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TOWN OF JEROME, ARIZONA

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RESOLUTION NO. 660

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF JEROME, ARIZONA, ADOPTING A NOTICE OF INTENTION TO INCREASE WATER AND / OR WASTEWATER RATES OR RATE COMPONENTS, FEES OR SERVICE CHARGES; SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED INCREASE AND / OR CHANGES TO THE WATER AND / OR WASTEWATER RATES OR RATE COMPONENTS, FEES OR SERVICE CHARGES; AND FILING A WRITTEN REPORT SUPPORTING THE PROPSED RATE INCREASE OR RATE COMPONENTS, FEES OR SERVICE CHARGES WITH THE TOWN CLERK

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of A.R.S. § 9-511.01, the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Jerome, Arizona, may increase water and wastewater rates or rate components, fees or service charges where a written report or data supporting the proposed increase rates or rate components, fees or service charges has been prepared and will be posted to the Town's website no less than thirty days prior to the public hearing on the proposed increased rate or rate components, fees or service charges; and

WHEREAS, The Town has made available to the public a notice of intention to increase water and wastewater rates or rate components, fees or service charges setting out that a public hearing will be held on the proposed increased rates or rate components, fees or service charges, at least 60-days after adoption of the notice of intention and a copy of the notice of intention showing the date, time and place of such hearing will be published one time in a newspaper of general circulation within the boundaries of the Town not less than twenty days prior to the public hearing date; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Jerome has prepared a written report dated August, 2023, as provided by its rate consultant, which supports the proposed increase in rates and charges (the "Report"); and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Town Council desire to declare their intention to increase water and wastewater rates and charges consistent with the findings of the report.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Jerome, Arizona as follows:

Section 1. The recitals above are hereby incorporated as if fully set forth herein.

Section 2. The Notice of Intention as attached, to increase water and wastewater rates, rate components and charges is hereby adopted.

For TTY Access, Call the Arizona Relay Service at 1-800-367-8939 and ask for Town of Jerome at 928-634-7943

Section 3. A public hearing on the proposed increase in water and wastewater rates, components and charges shall be held before the Mayor and Town Council on Monday, November 13, 2023, beginning at 6:15 p.m. in the Jerome Town Council Chambers, 600 Clark Street, Jerome, Arizona.

Section 4. The Report supporting the proposed increases and changes shall be available to the public beginning September 28, 2023, in the office of the City Clerk, 600 Clark Street, Jerome, Arizona, and on the Town's official website at <u>www.jerome.az.gov</u> and is attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference.

Section 5. The Town Clerk shall publish a copy of the Notice one time in the Verde Independent not less than 20 days prior to November 13, 2023.

Section 6. The Mayor and / or Town Manager / Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute all documents and take all necessary steps to carry out the purpose and intent of this resolution.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by a majority vote of the Jerome Town Council on the 12th day of September, 2023.

APPROVED:

Christina "Alex" Barber, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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ATTEST:

Brett Klein, Town Manager/Clerk

William J. Sims, Town Attorney