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Whereas, pursuant to sections 344 and 345 of the *Municipal Government Act*, R.S.A. 2000, c. M-26 (MGA), Council may impose penalties on unpaid taxes at the rates set out in the bylaw, and pursuant to section 340 of the MGA, may permit taxes to be paid by installments.
(S.2, Bylaw 13544, December 16, 2003)

Edmonton City Council enacts:

PART I - PURPOSE, DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

PURPOSE

- 1 The purpose of this Bylaw is to establish:
- (a) the due dates for payment of taxes;
 - (b) the rates of penalty to be imposed for failure to pay taxes by the due date;
 - (c) the rate of interest to be applied on overpayments of taxes; and
 - (d) the terms under which taxes may be paid in monthly installments.

DEFINITIONS

- 2 In this Bylaw, unless the context otherwise requires:
- (a) **“Bylaw”** includes all Regulations made by the Administration pursuant to the authority of this bylaw;
 - (b) **“City”** means the City of Edmonton;
 - (c) **“Council”** means the council of the City of Edmonton;
 - (d) **“Current Year”** is the year specified in Schedule A to this Bylaw;
 - (e) **“Previous Year”** is the year specified in Schedule A to this

Bylaw;

- (f) **“Tax Arrears”** means taxes that remain unpaid after December 31 of the year in which they are imposed;
- (g) **“Taxes”** includes property, business, business revitalization zone (BRZ), special and local improvement taxes, and all other taxes or charges lawfully imposed pursuant to the MGA or any other statute of the Province of Alberta;
(S.2, Bylaw 15561, November 26, 2010)
- (h) **“Taxpayer”** is the person liable to pay taxes as defined in sections 331 and 373 of the MGA.

**RULES FOR
INTERPRETATION**

- 3 The marginal notes and headings in this Bylaw are for reference purposes only.

REFERENCES

- 4 References to any bylaws, statutes or other enactment shall be deemed to include all amendments thereto, all regulations and orders thereunder and any successor bylaws, statutes or enactment.

PART II - OVERPAYMENT OF TAXES

**INTEREST ON
OVERPAYMENTS**

- 5 Where an overpayment exists on a tax account, monthly interest will be applied at the rates set out in Schedule A, subject to the following conditions:
- (a) interest will be paid at the end of each month, and will only be applied on overpayments which have remained on the Taxpayer’s account for the entire preceding month;
 - (b) interest will not be applied on overpayments in excess of two times the annual tax levy;
 - (c) upon receipt of a written request from the Taxpayer, the overpayment plus accumulated interest, will be refunded to the Taxpayer.

PART III - PENALTIES ON UNPAID TAXES

CURRENT TAXES

- 6 Any BRZ or property Taxes levied for the Current Year and remaining unpaid after the due date, are subject to penalties at the rates set out in Schedule A.
(S.3, Bylaw 15561, November 26, 2010)
- 7 Any supplementary or partial year's property or BRZ Taxes levied during the Current Year are due by the date indicated on the notice but not less than thirty (30) days after the notice is sent. Any amounts remaining unpaid after the due date are subject to penalties at the rates set out in Schedule A, commencing the first day of the calendar month following the due date.
(S.4, Bylaw 15561, November 26, 2010)
(S.2, Bylaw 16842, January 1, 2015)
- 8 Additional charges levied during the Current Year pursuant to sections 553, 553.1, and 553.2 of the MGA, or section 21(4)(a) of the *Weed Control Act*, S.A. 2008, c. W-5.1, are due by the date indicated on the notice but not less than thirty (30) days after the notice is sent. Any amounts remaining unpaid after the due date are subject to penalties at the rates set out in Schedule "A", commencing on the first day of the calendar month following the due date.
(S.3, Bylaw 13544, December 16, 2003)
(S.3, Bylaw 16842, January 1, 2015)
- 9 For the purposes of sections 6, 7, and 8, penalties will not be compounded during the year.)
(S.4, Bylaw 16842, January 1, 2015)

TAX ARREARS

- 10 Any Tax Arrears are subject to penalties at the rates set out in Schedule A.
- 11 For the purposes of Sections 10, Taxes remaining unpaid as of December 31 include accumulated penalties.

(S.2, Bylaw 16155, January 1, 2013)
(S.5, Bylaw 16842, January 1, 2015)

PART IV - PAYMENT OF TAXES ON A MONTHLY BASIS

MONTHLY PAYMENTS

- 12 Current Taxes may be paid in monthly installments by automatic bank withdrawal on the first day of each calendar month commencing January 1, subject to the following terms and conditions:
- (a) at the date of application, the tax account must not indicate Tax Arrears from a Previous Year;
 - (b) for property Taxes, the monthly installment for the months of January through June will be based on 1/12 of the estimated tax levy;
 - (c) for BRZ Taxes, the monthly installment for the months of January through March will be based on 1/12 of the estimated tax levy;
 - (d) for the remaining months of the year, the monthly installment will be adjusted based on the actual tax levy after deducting payments made according to section 12(b) or 12(c);
(S.6, Bylaw 16842, January 1, 2015)
 - (e) monthly accounts are not subject to penalties or interest except where application is received after December 31 of the Previous Year. In addition to the penalties imposed according to Part III of this Bylaw, an initial payment is required at the date of application, equal to the total of all past due instalments plus a late payment penalty based on the initial payment amount at the rate set out in Schedule A; and
(S.1, Bylaw 15839, September 14, 2011)
 - (f) if a supplementary tax levy is billed after September 1 of the Current Year, and reflects supplementary months greater than the number of months remaining in the year, the payment term may be extended into the following year.
(S.6-10, Bylaw 15561, November 26, 2010)
- 13 An alternative payment plan may be accepted by the City, if in its opinion:
- (a) 13(a) it is of equal cash value to the City based on present value calculations, as the monthly payment plan outlined in

section 12 of this Bylaw; and

- (b) the installment schedule will result in a minimum of 50% of the Current Year's Taxes being paid by June 30
(S.12, Bylaw 15561, November 26, 2010)

(S.2, Bylaw 17265, January 1, 2016)

- 14 With respect to sections 12 and 13 of this Bylaw, where any two installments are not honoured by the payer's bank, the monthly payment plan will be cancelled without further notice and the balance of Taxes and the cancellation date will be subject to penalties as provided by sections 6 through 11 of this Bylaw.
(S.13, Bylaw 15561, November 26, 2010)
(S.7, Bylaw 16842, January 1, 2015)

(S.2, Bylaw 16155, January 1, 2013)

PART V - GENERAL

REPEALS 15 Bylaws 11162 and 12468 are repealed.

EFFECTIVE DATE 16 This Bylaw comes into force on November 27, 2001

(S.2, Bylaw 16155, January 1, 2013)

(NOTE: Consolidation made under Section 69 of the *Municipal Government Act*, S.A. 2000, c.L-26 and Bylaw No. 12005, and printed under the City Manager's authority.)

Bylaw 12914 passed by Council November 27, 2001:

Amendments:

- Bylaw 13227, December 16, 2002
- Bylaw 13544, December 16, 2003
- Bylaw 13873, November 30, 2004
- Bylaw 14138, November 29, 2005
- Bylaw 14438, December 12, 2006
- Bylaw 14797, December 18, 2007
- Bylaw 15065, November 19, 2008
- Bylaw 15340, December 01, 2009
- Bylaw 15561, November 26, 2010
- Bylaw 15839, September 14, 2011
- Bylaw 16155, January 1, 2013
- Bylaw 16464, January 1, 2014
- Bylaw 16842, January 1, 2015
- Bylaw 17265, January 1, 2016

SCHEDULE A – TAX PENALTY, INTEREST AND MONTHLY PAYMENT**BYLAW 17265**Part 1**“Current Year”** means 2016**“Previous Year”** means 2015

	<u>Property</u> June 30	<u>BRZ</u> March 31
Due Date – Annual Taxes		
<u>Part 2 – Interest on Overpayments</u>		
Interest on Overpayments	0.06% per month	0.06% per month
<u>Part 3 – Penalties on Unpaid Taxes</u>		
Current Taxes	Penalties/Property	Penalties/BRZ
	July 1 7.0%	April 1 4.0%
	September 1 3.5%	May 1 1.25%
	November 1 3.5%	June 1 1.25%
	<u>TOTAL 14.0%</u>	July 1 1.25%
		August 1 1.25%
		September 1 1.25%
		October 1 1.25%
		November 1 1.25%
		December 1 1.25%
		<u>TOTAL 14.0%</u>
Supplementary/Partial Year Taxes	1.25% per month	1.25% per month
Additional Charges	1.25% per month	1.25% per month
Taxes Remaining Unpaid from Previous Years	1.25% per month	1.25% per month
<u>Part 4 – Payment of Taxes on Monthly Basis</u>		
Late Payment Penalty on Initial Payment (late applications only)	2.0%	2.0%

(S.2, Bylaw 15340, December 01, 2009)
(S.15, Bylaw 15561, November 26, 2010)
(S.2, Bylaw 15839, September 14, 2011)
(S.3, Bylaw 16155, January 1, 2013)
(S.2, Bylaw 16464, January 1, 2014)
(S.8, Bylaw 16842, January 1, 2015)
(S.3, Bylaw 17265, January 1, 2016)