

**TOWN OF MIDDLETON  
CODE A – GENERAL ADMINISTRATION**

**Subject: Fire Protection Rate  
(Water Utility Hydrant Recovery Charge)**

**Number: 1.32**

**Coverage:**

**Approved by: Council**

**Effective Date: May 21, 2019**

**Revision Dates: November 20, 2023**

***Objective***

To establish a policy on the annual setting of a rate for Fire Protection as permitted under the Municipal Government Act Section 80.

***Definitions***

Fire Protection Charge: The total charge by the Water Utility to Town General Operations, in any given fiscal year, and referred to by the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board as "Public Fire Protection Rate". This rate approved for use by the Board in 2019-20 to be \$207,990.00, in 2020-21 to be \$220,048.00 and to be calculated in subsequent years as follows:

1. The greater of the sum of \$220,048.00 annually, or
2. The sum of 46.2% of transmission and distribution, taxes and depreciation expenses of the Utility and return on rate base of the immediately preceding year, plus 10% of all other expenses.
3. The charge shall be allocated between the Town of Middleton and the Municipality of the County of Annapolis based on the proportion of hydrants serving each municipality.

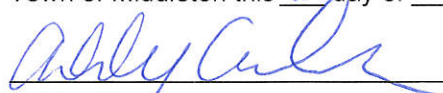
***Policy Statement***

1. The Town shall annually levy a rate by resolution per one hundred dollars of assessed value of all assessed properties within the Town of Middleton served by the Water Utility to recover the Town's portion of the Fire Protection Charge.
2. No property, except property of His Majesty in right of the Province situated in the Town of Middleton is exempt from the rate
3. The rate is a first lien on real property and may be collected in the same manner as taxes.
4. Policy Number A.1.17 Tax Collection Procedure will apply to Fire Protection rate billings.
5. The Town's policy on interest charges on overdue taxes shall also apply to Fire Protection Rate bills.

***Certification***

**THIS IS TO CERTIFY** that this policy was duly passed by a majority vote of the whole Council at a duly called Council meeting held on the 21 day of Nov 2023.

**GIVEN** under the hand of the CAO and under the seal of the Town of Middleton this 22 day of Nov 2023



Ashley Crocker  
Chief Administrative Officer