

**TOWN OF RICO  
ORDINANCE NO. 2022-04**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF RICO, COLORADO AMENDING  
ORDINANCE NO. 2019-06 TO INCREASE THE WATER TAP FEES FOR  
THE TOWN OF RICO WATER ENTERPRISE FUND**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Rico, Colorado (“Town”) is a Colorado home rule municipality organized pursuant to Article XX of the Colorado Constitution and with the authority of the Town of Rico Home Rule Charter; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees of the Town of Rico (“Board”) has the authority to regulate municipal water services and rates pursuant to Section 10.4 of the Town of Rico Home Rule Charter and C.R.S. 31-35-402, as amended; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 3.1 of the Town of Rico Home Rule Charter provides that enactments of the Board imposing fees shall be made by ordinance; and

**WHEREAS**, on November 20, 2019, the Board adopted Ordinance No. 2019-06, adopting the Town of Rico Water Operations Rules and Regulations, which set the water tap fees in Section 8.3 of the Rules and Regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the duty and obligation of the Board to set and establish rates and charges for the Town’s Water Enterprise Fund in an amount sufficient to pay for the capital improvements, maintenance, and indebtedness of the Town’s water system; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town has recently undergone substantial improvements to its water treatment facilities and will continue to implement additional improvements in the coming years; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board determines and finds that the current rates for water taps are insufficient to pay for the costs of improving and repairing water service to water tap holders in the Town;

**WHEREAS**, the Board finds that charging water tap fees in an amount which pays for system costs and improvements will promote the health and welfare of the Town and desires to update the water tap fees accordingly.

**NOW THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF RICO ORDAINS:**

**Section 1.** The recitals hereinabove are hereby adopted as findings and incorporated herein.

**Section 2.** The Board hereby amends Ordinance No. 2019-06, Exhibit A, Water Operations Rules and Regulations, Section 8.3, as follows (deletions shown in ~~strikethrough~~, additions shown in double underline):

**8.3 Tap Fee** A tap fee shall be a charge to all customers of the Town of Rico, which shall be assessed and paid before a building permit is issued. Tap fees in the Town of Rico shall be as follows:

i. 3/4" water tap	\$-5,000	<u>\$12,500.00</u>
ii. 1" water tap	\$-6,000	<u>\$22,500.00</u>
iii. 1 1/4" water tap*	\$-7,000	<u>\$37,000.00</u>
iv. 1 1/2" water tap*	\$-9,000	<u>\$50,000.00</u>
v. 2" water tap *	\$-10,500	<u>\$86,000.00</u>

\* These taps shall be subject to a minimum fee as shown in this tap fee schedule and shall be required to submit a water demand analysis for the proposed project. The Building Official shall require an increased fee as indicated by the demand analysis.

**Section 3.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final adoption.

THIS ORDINANCE WAS, FOLLOWING PUBLIC NOTICE, INTRODUCED, READ, AND APPROVED ON FIRST READING, AND ORDERED PUBLISHED BY TITLE ONLY THIS 20TH DAY OF APRIL 2022.

TOWN OF RICO, COLORADO

  
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Nicole Pieterse, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Anna Wolf, Town Clerk

THIS ORDINANCE WAS, FOLLOWING PUBLIC NOTICE, INTRODUCED, READ ON SECOND READING, PASSED AND ORDERED PUBLISHED BY TITLE ONLY TO BE EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY THIS 18TH DAY OF MAY 2022.

TOWN OF RICO, COLORADO

  
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Nicole Pieterse, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Anna Wolf, Town Clerk

Effective Date: May 18, 2022