

**Bylaw #225/2021
OF THE TOWN OF BENTLEY
PROVINCE OF ALBERTA**

Being a By-law of the Town of Bentley, in the Province of Alberta, to provide relief from penalties for unpaid utility bills.

WHEREAS Bylaw 207/2018 of the Town of Bentley provides for penalties on unpaid utility bills, pursuant to the authority vested in the Town under Municipal Government Act, being Chapter M-26 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000, and amendments thereto;

AND WHEREAS the impacts of COVID-19 to residents and businesses continues to be unprecedented and has added significant financial strain for many of those whose lives and income streams have been disrupted by the requirements of the Minister of Health to self-isolate to prevent the spread of COVID-19;

AND WHEREAS the Council considers it just and equitable in the circumstances to over-ride the utility penalty provisions of Bylaw 207/2018 for utility fees levied in 2021 so that all utility ratepayers of the Town will be relieved of the need to make payment of those utility bills in order to avoid late payment penalties until December 31, 2021;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Town of Bentley, duly assembled, enacts as follows

- 1) No penalties shall be applied under Section 9 of Bylaw 207/2018 in respect of utility fees levied in the 2021 year, regardless of when the utility bills are issued or sent, until December 31, 2021.
- 2) The Town shall continue to have the right to enforce payment of said rates by transfer of the utility service outstanding amount to the owners tax account, in accordance with Section 7 of Bylaw 207/2018. However, no additional fees or penalties as set out in Section 8 of Bylaw 207/2018 shall be applied to those outstanding amounts transferred to the owners tax account.
- 3) In the event of any current utility bills remaining unpaid as of December 31, 2021, there shall be levied a penalty of (10) percent against said unpaid balances.
- 4) This bylaw comes into force when it is passed.

READ a first time this 26 day of January, 2021.

READ a second time this 26 day of January, 2021.

READ a third and final time this 26 day of January, 2021.

SIGNED and PASSED this 26 day of January, 2021.

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer