TOWN OF JOHNSTOWN, COLORADO RESOLUTION NO. 2025-02

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A GRANT FROM THE TOWN OF JOHNSTOWN GENERAL FUND TO THE TOWN OF JOHNSTOWN WATER UTILITY ENTERPRISE

WHEREAS, the Town of Johnstown, Colorado ("Town") is a Colorado home rule municipality, duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Colorado and the Town's Home Rule Charter; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Johnstown, Colorado, Water Utility Enterprise, is a duly created enterprise, as that term is defined in Article X, Section 20 of the Colorado Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council is vested with the authority to administer the affairs of the Town and the Water Utility Enterprise; and

WHEREAS, the Water Utility Enterprise seeks funding to assist in the financing of significant infrastructure improvements in the Town, including the construction of the water treatment plant, the construction and installation of a raw water line, and water infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council recognizes that it is approving this Resolution contrary to the provisions of Section 4-41(2) of the Johnstown Municipal Code given the unique conditions and necessity to ensure sustainability of the Water Utility Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council also recognizes that this Resolution is inconsistent with Section 13-70 of the Johnstown Municipal Code, but it is in the best interest of the Water Utility Enterprise; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Johnstown General Fund has available resources to grant the funds to the Water Utility Enterprise; and

WHEREAS, but for the grant, the Town would have to significantly increase rates to both existing and future rate payers for services delivered; and

WHEREAS, to provide the funding, the Town Council desires to make a grant from the Town of Johnstown General Fund to the Water Utility Enterprise in the amount of Fifty Million, Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$50,700,000); and

WHEREAS, the Town Council acknowledges that the Water Utility Enterprise will lose its Enterprise status based on the meaning of Section 20 of Article X of the State Constitution for Fiscal Year 2025 only; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council finds, determines and declares that adoption of this Resolution is in the best interests of the citizens of the Town.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF JOHNSTOWN, COLORADO, ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE TOWN OF JOHNSTOWN AND OF THE TOWN OF JOHNSTOWN WATER UTILITY ENTERPRISE, THAT:

<u>Section 1</u>. <u>Grant.</u> The Town Council hereby approves a grant from the Town of Johnstown General Fund to the Water Utility Enterprise in the amount of Fifty Million, Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$50,700,000). The Water Utility Enterprise shall have no obligation to repay the grant.

<u>Section 2.</u> <u>Interest</u>. All interest earned by the financial grant provided to the Water Utility Enterprise identified in Section 1 shall be remitted to the Town of Johnstown General Fund on a bi-annual basis until the funds are depleted.

Section 3. Findings, Determinations, Declarations. The Town Council, having been fully informed of and having considered all the pertinent facts and circumstances, hereby finds, determines, and declares during the current fiscal year ended December 31, 2025, and this fiscal year only, an exception is made to the establishment of the Town's Water Utility Enterprise for purposes of acceptance of the grant referenced in Section 1 hereof and for purposes of Section 4-41(2) of the Johnstown Municipal Code.

<u>Section 4</u>. <u>Authorization.</u> This Resolution authorizes the transfer of funds to the Water Utility Enterprise from the Town of Johnstown General Fund to satisfy this grant.

PASSED, SIGNED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2025.

ATTEST:

TOWN OF JOHNSTOWN, COLORADO

By: _

Meghan Martinez, Town Clerk

By: _

Michael P. Duncan, Mayor