THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

BYLAW NO. 2015-A1

A Bylaw to Amend the
Electrical Utility Regulatory Bylaw No. 2015

WHEREAS in accordance with the Community Charter, Council may, by bylaw, regulate and control the electrical service of the City of Grand Forks and amend rates, terms and conditions under which electricity service will be provided and supplied to all users and for the collection of rates for the service provided;

NOW THEREFORE, Council for the Corporation of the City of Grand Forks in open meeting assembled, **ENACTS**, as follows:

1. This bylaw may be cited, for all purposes, as the **"Electrical Utility Regulatory Amendment Bylaw No. 2015-A1, 2016".**

2. That Schedule "C" of Bylaw No. 2015, be deleted and replaced with a new Schedule "C", which is identified as "Appendix 1", and attached to this bylaw.

3. This bylaw shall come into force and effect, with all consumption billed for periods ended on or after March 14, 2016.

INTRODUCED this 15th day of February, 2016.

Read a **FIRST** time this 29th day of February, 2016.

Read a **SECOND** time this 29th day of February, 2016.

Read a **THIRD** time this 29th day of February, 2016.

FINALLY ADOPTED this 14th day of March, 2016.

Mayor Frank Konrad

Corporate Officer Diane Heinrich

CERTIFIED CORRECT

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of Bylaw No. 2015-A1 as adopted by the Municipal Council of the City of Grand Forks on the 14 day of March 2016

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Corporate Officer of the Municipal Council of the
City of Grand Forks

Appendix 1
SCHEDULE C

CITY OF GRAND FORKS
ELECTRICAL UTILITY RATES AND CONNECTION CHARGES

1. Residential Service

Available for residential usage in general including lighting, water heating, spaces heating and cooking.

(a)	Basic minimum service charge:	$18.58/month, plus
(b)	Electrical rate based on the actual consumption:	$0.11679 per KWH

2. Commercial/Industrial/Institutional Service

Available to all ordinary business, commercial, industrial, and institutional customers, including schools and hospitals, where electricity is consumed for lighting, cooking, space heating and single and three-phase motors. Customers requiring primary or secondary service beyond the normal single phase, 200 amp connection may be required to provide the necessary equipment and transformers, which may be situated on their property, at their own cost.

(a)	Basic minimum service charge:	$20.11/month, plus
(b)	Electrical rate per consumption for the first 200,000 KWH or less in a two-month billing period:	$0.12498 per KWH
(c)	Electrical rate per consumption for all usage above 200,000 KWH in a two-month billing period:	$0.09275 per KWH

3. Seasonal Loads (minimum period of service is three months)

Available for irrigation and drainage pumping and other repetitive seasonal loads taking service specifically agreed to by the City. The Customer will be required to provide all necessary service drop improvements including any step-down transformers at their direct cost unless otherwise specifically agreed to in writing by the City.

(a)	Basic minimum service charge:	$19.24/month, plus
(b)	Electrical rate based on the actual consumption:	$0.12498 per KWH

4. Service Charges

4.1 Existing Service Connection and Reconnection Charges:

A fee of **$50.00** (plus applicable taxes) shall apply to all applications involving the following:

(a) the owner of real property wishes to establish a new electrical utility account in their name;
(b) the owner of real property wishes to have the electrical meter read;
(c) the owner of real property wishes to have the existing electrical service turned off and/or turned on;
(d) the owner of real property wishes a reconnection of a meter after disconnection for violation of the Terms and Conditions contained in this bylaw; and
(e) where an officer, employee or agent of the City returns to the Owner's real property to complete work that he or she was unable to complete on a previous attendance by reason of the Owner's failure to comply with Section 1.1(e) of "Schedule B."

This fee is designed to defray the costs involved with service calls, meter readings, account set-up and adjustments and billing preparation in addition to the normal cycle. The Customer will therefore be charged for all activity to amend existing accounts including when the Customer is required to pay the charges applicable for a New Electrical Service or Upgraded Service. If an existing service has been disconnected or salvaged due to inactivity (9 months or more) it will be treated as a new installation.

4.2 New Service Installations or Upgrading of Existing Service:

(a) Basic Single Phase Overhead Connection

i)	200 amp service	$ 700.00
ii)	400 amp service	$1,700.00

The City will provide up to 30 meters of appropriate sized wire, do the connection on the customers service entrance, do the connection to the Cities distribution and install and supply the appropriate meter. All other required material and labour will be completed by the Customer.

(b) Basic Single Phase Underground Connection (includes dip service)

i)	200 amp service	$ 1,230.00
ii)	400 amp service	$ 2,230.00

The City will provide up to 30 meters of appropriate sized wire, do the connection to the Cities distribution and install and supply the appropriate meter. All other required material and labour will be completed by the Customer.

(c)	All other services greater than 400 amp	At Cost
(d)	Three Phase - Overhead/Underground	At Cost

New development, whether residential or commercial, single phase or three phase services, requiring transformers and related equipment, shall be at the

sole cost of the developer. All new service installations or upgrading of existing service costs are payable in advance of the installation and are subject to applicable taxes.

4.3 Temporary Construction Service

(a) Temporary service - 100 amp or less $250.00.

The City will make the connection to the City's distribution and install the appropriate meter. The Customer will supply and install all other required equipment

4.4 Meter Checking

All meters shall remain the property of the City and are subject to testing at regular intervals by the Electricity Meters Inspection Branch of the Canada Department of Consumer and Corporate Affairs, or a certified meter inspection facility, responsible for affixing government seals on meters. No seal shall be broken and if found so the account holder will be charged for any costs incurred by the City to rectify the issue.

If a customer doubts the accuracy of the meter serving his/her premises, he/she may request that it be tested. Such requests must be accompanied by a payment of the applicable charge as follows:

(a) Meter removal charge and "in-house" inspection $ 50.00.

(b) Canada Department of Consumer and Corporate Affairs or a certified meter inspection facility, should it become necessary, shall be paid as determined by that Agency along with a $50.00 administration charge.

If the meter fails to comply with the Electricity Meters Inspection Branch requirements and only if the meter is deemed to be overcharging, the City will refund the appropriate amount.

4.5 Estimation of Readings

The City may estimate energy consumption and maximum power demand from the best evidence available where a meter has not been installed or is found to be not registering or when the meter reader is unable to read the meter on his/her regular meter reading trip.

An optional service will be offered to those customers who prefer not to have a radio read meter at their service entrance. A digital non-radio read meter will be installed as an alternate to the standard digital radio read meter.

The customer will be required to pay a onetime 'Setup Charge". For each billing cycle thereafter the customer will be required to pay a 'Manual Read Charge" along with the regular residential service rates applicable under this bylaw.

This service may be discontinued if it is not compatible with the Technology, Practices, Procedures or Capacity of the Electrical Utility. In the event of program cancellation a refund of the setup fee will be made to any customer who subscribed to the service less than two years prior.

Rate: Setup Charge: $162.95

Manual Read Charge: $14.98