

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-01

**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR COMMUNITIES WITH POPULATIONS
BETWEEN 1,500 AND 5,000**

WHEREAS, cities and towns in Wyoming with populations over 1,500 are responsible for the cleaning and maintenance of storm sewers; the cleaning, sweeping and washing of all streets and highways; and snow removal from all streets and highways within their corporate limits; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation is responsible for the above-mentioned maintenance activities on State Highways in towns with populations of less than 1,500; and

WHEREAS, those towns with populations over 5,000 participate in the Transportation Commission's urban program, thereby receiving federal-aid funds for improvement of their roads inside urban limits; and

WHEREAS, the 56th Wyoming State Legislature passed House Bill 14 (Enrolled Act No. 6, Chapter 21, Session Laws 2000) that adds the following to W.S. 24-2-111(a)(ii); "Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Transportation Commission may contribute financial assistance to any city or town with a population between fifteen hundred (1,500) and five thousand (5,000) that is performing its duties under this paragraph in a total amount not to exceed twenty dollars (\$20.00) per capita annually to the city or town"; and

WHEREAS, the Commission recognized the inequity of state support and/or federal funding for those communities between 1,500 and 5,000, prior to the passage of House Bill 14 and acknowledges the legislation was passed to correct those inequities; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Wyoming Department of Transportation provide funding of \$20.00 per capita each fiscal year to towns in Wyoming with populations between 1,500 and 5,000, using the latest decennial census adjusted for incorporated boundary changes, providing;

- (a) the community complies with its statutory responsibilities outlined in W.S. 24-2-111; and
- (b) the community has not purposefully kept sections of state highways outside the corporate limits in order to avoid its responsibilities as outlined in Wyoming Statute 24-2-111; and

BE IT RESOLVED that payments be made in two equal installments each state fiscal year, one on July 1st, and one on January 1st, starting on July 1, 2023; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that prior to each fiscal year the governing body of the Town of Saratoga must certify to the Department that they understand and will comply with W.S. 24-2-111 in order to receive funding.

PASSED APPROVED and ADOPTED this 3rd day of January 2023.

Chuck Davis, Mayor

ATTEST:

Marie Christen,
Clerk