

BYLAW 19869

To Fix the Fees for Assessment and Tax Services of the City of Edmonton - Amendment #5 to Bylaw 17693

RECOMMENDATION

That Bylaw 19869 be given the appropriate readings.

Purpose

To amend Bylaw 17693, to establish the fees to be charged for assessment and taxation services provided by the City of Edmonton.

Readings

Bylaw 19869 is ready for three readings

A majority vote of City Council on all three readings is required for passage.

Three readings are required by November 30, 2021, to provide notice to account holders of the change in fees effective January 1, 2022.

If Council wishes to give three readings during a single meeting, then prior to moving third reading, Council must unanimously agree “That Bylaw 19869 be considered for third reading.”

Position of Administration

Administration supports this Bylaw.

Report Summary

This Bylaw establishes the fees associated with a number of the Assessment and Taxation information services provided by the City of Edmonton.

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REPORT

The 2022 fees recommended for Council approval are set out of Schedule “A” to this bylaw. These fees are reviewed annually with consideration of the cost to provide the service and the fees imposed by other jurisdictions (Attachment 2). For 2022, fees for property information and other services provided by the Assessment and Taxation Branch remain unchanged from 2021 with the exception of the following two items:

- Fees to lending institutions: Based on a survey of other Alberta municipalities, Edmonton’s current fee of \$10.75 per tax account is significantly lower than the provincial average of \$19.50. On this basis, the fees charged to lending institutions for services, including processing tax payments, maintaining mortgage interest information on tax accounts, providing tax account balance information upon request, and issuing annual electronic tax billing listings is recommended to increase to \$19.50 per tax account for 2022.
- Tax searches, including condominium parking stall searches provided through the City’s website: An increase from \$15.75 to \$18.00 is recommended to bring the charge in line with the provincial average.

Tax and assessment notice copies, local improvement details, assessment details, as well as tax account balances and transaction history are available on the MyProperty site at no charge to the property owner.

Budget/Financial Implications

Passage of this bylaw is expected to achieve the budgeted Assessment and Taxation tax search and certificate revenues of \$2.5 million in 2022.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Bylaw 19869 - To Fix the Fees for Assessment and Tax Services of the City of Edmonton - Amendment #5 to Bylaw 17693
2. Survey of 2021 Fees for Municipalities

OTHERS REVIEWING THIS REPORT

- M. Plouffe, City Solicitor