

TOWN OF SARATOGA
ORDINANCE NO. 874

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 13.16 OF THE SARATOGA MUNICIPAL CODE DEFINING MONTHLY RATES INCLUDING RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL AND BUSINESS METERED USAGE WITHIN THE MUNICIPAL LIMITS OF SARATOGA, AS WELL AS OUTSIDE THE MUNICIPAL LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF SARATOGA. AND TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, The Town Council as well as the Mayor of the Town of Saratoga, has determined that in the best interest of its residents that the above mentioned Town Code Section(s) be amended.

WHEREAS, The Town Council as well as the Mayor of the Town of Saratoga, finds it appropriate and necessary to establish appropriate rates and billing methods for the acquiring revenue from the provision of water utility services.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Saratoga, Carbon County, Wyoming.

SECTION 1: That Title 13, Chapter 13.16, Section 13.16.30, Monthly rates including commercial and businesses-Metered. be amended to read:

13.16.030 Monthly rates including commercial and businesses—Metered.

A. All properties within the corporate limits of the Town of Saratoga using water provided by the town of Saratoga shall be metered and shall pay to the town for such water in accordance with the following charges based upon the size of the meter serving the property plus the total monthly usage of water. In the case of a private looped system, in which more than one connection is made to the same private system, each connection requiring an individual meter, the monthly usage charge shall be based on the size of the largest meter and the sum of the monthly usage of water metered by all meters servicing the private system:

Meter Size	Base Rate
5/8", 3/4", or 1"	\$33.99
1-1/2"	\$90.64
2"	\$135.96
3"	\$396.55
4"	\$679.80
6"	\$1,642.85
8"	\$2,266.00
10"	\$3,399.00
12"	\$5,098.50

Water Usage (gallons)	Water Usage Rate (per 1,000 gallons)
0 - 1,000	\$0.00
1,001 - 5,000	\$1.10
5,001 - 10,000	\$1.65
10,001 - 20,000	\$2.48
20,001 - 50,000	\$3.30
50,001 - 100,000	\$4.40
100,001 and greater	\$6.05

Said monthly service charges shall increase a minimum of three percent each calendar year, in order to allow the town to account for inflation. The town council may repeal or amend this chapter at any time, or otherwise amend this chapter at any time it may be in the best interest of the town.

A minimum monthly fee, being the base rate, shall be assessed for all properties whether or not water service is actually being provided to that same property, unless no water tap exists at said property, in which case no minimum monthly fee shall be assessed.

B. All properties, including, but not limited to, all residential, commercial operations and businesses, existing outside the corporate limits of the Town of Saratoga using water provided by the town of Saratoga shall be metered and shall pay to the town for such metered water the following charges based upon the size of the meter serving the property plus the total monthly usage of water. In the case of a private looped system, in which more than one connection is made to the same private system, each connection requiring an individual meter, the monthly usage charge shall be based on the size of the largest meter and the sum of the monthly usage of water metered by all meters servicing the private system:

Meter Size	Base Rate
5/8", 3/4", or 1"	\$39.09
1-1/2"	\$104.24
2"	\$156.35
3"	\$456.03
4"	\$781.77
6"	\$1889.28
8"	\$2,605.90
10"	\$3,908.85
12"	\$5,692.50

Water Usage (gallons)	Water Usage Rate (per 1,000 gallons)
0 - 1,000	\$0.00
1,001 - 5,000	\$1.27
5,001 - 10,000	\$1.90
10,001 - 20,000	\$2.85
20,001 - 50,000	\$3.80
50,001 - 100,000	\$5.06
100,001 and greater	\$6.96

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SECTION 2: That Title 13, Chapter 13.16, Section 13.16.035, Suspension of metered water rate and imposition of flat rate be amended to read as follows:

13.16.035 Suspension of metered water rate and imposition of flat rate.

A. The Town Council may, by resolution, suspend metered water rates in the town. Upon suspension of metered water rates by resolution of the town council, water users will pay a monthly flat fee based upon the meter size as follows:

1. Properties completely within the corporate limits of the Town of Saratoga:	
Meter Size	Flat Fee
5/8", 3/4", or 1"	\$33.99
1-1/2"	\$90.64
2"	\$135.96
3"	\$396.55
4"	\$679.80
6"	\$1,642.85
8"	\$2,266.00
10"	\$3,399.00
12"	\$5,098.50

2. Properties fully or partially outside of the corporate limits of the Town of Saratoga:

Meter Size	Flat Fee
5/8", 3/4", or 1"	\$39.09
1-1/2"	\$104.24
2"	\$156.35
3"	\$456.03
4"	\$781.77
6"	\$1889.30
8"	\$2,605.90
10"	\$3,908.85
12"	\$5,863.27

B. In the case of a private looped system, in which more than one connection is made to the same private system, each connection requiring an individual meter, the monthly flat fee shall be based on the size of the largest meter of all meters servicing the private system.

B. Nothing contained in this section is intended nor shall be construed to modify or relax the requirement imposed by the town to conserve water.

SECTION 3: REPEALED

All other prior Ordinances or Parts Thereof that are in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4: METHODOLOGY

For purposes of clarifying the amending procedures all code sections are listed in full in the above sections.

SECTION 5: SEVERABILITY

If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason by a court of competent jurisdiction, or its application to any Person or circumstances is held invalid, the remaining portion of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect, and the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected.

SECTION 6: This ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon passage, approval, and publication.

PASSED ON FIRST READING on the 5 day of November, 2024.

PASSED ON SECOND READING on the ____ day of November 2024.

PASSED, AND ADOPTED ON THIRD READING on the ____ day of December, 2024.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Jenn Anderson, Town Clerk

Chuck Davis, Mayor