

PALMER LAKE, COLORADO

RESOLUTION NO. 13 - 2023

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF PALMER LAKE, COLORADO, SETTING A DIFFERENT INCREASE TO THE WATER TAP FEE AND THE WATER USAGE RATE FOR THE TOWN

WHEREAS pursuant to § 31-35-402(1)(f), C.R.S., the Town of Palmer Lake possesses the authority to prescribe, revise and collect fees for providing water service; and

WHEREAS, by Ordinance 5 of 2018, as codified in Section 13.02.020 of the Town of Palmer Lake Municipal Code, the Town has provided that the water base rates, tap fees, and usage fees may be set by resolution of the Board of Trustees (“Board”); and

WHEREAS, the Board engaged a third-party consultant to review the Town’s water utility rate structure and to make recommendations to the Board to ensure that the Town is adequately funding existing operations, equipment repair and replacement, other capital improvement plans and debt service; and

WHEREAS, respective resolutions were passed in 2019 to increase these respective rates annually; and

WHEREAS, the increases did not appropriately take place; and

WHEREAS, it is recommended to increase the Water Tap Fee and Water Usage Rate by 7% in 2023 to bring those rates to the intended level.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF PALMER LAKE, EL PASO COUNTY, COLORADO:

Section 1. Water Tap Fees. In accordance with Section 13.08.020(a) of the Municipal Code, all water tap and service connections to the Town’s water system shall pay one time tap fees (for new taps only) as follows, and, commencing with the next billing cycle following approval of this resolution, all customers shall pay monthly base rates dependent on tap size and meter type as follows:

Tap Size	Tap Fee
0.75"	\$ 22,703.26
1"	\$ 41,587.83
1.5"	\$ 73,061.36
2"	\$ 110,828.23

The fees set forth above shall be adjusted at this rate for 2023 only and subsequently continue the intended 3% increase, unless directed otherwise by Resolution by the Board of Trustees.

Section 2. Water Usage Rates. In accordance with Section 13.08.020(b) of the Municipal Code, all water sold by the Town shall be sold at the following per gallon usage rate:

2023 Usage Tiers		
Min	Max	\$ per gallon
1-	4999	0.00840
5000-	9999	0.01008
10000-	99999	0.01210

The rates set forth above shall be adjusted at this rate for 2023 only and subsequently continue the intended 3% increase, unless directed otherwise by Resolution by the Board of Trustees.

2. Severability. If any article, section, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Resolution is held to be unconstitutional or invalid for any reason such decision shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of the remaining portions of this Resolution. The Board of Trustees hereby declares that it would have passed this resolution and each part or parts thereof irrespective of the fact that any one part or parts be declared unconstitutional or invalid.

3. Repeal. Existing resolutions or parts of resolutions covering the same matters embraced in this Resolution are hereby repealed and all resolutions or parts of resolutions inconsistent with the provisions of this Resolution are hereby repealed.

INTRODUCED, RESOLVED, AND PASSED AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF PALMER LAKE ON THIS 12TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2023.

ATTEST:

TOWN OF PALMER LAKE, COLORADO



Dawn A. Collins
Town Administrator/Clerk

BY: 

Grant Havenar
Mayor