

TOWN OF DOLORES

RESOLUTION NO. R482

SERIES 2022

**A RESOLUTION INCREASING FEES CHARGED BY THE TOWN OF DOLORES TO INSTALL WATER METERS**

WHEREAS, the Town of Dolores, Colorado is a statutory town incorporated under the laws of the state of Colorado.

WHEREAS, the Town has the statutory authority to establish and modify tap fees for water and sewer services pursuant to CRS § 31-35-402(f) which provides in relevant part the power

***To prescribe, revise, and collect in advance or otherwise, from any consumer or any owner or occupant of any real property connected therewith or receiving service therefrom, rates, fees, tolls, and charges or any combination thereof for the services furnished by, or the direct or indirect connection with, or the use of, or any commodity from such water facilities or sewerage facilities or both, including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, minimum charges, charges for the availability of service, tap fees, disconnection fees, reconnection fees, and reasonable penalties for any delinquencies... (Emphasis added).***

WHEREAS the Town of Dolores has exercised this statutory authority to enact ordinances pertaining to permit fees charged to install water taps as set forth in Chapter 13.04 of the Dolores Municipal Code generally.

WHEREAS Section 13.04.070 of the Dolores Municipal Code provides that:

*Nothing in this chapter concerning rates or tap fees shall be construed, nor is it intended as preventing the town board from adjusting rates prescribed by this chapter **by resolution** of the board at any regular or special meeting, whenever, in the judgment of the town board at any regular or special meeting, such water and sewer rates are insufficient to defray the costs of furnishing water and sewer service to the inhabitants of the town and the costs of providing debt service, reserve for depreciation, obsolescence and all other costs. Such authority is expressly conferred upon the town board. (Emphasis added).*

WHEREAS Section 13.04.080 of the Dolores Municipal Code further codifies the power of the Board of Trustees to set rates, charges and fees by resolution not otherwise established.

WHEREAS by resolution the Town of Dolores currently charges \$650.00 install a water meter.

WHEREAS the Board of Trustees finds that due to the increased cost of materials and labor, the current fees charged to install water meters to the Town of Dolores municipal water system are inadequate to defray the cost of installing new taps which in turn places an undue burden on the inhabitants of the Town by straining the Town's ability to provide for debt services, reserve for depreciation, obsolescence and other costs associated with operating and maintaining the Town's water system.

WHEREAS the Board of Trustees finds that it is more equitable to increase the fee charged to install water meters than it is to pass these increased costs on to the taxpayers and consumers to absorb through rate increases imposed on existing customers or by depleting reserves.

WHEREAS, in order to reflect the actual cost of installing water meters, the Town of Dolores Board of Trustees finds it necessary and appropriate to increase the fees to install municipal water meters.

WHEREAS the Town passed resolution R324 Series 2011 setting the fee charged for installing water meters and wishes to amend said resolution as set for herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF DOLORES that Resolution No. R324 Series 2011 is amended as follows:

1. The fee to install a three-quarter inch (3/4") water meter is increased to and shall be \$2,900.00 per tap installed.
2. The fee to install a one-inch (1") water meter is increased to and shall be \$3,700.00 per tap installed.
3. The fee to install a one- and one-half inch (1.5") water meter is increased to and shall be \$5,700.00 per tap installed.
4. The fee to install a two-inch (2") water meter is increased to and shall be \$6,500.00 per tap installed.
5. Any prior resolution in conflict herewith is amended accordingly.
6. The increase in water meter installation fees set forth in this resolution shall be effective immediately.

Introduced, read and passed as a resolution at the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Town of Dolores held on May 9, 2022 at which a quorum was present.

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF DOLORES:

By:  Mayor

Attest:  Town Clerk

