

Bylaw 17693

A Bylaw Fixing the Fees for Assessment and Tax Services of the City of Edmonton

Purpose

To establish the fees to be charged for Assessment and Taxation Services provided by the City of Edmonton.

Readings

Bylaw 17693 is ready for three readings.

Three readings are required by October 31, 2016, to provide notice to search account holders of the change in fees effective January 1, 2017.

If Council wishes to give three readings during a single meeting, then prior to moving third reading, Council must unanimously agree "That Bylaw 17693 be considered for third reading."

Advertising and Signing

No advertising is required.

Position of Administration

Administration supports this Bylaw.

Report Summary

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

Report

The fees set out in Schedule "A" to this bylaw have been standardized across the existing services. The fees proposed in this Bylaw are updated annually and remain comparable to other jurisdictions, based on a survey of nine Alberta municipalities. Many of the charges are unchanged from the previous year, while others have been increased slightly to more closely reflect the average fees charged in other cities.

The main changes to the fee schedule include an increase in the charge for tax searches and certificates, and the annual fee charged to mortgage companies. The increases range from \$1 to \$2.50 per account. The charge for completing requests for assessment information under section 299 and section 300 of the *Municipal Government Act* has been increased from \$50 per hour to \$55 per hour.

The services listed on Schedule "A" have been condensed to combine similar products that are subject to the same fees.

Corporate Outcomes

This Bylaw contributes to the corporate outcome "The City has a resilient financial position," by establishing the fees to be charged for assessment and taxation services provided by the City of Edmonton.

Budget/Financial Implications

The 2017 corporate budget for Tax Search and Certificate revenues will be increased by \$150,000 to reflect these changes.

Legal Implications

Metrics	Targets	Outcomes
2017 service fees are listed on schedule A	Continue to keep our rates comparable with fees charged for similar services in other Alberta municipalities.	Developing reasonable fees will reduce the costs of special requests that otherwise are paid for through the property tax base. Support corporation in the three year budget cycle.

Justification of Recommendation

Bylaw 17693 established the fees for tax searches, tax certificates, and other assessment and taxation services.

Attachment

1. Bylaw 17693

Others Reviewing this Report

- T. Burge, Chief Financial Officer and Deputy City Manager, Financial and Corporate Services