

## RESOLUTION No. 779

A RESOLUTION BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WEST YELLOWSTONE CAUSING AN INCREASE IN THE UNIT CHARGE FOR SEWER SERVICES AND FIXING THE RATE THEREOF, CAUSING AN INCREASE IN SEPTAGE DUMP FEES, AND ESTABLISHING SEWER CONNECTION AND INSPECTION FEES.

WHEREAS, the Town of West Yellowstone constructed its waste water treatment facility to accommodate further growth, and

WHEREAS, the Town of West Yellowstone needs to improve and upgrade the wastewater system, and

WHEREAS, the Town Council desires to ensure that the Town will collect funds sufficient for ongoing operations and maintenance, together with funds to improve and upgrade the wastewater system, and

WHEREAS, 69-7-101 MCA authorizes the Town to regulate, establish, and change, as it considers proper, rates, charges and classifications imposed for utility services to its inhabitants and others served by the municipal utility system that are reasonable and just; and

WHEREAS, the Town held a public hearings on April 19 and July 5, 2022, after notice of the same was published on June 17, June 24 and July 1, 2022, and mailed to the persons served by the utility on June 24, 2022, and emailed to the Montana Consumer Counsel on June 29, 2022, all as required by §§69-7-111 and 7-1-4127, MCA.

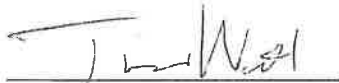
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council of the Town of West Yellowstone, County of Gallatin, in the State of Montana that:

- 1) Effective July 1, 2022, the current monthly equivalent use rate of \$27.07 per 1.0 equivalent user will be increased each year from July 2022 to June 2025 as set out on the attached "Water & Sewer Rate Increase Plan".
- 2) Effective July 1, 2022, each new sewer connection shall be assessed a connection fee of \$3000 per equivalent user.
- 3) The connection fee will be charged one time only.
- 4) The connection fee will be collected at the time that all other fees associated with building construction and inspection are collected.
- 5) All connection and building fees must be paid prior to commencement of construction.
- 6) Connection fees will be collected on all projects occurring within the corporate limits of the Town of West Yellowstone.
- 7) Such connection fees shall be subject to periodic review and revision at an interval deemed appropriate by the Town Council.
- 8) In such cases where a sewer connection is already in place and the Town receives a change in use request for the property, the Town will apply the equivalent user chart to the new use. If the new use results in a higher equivalent user number/greater impact on the waste water

treatment system the Town will assess a connection fee based on the difference between the original and the increased equivalent use number.

9) The septage dump fee will be increase from \$150 to \$250 per load not to exceed 1,500 gallons per load.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR  
FOR THE TOWN OF WEST YELLOWSTONE THIS  
5th DAY OF JULY 2022.


  
Travis Watt  
Council Member/Mayor

  
Brian Benike  
Council Member

  
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Council Member

  
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ATTEST:  
  
Elizabeth Roos  
Town Clerk