

**TOWN OF ALTA**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-R-14**

**A RESOLUTION REPEALING AND REPLACING RESOLUTION  
2021-R-9  
PERTAINING TO WATER USE RATES**

WHEREAS, the Town's "Culinary Water and Rate Ordinance" of February 10, 1977 and State law allows a municipality to establish water connection fees and rates by Resolution; and

WHEREAS, in the early months of 1996, the Town Council voted to undertake a comprehensive review of water use rates being charged and appointed a sub-committee of the Town Council to analyze and review water rate structure, which sub-committee held numerous special meetings and has discussed its findings as regular Town Council meetings throughout 1996; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council finds that the financial needs of the Town's water System and fairness to all water users would be best served by establishing a rate system based on Equivalent Capacity Units (ECU); and

WHEREAS, due to increase in expenses the 1996 Resolution was amended in 2001, 2004, 2008, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020. In 2021, the Town adopted 2021-R-9 which amended the previous Resolutions and encompassed all previous changes and updated the amendments for 2021. Updates were made in Section 2, (B), (F), (G), and (H); and

WHEREAS, this Resolution will update Section 2, (B), (F), (G), and (H) from 2021;

WHEREAS, in FY2023, the minimum revenue to operate a water system necessitates a 15% rate increase for commercial and residential customers to cover expenses and fund infrastructure replacement; the changes include a 25% increase on overage rate from \$2.86 to \$3.58 per 1,000 gallons, for a 1.25 ECU value (single-family residence) going from \$91.78 to \$105.29.

WHEREAS, water users are the appropriate source of funds to repay debt, address operational costs, save for infrastructure replacement, and encourage the conservation of water; and

WHEREAS, increases in operation and maintenance costs have required adjustments in rates charged for water service within the Town.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. Water Connection Fees: Water connection and inspection fees shall be computed as follows:

\$40 per fixture unit as defined by the most current Uniform Plumbing Code as adopted by the State of Utah

Section 2. Water Use Rates:

(A.) The Town Council shall determine the revenue needs of the Water System by taking into account (1) debt service requirements, if any; (2) costs of water charged by the Town's supplier, Salt Lake City Corporation; (3) costs of ongoing operation and maintenance; (4) administrative overhead costs; (5) reserves; and (6) depreciation.

(B.) Given the above factors, the minimum amount of revenue necessary to operate the Water System at the date of this Resolution is **\$418,407.00**.

(C.) Each water system user shall be assigned an ECU value, which is defined as a unit reflecting that part of the capacity of the water system necessary to serve a standard water customer, with multiples or fractions of the unit including the number and type of water fixtures, certain cooking facilities, or other water system demand factors.

(D.) All single-family residential buildings shall be assigned an ECU value of 1.25.

(E.) For all other buildings, an ECU value shall be determined in accordance with the following table, which sets forth water system demand fixtures and other demand factors as a decimal value of one ECU. Each building's total ECU value or rating shall be computed by adding the total number of partial ECU values. However, there shall be a minimum ECU value for each building of 1.25 ECU's.

Full service restaurants, each seat	.03
Cafeteria and bars, each seat	.03
Retail space, each 65 square feet	.01
Toilet, urinal	.05
Lavatory sink, (per compartment)	.02
Tub/shower	.05
Bidet	.05
Kitchen sink (per compartment)	.05
Bar sink (per compartment)	.05
Garbage disposal	.05
Commercial dishwasher, per 1/8 <sup>th</sup> inch supply line	.10
Household dishwasher	.10
Commercial clothes washer, per 1/8 <sup>th</sup> inch supply line	.10
Steam room (wet sauna)	.08
Jacuzzi, per 100 gallon capacity	.02
Swimming pool, per 1,000 gallon capacity	.02
Drinking fountain	.05
Water softener	
Residential	.02
Commercial	.01

Fire protection sprinkler heads	.00
Hose bib (standard garden hose)	.05
Ice machine, per 1/8 <sup>th</sup> inch supply line	.05

(F.) Each water using entity in the Town shall be assigned a monthly allocation of water for which it will pay a base rate of \$84.23 per ECU value. For commercial users, the monthly allocation shall be 6,400 gallons of water times it's ECU value. For single-family residential users, the monthly allocation shall be 6,400 gallons of water times it's ECU value. (For purposes of this Resolution, all users which are not single-family residential homes shall be deemed commercial users).

(G.) The monthly cost for the minimum use allocation set forth in paragraph (F.) above shall be **\$105.29** for single-family residential users and **\$84.23** per 1,000 gallons of water allocated to commercial users.

(H.) All water users shall pay the same amount for water usage above the minimum allocation figure established pursuant to paragraph (B) at the rate of **\$3.58** per 1,000 gallons used.

(I.) Each water user shall be billed for water usage according to the monthly minimum allocation set in section F above, overage charges shall be calculated from monthly meter readings when the minimum allocation is exceeded. Water users will be invoiced on a quarterly billing cycle including any overages.

(J.) It shall be the responsibility of the staff of the Town to determine water rates based on the above formula.

Section 3. Effective Date: This Resolution shall become effective on July 1, 2022.

**ADOPTED THIS 15<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JUNE, 2022 IN OPEN MEETING BY THE TOWN COUNCIL.**

BY:

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Mayor Roger Bourke

ATTEST:

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Jen Clancy, Town Clerk