

VILLAGE OF GOLD RIVER

Bylaw No. 614, 2001

A bylaw to establish rates and charges for
the use of the municipal sewer system.

WHEREAS pursuant to the *Local Government Act*, RSBC 1996 Chapter 323 the Council may, by bylaw, impose a charge against the owner or occupier of real property for the use of the sewer system, and may vary the charge in accordance with the number of outlets served or the quantity of water delivered to the premises by a utility, by classifying users or effluent, or any combination of such methods;

NOW THEREFORE the Municipal Council of the Village of Gold River, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

1. In this Bylaw, unless the context otherwise requires:

‘Business Premises’	shall mean all or part of a store, office, warehouse, factory, enclosure, yard, or other place occupied or intended to be occupied by any person for the purpose of any business, trade or occupation;
‘Business Unit’	shall mean each individual business unit or outlet contained within a Business Premise that has access to services and is intended to be occupied by any person for the purpose of any business, trade or occupation;
‘Consumer’	shall mean a person to whom sewer service is supplied under this Bylaw.
‘Council’	shall mean the Council of the Village of Gold River;
‘Municipal Collector’	shall mean the person duly appointed as such from time to time in accordance with the <i>Local Government Act</i> .
‘Multiple Residential Premises’	shall mean a building containing two or more Residential Premises for rental purposes.
‘Municipality’	shall mean the municipality of the Corporation of the Village of Gold River.
‘Municipal Sewer Area’	shall mean the area created and authorized by bylaw of the Municipality for the purpose of supplying sewer services to a consumer.
‘Municipal Sewer System’	shall mean the sanitary sewer system of a Municipal Sewer Area owned and operated by the Municipality;

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‘Occupied Business Unit/Outlet’	shall mean Business Unit for which no Certificate of Vacancy has been issued by the Municipal Collector under Section 6 of this bylaw;
‘Occupied Residential Premises’	shall mean Residential Premises for which no Certificate of Vacancy has been issued by the Municipal Collector under Section 4 of this bylaw;
‘Rate’	shall mean the sum of money to be paid by any user of real property connected to the Municipal Sewer System;
‘Residential Premises’	shall mean a self-contained suite of rooms, containing its own cooking and sanitary facilities and plumbing intended for occupancy as a single household;
‘Standby Rate’	shall mean the sum of money to be paid for each unoccupied Residential Premises contained in a Multiple Residential Premises or for each unoccupied Business Unit contained in a Business Premise;
‘User’	shall mean any person, Corporation, partnership or party and the heirs, successors and assigns of them or any of them to whom the context can apply whose premises are connected to the Municipal Sewer System.

2. Use of Municipal Sewer System

Users of the Municipal Sewer System shall pay the rates and charges as set out in Schedule “A” hereto annexed and which said schedule is hereby incorporated with and made part of this Bylaw.

3. Occupied Residential Users

An annual residential sewer user rate provided for Occupied Residential Users as set out in Schedule “A” of this Bylaw shall be attached to the annual real property tax notice for the residence.

4. Unoccupied Multiple Residential Users

An owner of Multiple Residential Premises may make application to the Municipal Collector accompanied by a statutory declaration by the owner that one or more of the Residential Premises in the owner’s Multiple Residential Premises is or will be unoccupied. Upon being satisfied with the application, the Municipal Collector may issue a Certificate of Vacancy stating that one or more of the Residential Premises is “unoccupied” for the purpose of this Bylaw, and is not liable in the ensuing month for payment of the residential sewer rates, except the standby rate, as set out in Schedule “A” of this

Bylaw. The Certificate will be valid only for a period of one month, and for each subsequent month of vacancy, the owner must apply for a new Certificate.

5. Commercial Users

Accounts for commercial user rates and charges as set out in Schedule "A" of this Bylaw shall be rendered quarterly unless otherwise required, on the first day of each quarter in each year and shall be due and payable within thirty days from the date of billing.

6. Unoccupied Business Unit/Outlet

An owner of Business Premises may make application to the Municipal Collector accompanied by a statutory declaration by the owner that one or more of the Business Units/Outlets in the owner's Business Premise is or will be unoccupied. Upon being satisfied with the application, the Municipal Collector may issue a Certificate of Vacancy stating that one or more of the Business Units/Outlets is "unoccupied" for the purpose of this Bylaw, and is not liable in the ensuing month for payment of the commercial sewer rates, except the standby rate, as set out in Schedule "A" of this Bylaw. The Certificate will be valid only for a period of one month, and for each subsequent month of vacancy, the owner must apply for a new Certificate.

7. Failure to Pay

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 376 of the *Local Government Act*, any rate or charge imposed under Sections 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6 of this Bylaw which is due and payable prior to the 31st day of December of the year in which the rate or charge was levied and which remains unpaid on the 31st day of December of the said year, is in arrears, and shall forthwith be entered on the real property tax roll in respect of the property as taxes in arrears.

8. Conditions of Supply

It is a term and condition of the use of the Municipal Sewer System that the Municipality shall not be liable for any injury, damage or loss, including economic loss, to any person or property:

- a) arising or occurring from the use of the Municipal Sewer System,
- b) resulting from the failure of the Municipal Sewer System to any User,
- c) resulting from any impurity, lack of pressure, increased supply pressure, or other condition affecting the Municipal Sewer System.

9. Repeal

The "Village of Gold River Sewer Rates Bylaw No. 596, 1999" is hereby repealed.

10. Citation

This bylaw may be cited for all purposes as the "Village of Gold River Sewer Rates Bylaw No. 614, 2001.

11. This Bylaw shall become effective June 30, 2001.

READ A FIRST AND SECOND TIME THIS	17 TH	DAY OF	APRIL	2001.
READ A THIRD TIME THIS	7 TH	DAY OF	MAY	2001.
ADOPTED THIS	9 TH	DAY OF	MAY	2001.

	_____ MAYOR		_____ CLERK
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SCHEDULE "A"

Residential Premises	Fee
Single Family Homes/Townhouses/Strata/Duplex/Condominium	\$ 184.80/year
Occupied Multiple Residential Premises – Per Unit	\$ 15.40
Unoccupied Multiple Residential Premises – Standby Rate	\$ 3.00
Residential Mobile Home Park – occupied pads	\$ 15.40
Commercial/Business Premises	
Bakeries	\$ 18.50
Banks	\$ 13.30
Butcher Shops	\$ 18.50
Cafes, restaurants, food courts, take-out	\$ 32.45
Car Washes	\$ 38.50
Clubs (private, licenced)	\$ 22.65
Convenience Stores, Deli	\$ 13.30
Dentists	\$ 19.15
Dining and Banquet Rooms	\$ 24.05
Florists	\$ 15.95
Gas Station	\$ 13.30
Gas Stations with Shop	\$ 25.20
Gas Stations with Convenience Store	\$ 25.20
Green Houses (per unit)	\$ 15.95
Grocery Store	\$ 13.30
Hair Salons	\$ 16.90
Hotels (per room)	\$ 5.60
Laundromats (per washer)	\$ 6.50
Machine Shops/Industrial Garage/Tire Shops/Service Shops	\$ 18.60
Manhole Discharge (per load)	\$ 13.30
Medical Clinics	\$ 16.85
Motels (per unit)	\$ 5.60
Offices	\$ 13.30
Pubs and Bars	\$ 55.20
Recreational Vehicle Sites (per hookup)	\$ 3.50
Retail Outlets – not otherwise listed	\$ 13.30
Rooming Houses/Bed and Breakfast (per unit)	\$ 5.60
Schools (per classroom)	\$ 13.30
Unoccupied Business Unit/Outlet (Standby Rate)	\$ 3.00