

BYLAW NO. 1511-1

**OF THE TOWN OF WHITECOURT
IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA**

TO AMEND THE UTILITY BYLAW NO. 1511

WHEREAS, the Province of Alberta has declared COVID-19 a public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, Council wishes to provide financial relief to the residents and businesses within the Town of Whitecourt; and

WHEREAS, Council deems it desirable to temporarily waive penalties and disconnection fees related to utility services as outlined in Utility Bylaw 1511;

WHEREAS, Council deems it expedient and proper to make certain amendments to Bylaw No. 1511; and

NOW THEREFORE, under the authority and subject to the provisions of the Municipal Government Act, being Chapter M-26.1 of the Statutes of Alberta, 2000, and amendments thereto, the Municipal Council of the Town of Whitecourt, in the Province of Alberta, duly assembled, hereby enacts as follows:

1. That Utility Bylaw 1511 be amended as follows:

i. Clause 14.4 b., which states:

“Any charge on an Owner’s account remaining unpaid after the due date will be in arrears and constitute a debt owing to the Town recoverable by any or all of the following methods:

b. The Town may discontinue the supply of all or any Utility services;”

is waived;

ii. Clause 18, which states:

“When the Owner pays the Utility account after the due date stated in the account or after such other due date as may be approved by the Town, whether the payment is made at a financial institution or directly to the Town, the Owner shall pay a penalty on the overdue balance as set forth in the Town of Whitecourt Fees, Rates, and Charges Bylaw.”

is waived;

2. The provisions of this Bylaw are in effect for the period of April 1, 2020 through June 30, 2020.

3. Each provision of this Bylaw is independent of all other provisions and if any provision is declared invalid for any reason by a Court of competent jurisdiction, all other provisions of this Bylaw remain valid and enforceable.

4. Nothing in this Bylaw relieves a person from complying with any provision of any federal or provincial law or regulation, other bylaw or any requirement of any lawful permit, order or licence.

READ a first time this 27 day of April, 2020.

READ a second time this 27 day of April, 2020.

READ a third and final time this 27 day of April, 2020.

Redacted under Section 17 of the FOIP Act.

Mayor

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Chief Administrative Officer 

Signed by the Mayor and Chief Administration Officer on this 29 day of April, 2020.