

TOWN OF ALTA

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-R-15

**A RESOLUTION REPEALING AND REPLACING RESOLUTION 2024-R-24
PERTAINING TO SEWER USE RATES**

WHEREAS, sewer department debt has been deemed to be a priority to begin to repay; and

WHEREAS, building up a fund balance to prepare for infrastructure replacement has been deemed a priority; and

WHEREAS, sewer service users are the appropriate source of funds to repay this debt and address infrastructure replacement savings; and

WHEREAS, sewer rates must be increased due to increases in disposal costs; and

WHEREAS, increases in costs have required adjustment in rates charged for sewer service within the Town of Alta; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council finds that it is in the best interest of the sewer users to establish costs per Equivalent Capacity Unit" (the "ECU") by determining the total annual cost of sewer treatment charged by Cottonwood Improvement District, costs of ongoing operation and maintenance, administrative overhead, reserves, depreciation and debt service; and

WHEREAS, this resolution will repeal and replace 2024-R-24 and will update the rate changes for FY2026; and

WHEREAS, in FY 2026, sewer revenue needed to cover expenses is \$312,948; this results in an annual rate of \$1,276.88 per ECU and a 29% rate increase for commercial and residential customers (due mainly to disposal costs). As an example, the cost for a 1.25 ECU value (single-family residence) will go from \$103.98 to 133.01 per month.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

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

\$60.00 per fixture unit as defined by the most current Uniform Plumbing Code, as adopted by the State of Utah.

Section 2. Sewer Use Rates: The Town Council shall determine the revenue needs of the Sewer System by taking into account (1) debt service requirements, if any;

(2) costs of treatment as charged by the Cottonwood Improvement District; (3) costs of ongoing operation and maintenance; (4) administrative overhead costs; (5) reserves; and (6) depreciation.

Given the above factors, the minimum amount of revenue necessary to cover the annual costs for the annual disposal costs and the operation and maintenance costs is \$312,948.

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

In order to determine the sewer rate for each sewer user, the total number of ECU's for the Town of Alta shall be computed, which, at the date of this resolution is 233.34. This number shall be divided into the total revenue needed to cover the aforementioned costs producing an annual ECU rate of \$1,276.88 (\$106.41 per month).

After calculating the total ECU value for each sewer user or building, that ECU value shall be multiplied by \$1,276.88 to determine the annual sewer use charge for that user (for purposes of this Resolution, all users which are not single-family residential homes shall be deemed commercial users).

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

The staff shall determine each sewer charge based on the above formula. Sewer customers shall be invoiced on a monthly basis. After receiving the first invoice, any sewer user shall have 21 days within which to protest the calculation of the invoice. Such protests shall be filed in writing and will be heard at the next Town Council meeting.

Section 3: Resolution 2024-R-24 is hereby repealed and replaced as written above.

Section 4: This Resolution shall become effective July 1, 2025.

ADOPTED THIS 18th day of June 2025.

By



Mayor Roger Bourke

ATTEST:



Jen Clancy, Town Clerk

VOTE:

Mayor Bourke

yes

Councilmember Anctil

yes

Councilmember Byrne

yes

Councilmember Morgan

yes

Councilmember Schilling

yes