

**TOWN OF RYE
POLICY
MANUAL**

Updated June 9, 2022

Approved by Board of Trustees

RESOLUTION 2022-4

Revision to Resolution 2021-5 to Increase Water and Sewer Rates

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of the Town of Rye that water and sewer rates will be increased effective January 1, 2022, as follows:

Water:

To meet the financial needs of providing water to our residents the following right to serve rate (base rate) changes are proposed for the years 2022-2026:

Meter Size	Yr. 2022	Yr. 2023	Yr. 2024	Yr. 2025	Yr. 2026
3/4"	\$61.00	\$62.83	\$64.71	\$66.66	\$68.66
1"	\$71.24	\$73.78	\$75.58	\$77.85	\$80.19
1 1/2"	\$81.58	\$84.03	\$86.55	\$89.15	\$91.82
2"	\$111.03	\$114.37	\$117.80	\$121.33	\$124.97

In addition to the right to serve rate (base rate), residents will be charged per gallon used monthly at the following rate:

3/4" \$.00302/gal used	1" \$.00324/gal used	1 1/2" \$.00344/gal used	2" \$.00404/gal used
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Example: Account 150 has a 3/4" service line and used 4280 gallons in the month of June. The bill would be figured as follows: 4280 gal X .00302/gal + \$61.00 right to serve fee (base rate) = \$73.93 will be billed for water.

The Town of Rye has identified customers with **multiple efficiency units*** receiving water through a single meter associated with the property. The principal connection will be charged per month based on meter size rate, plus usage, AND plus an additional fee of \$40.00 for each efficiency unit on that property that is served by the property's single meter.

Sewer:

Sewer charges are determined yearly for each customer by averaging individual water consumption for the months of December, January, and February and adding the right to serve sewer fee of \$29.64/month. The months of December, January, and February are used to determine the average water consumption because water usage is generally at the lowest per individual customer.

To meet the financial needs of providing wastewater treatment to the residents of the Town of Rye, the following right to serve fee (base rate) and consumption averages fees are proposed:

All customers will be charged a flat fee of \$29.64 per month for right to serve (base rate) for wastewater treatment. Additionally, customers will be charged per month for the average usage as follows:

3/4" and 1" .005/gal of the average water consumption of Dec., Jan., Feb.

1 1/2" and 2" .00697 /gal of the average water consumption of Dec., Jan., Feb.

Example: Account 150 has a 3/4" meter and averaged 2160 gal of water consumed for the months of Dec., Jan., and Feb. $2160 \text{ gal} \times .005/\text{gal} + \$29.64 \text{ right to serve fee (base rate)} = \40.44 . Account 150 would know their sewer fee would be \$40.44 each month for the entire year.

The Town of Rye has identified customers with **multiple efficiency units*** that are connected to the town sewer main through one connection. The principal connection will be charged per month based on meter size rate, plus usage average, AND plus an addition fee of \$15.00 for each efficiency unit on the property that is served by the property's single sewer main connection.

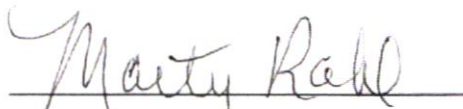
For sewer billing purposes, water consumption for Dec., Jan., and Feb. will be recalculated yearly in the month of February. The new water and sewer fees will appear in March billing of each year, beginning in 2023.

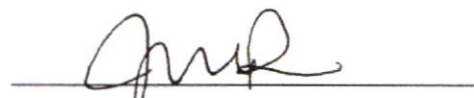
***Efficiency Unit** is any unit in addition to the principal connection (i.e. multiple connections on the same line). Additionally, efficiency units have not been permitted since Ordinance 2020-9 "Ordinance to Require Water/Sewer Tap for Every Single-Family Home and Commercial Residential/Multi-Family Properties to Require Board Approval for Water and Sewer Taps Prior to Construction Beginning" was enacted on May 13, 2020.

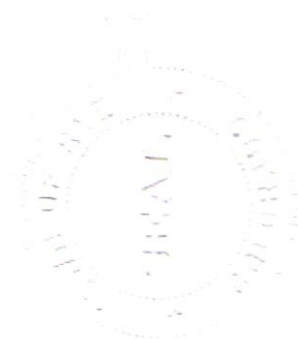
WHEREAS: The rate increase is necessary to cover water treatment plant debt service and for operating and maintaining the infrastructure. Minimum usage and rate structure will be assessed to all properties including vacant and seasonal use properties.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF RYE, COLORADO, that the Board of Trustees instructs the Clerk to increase the water rate effective January 1, 2022.

Revised this 13th day of April 2022.


Marty Rahl, Mayor


Jocelyn Mower, Clerk



RENTERS:

The Town of Rye bills the water and sewer to the property owners only. Current Renters are grandfathered in to be billed. Once they move, owners will be billed for the water and sewer.

DISCOUNTS:

No discounts allowed. Minutes December 8, 2008.

DELINQUENT:

Late Fee – A \$15.00 late fee will be assessed monthly if not paid by the day before the last business day of the following month. (Example: March billing done on last business day of the month, due on the day prior to the last business day of April). Every billing statement that is past due will be stamped “past due” when the account reaches 30 days past due.

Past Due Accounts – When an account reaches 61+ days overdue, A Notice of Disconnect for Nonpayment will be hung on the resident’s front door that states “To Whom It May Concern: The Town of Rye has been forced to disconnect the water service for the property located at **** in Rye, Colorado, for nonpayment. Our policy clearly states that any account that is 61+ days overdue will be disconnected. Prior to water service being restored, the owner (or new property owner) must pay the current balance plus \$200 (\$100 each for the disconnect fee and for the reconnect fee). This entire balance must be paid with Money Order or Cash to the Town Clerk prior to the restoration of service. You may make payment via US Postal Service at PO Box 236, Rye, CO 81069, or feel free to drop your payment inside the drop box at the Town Hall at 2067 Main Street, Rye, CO 81069. To avoid having your water service suspended and the imposed \$200 in fines, please remit your payment in full within five business days of the date of this notification.” During the time that water service is suspended, there will be a right-to-serve fee assessed as well as a late fee each month until the account is up to date. If, by the following September, the account is not up to date the property will be turned over to the attorney for a lien to be filed with Pueblo County. Upon acceptance of Pueblo County, the meter will be pulled, and right-to-serve fees will be stopped. The cost to have the new meter installed will be \$5,000 as a new tap fee.

Accounts in Good Standing – A \$25.00 fee will be charged for water shut off and a \$15.00 fee charged to reconnect.

Liens – A lien will be filed against the resident’s property when accounts become 90 days past due. Per attorney, if, by the following September 1, the account is not up to date the property will be turned over to the attorney for a lien to be filed with Pueblo County Treasurer. Upon acceptance of Pueblo County, the meter will be pulled, and