

BYLAW 144-25

SUMMER VILLAGE OF SUNSET BEACH A BYLAW TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL AND PROVINCIAL WASTEWATER/SEWAGE REGULATIONS

WHEREAS the Summer Village of Sunset Beach recognizes the importance of maintaining environmental standards and public health through proper wastewater management;

AND WHEREAS the Summer Village of Sunset Beach wishes to ensure compliance with all applicable federal and provincial laws and regulations concerning wastewater and sewage disposal;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Summer Village of Sunset Beach, in the province of Alberta, enacts as follows:

1. Title

This bylaw may be cited as the "Wastewater and Sewage Compliance Bylaw".

2. Definitions

For the purposes of this bylaw, the following definitions shall apply:

- **"Wastewater"** means water that has been used for domestic, industrial, or commercial purposes, and includes sewage.
- **"Sewage"** refers to the wastewater and its contents, including human waste, industrial waste, and other effluent.
- **"Federal and Provincial Regulations"** refer to all applicable statutes, regulations, and standards set by the Government of Canada and the Province of Alberta that govern wastewater and sewage management, including but not limited to the *Canadian Environmental Protection Act*, the *Alberta Water Act*, the *Alberta Wastewater and Sewage Disposal Regulations*, and any amendments thereto.

3. Compliance with Wastewater/Sewage Regulations

All properties within the Summer Village of Sunset Beach shall adhere to the wastewater and sewage management requirements as set forth by all applicable federal and provincial regulations, including but not limited to:

- Adherence to *federal* regulations, including standards outlined by the Canadian Environmental Protection Act and the Wastewater Systems Effluent Regulations, where applicable.

- Compliance with *provincial* regulations set by Alberta Environment and Parks, the Alberta Water Act, and the Alberta Wastewater and Sewage Disposal Regulations for the design, installation, operation, and maintenance of wastewater and sewage systems.

4. Wastewater/Sewage System Approval and Inspection

1. **Permitting Requirements:** No person shall install, alter, or operate a wastewater or sewage system within the Summer Village of Sunset Beach without obtaining the necessary permits and approvals from the Inspections Group, and if required, from the Summer Village of Sunset Beach.
2. **Inspections:** The Summer Village of Sunset Beach may, at its discretion, conduct inspections of wastewater and sewage systems on private properties to ensure compliance with this bylaw and applicable federal and provincial regulations.

5. Non-Compliance

1. Any person found to be in violation of this bylaw, or failing to comply with applicable federal or provincial wastewater and sewage regulations, may be subject to fines, penalties, or other legal actions as permitted by law.
2. If any wastewater or sewage system is determined to be a health or environmental hazard, the Summer Village of Sunset Beach may take corrective actions, including issuing a notice to remedy, ordering the cessation of operations, or requiring system repairs or upgrades to meet compliance.

6. Enforcement

1. The Summer Village of Sunset Beach may designate an officer or employee for the purposes of enforcement of this bylaw.
2. Any contravention of this bylaw may result in enforcement proceedings, including but not limited to warnings, fines, or penalties as per the *Municipal Government Act* and other relevant legislation.

7. Severability

If any section, clause, or provision of this bylaw is declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such declaration shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections, clauses, or provisions of this bylaw.

8. Repeal and Amendment

This bylaw repeals any previous Wastewater and/or Sewage Bylaws.

This bylaw may be amended, modified, or repealed by the Council of the Summer Village of Sunset Beach at any time as necessary, in accordance with the applicable legislative processes.

9. Coming Into Force

This Bylaw comes into force on third reading.

READ a first time this 18th day of March, 2025.

READ a second time this 18th day of March, 2025.

Received Unanimous Consent to proceed to third reading this 18th day of March, 2025.

READ a third time and passed this 18th day of March, 2025.

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer