

ORDINANCE NO. 1148 (2023)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 13.48.010 AND 13.16.010 OF THE CRAIG MUNICIPAL CODE TO INCREASE THE WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES TO PROVIDE SUFFICIENT REVENUES TO MAINTAIN THE BALANCE OF WATER AND WASTEWATER ENTERPRISE FUNDS.

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that an incremental increase in user fees for the water and wastewater enterprises is necessary in order to keep up with inflationary pressures and to maintain the health of the enterprise funds;

AND WHEREAS, the City Council determines that it is in the best interest of the City of Craig and necessary for the preservation of the general welfare of the people of the City of Craig to maintain the health of the Water and Wastewater enterprise funds.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF CRAIG, COLORADO:

Section 1. Water Rate Schedule. Section 13.48.010A. of the Craig Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

A. The following water rates shall be charged by the city and are payable on or before the twentieth day of each month. These fees shall be assessed for each residential dwelling unit with service and each commercial or industrial unit with service.

1. Within the corporate limits of the city: ~~\$31.50~~ **\$34.65** monthly service fee per dwelling unit, ~~\$3.20~~ **\$3.55** per 1,000 gallons of water used.
2. Outside the corporate limits of the city: ~~\$55.10~~ **\$60.60** service fee per dwelling unit, ~~\$3.20~~ **\$3.55** per 1,000 gallons of water used.
3. Water Dispensed at the bulk water stations will be at the rate of ~~\$10.60~~ **\$11.65** per one thousand (1,000) gallons.
4. The monthly rates provided for above shall become effective **January 1, 2023-2024.**

Section 2. Sewer Rental Schedule. Section 13.16.010 of the Craig Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

The following sewer rentals shall be charged by the city and are payable on or before the twentieth day of each month. The rentals shall be charged for the use of the sanitary sewer system of the city and for all property or premises connected therewith.

- A. Residential Units. Each residential unit shall pay ~~\$35.95~~ **\$41.35** per month. Each individual apartment and trailer shall be considered a single residential unit.
- B. Commercial Business. Commercial structures shall pay ~~\$35.95~~ **\$41.35** per month minimum, plus ~~\$1.75~~ **\$2.00** per one thousand (1,000) gallons of water used over twelve thousand (12,000) gallons minimum, as determined from water meter readings.
- C. Septage tank waste charges in-county is ~~\$0.182~~ **\$0.210** per gallon, and out-of-county is ~~\$0.360~~ **\$0.414** per gallon.
- D. Grease trap waste received in April to August is ~~\$0.360~~ **\$0.414** per gallon and

received in September to March is ~~\$0.716~~ **\$0.823** per gallon. The city does not accept grease trap waste from out of county.

- E. The rates provided for above shall become effective January 1, ~~2023~~ **2024**.
- F. (No changes)

Section 3. If any subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of this Ordinance.

Section 4. The City Council deems it appropriate to publish the title of this ordinance, together with a summary of the ordinance and with a statement that the text is available for public inspection and acquisition in the office of the City Clerk.

Section 5. This ordinance shall be effective immediately upon passage.

Section 6. This Ordinance is enacted pursuant to the City's authority to act under its police power to protect and preserve the general welfare of the City and its citizens.

READ, APPROVED AND ORDERED PUBLISHED ON FIRST READING THIS 24th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2023, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CRAIG, COLORADO.

Derek Duran, Mayor

ATTEST:

Liz White, City Clerk

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED ON SECOND READING THIS 14th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2023, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CRAIG, COLORADO.

Derek Duran, Mayor

ATTEST:

Liz White, City Clerk