

TOWN OF ALTA

RESOLUTION # 2026-R-21

**A RESOLUTION REPEALING AND REPLACING
RESOLUTION 2026-R-15 PERTAINING TO SEWER USE RATES**

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Alta finds it necessary and appropriate to establish sewer service rates sufficient to fund the annual operation of the Town's Sewer Fund; and

WHEREAS, the FY27 Sewer Fund budget includes costs associated with sewer treatment services provided by Cottonwood Improvement District, system operations and maintenance, administrative overhead, capital outlay, reserves, and depreciation; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council finds that maintaining adequate reserves and funding infrastructure replacement and capital improvements are necessary to ensure the long-term reliability and financial stability of the Town's sewer system; and

WHEREAS, increases in sewer treatment and disposal costs charged by Cottonwood Improvement District require an increase to the rates charged for sewer service within the Town of Alta sewer service area; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council has adopted a FY27 Sewer Fund budget totaling \$738,743, including an annual operating budget of \$352,743.00 and capital expenditures of \$386,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council has determined that the FY27 capital expenditures shall be funded through the use of existing Sewer Fund reserves; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council further finds that maintaining and rebuilding Sewer Fund reserves for future infrastructure replacement and capital needs remains a priority of the Town; and

WHEREAS, based upon the projected FY27 revenue requirements and the Town's adopted Equivalent Capacity Unit ("ECU") methodology, the FY27 sewer service rate shall be established at \$1,404.57 annually per ECU, equivalent to \$117.05 per month per ECU; and

WHEREAS, for illustrative purposes, the monthly sewer charge for a standard single-family residential unit assigned a value of 1.25 ECUs will increase from \$133.01 per month to \$146.31 per month; and

WHEREAS, this resolution will repeal and replaces 2025-R-15 and establishes updated sewer service rates for FY2027.

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 \$738,743.00.

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 \$117.05 per month.

After calculating the total ECU value for each sewer user or building, that ECU value shall be multiplied by \$117.05 to determine the monthly 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 2026-5-15 is hereby repealed and replaced as written above.

Section 4: This Resolution shall become effective July 1, 2026.

ADOPTED THIS 17th day of June 2026.

By 

Mayor Roger Bourke

ATTEST:


Jen Clancy, Town Clerk

VOTE:

Mayor Bourke	<u>yes</u>	Councilmember Anctil	<u>not present</u>
Councilmember <u>Heimark</u>	<u>yes</u>	Councilmember Morgan	<u>yes</u>
Councilmember Schilling	<u>yes</u>		