TOWN OF PALISADE, COLORADO RESOLUTION NO. 2025-10

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF PALISADE, COLORADO ADOPTING A WATER RATE STUDY AND AMENDING THE FEE SCHEDULE IN REGARD TO WATER RATES.

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees is authorized to establish fees charged by the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees requested a water rate study to ensure the water fees charged by the Town are fair and equitable, yet adequate to meet the Town's needs into the future, (the "Rate Study"); and

WHEREAS, the Town commissioned Rural Community Assistance Corporation to prepare the Rate Study, which was presented to the Palisade Board of Trustees on April 8, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees desires to accept the Rate Study; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees realizes that the current water user fees do not provide adequately for the ongoing operating expenses, including the debt service due for the water fund in the Town of Palisade and needs to adjust water fees accordingly; and

WHEREAS, the rates adopted by this Resolution assume an annual \$100,000 transfer from the general fund to the water fund in 2025 through 2029 to soften the impact of increased rates on residents and maintain an adequate reserve in the water fund and make debt payments.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE TOWN OF PALISADE, COLORADO THAT:

- **Section 1.** The foregoing recitals are incorporated herein as if set forth in full.
- <u>Section 2</u>. The Water Rate Study dated April 11, 2023 prepared by Rural Community Assistance Corporation is hereby accepted by the Town of Palisade with the Board of Trustees to adequately meet its legal, fiduciary and financial responsibilities.

<u>Section 3</u>. The fee schedule be amended to reflect the following:

Water Service

(All fees shown are billed monthly unless otherwise indicated)

Residential/Mobile Home Park/Multi-Family Unit

\$55.00 for 5,000 gallons (per dwelling unit) \$38.50 for ADU

Business, Industrial:

3/4" meter	\$55.00	for 5,000 gallons
1" meter	\$55.00	for 5,000 gallons
1 ½" meter	\$94.00	for 5,000 gallons
2" meter	\$141.00	for 5,000 gallons
3" meter	\$267.00	for 5,000 gallons
4" meter	\$443.00	for 5,000 gallons

Residential/Mobile Home Park/Multi-Family Unit

In excess of minimum volume:

5,001-8,000 gallons:	\$5.25	per 1,000 gallons
8,001-12,000 gallons:	\$5.60	per 1,000 gallons
Over 12,000 gallons:	\$6.20	per 1,000 gallons

Business, Industrial Multi-Unit

In excess of minimum volume:

5,001-8,000 gallons:	\$5.25	per 1,000 gallons
8,001-12,000 gallons:	\$5.60	per 1,000 gallons
12,001-128,000 gallons:	\$6.20	per 1,000 gallons
Over 128,000 gallons:	\$13.70	per 1,000 gallons

<u>Section 4</u>. Each year on January 1st, commencing January 1, 2026, the base rates adopted herein shall increase 8%, rounded up to the nearest \$0.05, and the tiered rates will increase \$0.10 per 1,000 gallons. For the Town's 2030 budget, staff shall revisit these rates relative to its reserve fund and operating needs to determine if rate adjustments should be made.

RESOLVED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 8th day of April 2025.

TOWN OF PALISADE, COLORADO

Gree Mikolai, Mayor

ATTEST:

Keli Frasier, CMC Town Clerk

