.9938
10"	\$9,238.82	\$0.9938