

TOWN OF ALTA

RESOLUTION # 2026-R-20

**A RESOLUTION REPEALING AND REPLACING RESOLUTION
2025-R-14 PERTAINING TO WATER USE RATES**

WHEREAS, the Town's Culinary Water Ordinance of February 10, 1977, together with applicable State law, authorizes the Town of Alta to establish water rates and connection fees by Resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council finds that a rate structure based on Equivalent Capacity Units ("ECUs") provides a fair and equitable method for allocating the costs of the Town's water system among users; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council further finds that water users are the appropriate source of funds for the repayment of debt, payment of system operating and maintenance costs, funding of infrastructure replacement and capital improvements, and promotion of water conservation; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council has adopted a FY27 Water Fund budget totaling \$765,416.00, including an annual operating budget of \$403,580.00 and capital expenditures of \$361,836.00; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council has determined that the FY27 capital expenditures shall be partially funded through the use of \$298,784.00 of existing Water Fund reserves; and

WHEREAS, the FY27 Water Fund budget reflects increased costs associated with system operations and maintenance, administrative overhead, and infrastructure needs; and

WHEREAS, increases in operation and maintenance costs, together with increased capital and infrastructure requirements, necessitate adjustments to the Town's water rates; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council has determined that FY27 water system revenue requirements necessitate an overall rate increase of approximately nine percent (9%) for residential and commercial customers; and

WHEREAS, the water rate structure also includes a 20% increase in the overage rate from \$6.19 to \$7.43 per 1,000 gallons; and

WHEREAS, based upon the FY27 revenue requirements and the Town's adopted ECU methodology, the water service rate is established at \$138.78 per month per ECU; and

WHEREAS, for illustrative purposes, the monthly water charge for a standard single-family residential unit assigned a value of 1.25 ECUs will increase from \$157.17 per month to \$173.48 per month; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 2025-R-15 is hereby repealed and replaced and updated water rates for FY27 are hereby established.

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.

Given the above factors, the minimum amount of revenue necessary to operate the Water System at the date of this Resolution is \$765,416.00. This amount includes the amount of revenue that needs to be raised from water users through their rates (\$429,632.00) and the additional revenue from other sources such as snowmaking water, overages, interest, and reserves (\$335,748).

(B.) 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.

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

(D.) 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 th inch supply line	.10
Household dishwasher	.10
Commercial clothes washer, per 1/8 th 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 th inch supply line	.05

(E.) Each water using entity in the Town shall be assigned a monthly allocation of water for which it will pay a base rate of \$138.78 per ECU value. For commercial users, the monthly allocation shall be 6,400 gallons of water times its ECU value. For single-family residential users, the monthly allocation shall be 6,400 gallons of water times its ECU value. (For purposes of this Resolution, all users which are not single-family residential homes shall be deemed commercial users).

(F.) The monthly cost for the minimum use allocation set forth in paragraph (F.) above shall be **\$173.48** for single-family residential users and **\$138.78** per 6,400 gallons of water allocated to commercial users.

(G.) 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 **\$7.43** per 1,000 gallons used.

(H.) 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 monthly billing cycle including any overages.

(I.) 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 immediately.

ADOPTED THIS 17th DAY OF JUNE, 2026 IN OPEN MEETING BY THE TOWN COUNCIL.

BY:



Mayor Roger Bourke

ATTEST:



Jen Clancy, Town Clerk

VOTE:

Mayor Bourke

yes

Councilmember Ancil

not present

Councilmember Heimark

yes

Councilmember Morgan

yes

Councilmember Schilling

yes