



**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF GUNNISON COUNTY
RESOLUTION NO. 23- 34**

**A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE SCHEDULE OF FEES AND RATES FOR
SEWER SERVICE WITHIN THE DOS RIOS DIVISION OF THE GUNNISON
COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT**

THIS RESOLUTION SUPERSEDES RESOLUTION 22-51

WHEREAS, pursuant to Colorado Revised Statute 30-20-402(1)(f), the Board of County Commissioners of Gunnison County, Colorado may prescribe, revise and collect, in advance or otherwise, rates, fees, tolls and charges, including but not limited to availability fees, utility investment fees, and reasonable delinquency penalties for sewerage facilities; and

WHEREAS, there have been increased ongoing operation costs for the cooperative agreement between Gunnison County and the City of Gunnison concerning the operation of the sewage treatment plant providing service to the Dos Rios Division; and

WHEREAS, Gunnison County must upgrade and maintain the collection lines within the Dos Rios Division; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Board of County Commissioners not to pay for such costs from the capital reserve;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners that:

1. Schedule of Rates. The rate schedule is adopted each year as part of the budget process and is available as Appendix A attached hereto. The schedule of rates will remain in full force and effect for the calendar year for which it was approved. The rate structure will be published in the newspaper and is available from the Gunnison County Finance Office at 200 East Virginia, Gunnison, CO 81230. Any past due account shall be subject to a penalty charge of 1% per month or portion thereof, and any past due amount may, at the option of the Gunnison County Finance Office, be certified for collection in the manner as though they were part of the taxes pursuant to Colorado Revised Statute 30-20-420.

2. Residential Sewer Fee. User fees for connection of each residence, as defined in the Gunnison County Land Use Resolutions (LUR), to the Gunnison County collection system will be charged upon installation of the service line and the approval of the Gunnison County Utility Manager. Residences with an integrated secondary residence are counted as if they were just one residence. Multiple-family residences are considered commercial accounts for billing purposes. User fees will be billed in advance.

3. Commercial Sewer Fee. User fees for connection of units will be charged upon installation of the service line and the approval of the Gunnison County Utility Manager. The fee



amount will equal the product of the current residential sewer rate according to Appendix A attached hereto, the factor according to Appendix C, and the number of factored units according to Appendix C. User fees will be billed in advance.

4. Vacant Lot Sewer Fee. A vacant lot sewer fee will be charged for each parcel of real property in the Dos Rios Division which has sewer service available to that parcel but which parcel is not connected to the Division sewer lines. The vacant lot sewer fee will start on the date of final board approval for proposed property developments, subdivisions, etc.

5. Utility Investment Fee. There is a fee for sewer service tap connection within the Dos Rios Division for each connection based on Appendix B attached hereto according to water supply size. Water supply size is either the meter size or line size from the well to the structure when no meter is present.

6. Excessive Connection Costs. Sewer service will be extended to the property line, unless cost of such extension of service exceeds two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) or the product of the number of new users to be served by said sewer extension and two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500). Costs exceeding two thousand five hundred for a single user or the product of the number of new users to be served by said sewer extension and two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) will be the sole responsibility of the property owner(s) to be served. An estimate of the total costs will be provided to users in advance of work performed. Such work will be managed by Gunnison County staff.

7. Minimum Charges. Any property connected to the system shall pay the minimum rate for four quarters per year whether or not the property is occupied or the sewer system is used.

8. Perpetual Lien. Until paid, all fees, rates, tolls, penalties, interests on delinquencies, and other costs shall constitute a perpetual lien on and against the property served, and any such lien may be collected in any manner legally permissible, including certification to the Gunnison County Treasurer as provided by law.

9. Building Permit Shall Not Be Issued. No building permit shall be issued for any building on a parcel of land in the Dos Rios Division unless the utility investment fee for that parcel has been paid in full as set forth above.

10. Additional Inspection Fee. The first inspection of the sewer service line is included with the utility investment fee. If an additional inspection is required, a flat fee will be charged for each additional inspection.

11. Fees May Be Amended. The fees hereby established may be amended from time to time by the Board of County Commissioners. It is the intention of the Board of County Commissioners that a review of the fees and rates be conducted each year, if such review is not conducted, the then current fees shall remain in full force and effect.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT these fees shall remain in effect until changed by resolution by the Board of County Commissioners.



**SEWER & WATER RATE SCHEDULE
FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2024**

DOS RIOS SEWER & WATER DIVISION

SEWER	USER FEES	171.33 PER QUARTER
	VACANT LOT	58.73 PER QUARTER
COMMERCIAL USER FEES ARE BASED ON EQUIVALENT RESIDENTIAL UNITS		

WATER	<u>METER SIZE</u>	<u>BASE RATE</u>	<u>BASE GALLONS</u>	<u>OVERAGE RATES</u>
	RESIDENTIAL	127.52 PER QUARTER	18,000	\$7.32/1,000 GALLONS TO 36,000 GALLONS \$11.59/1,000 GALLONS OVER 36,000 GALLONS
	VACANT LOT	53.54 PER QUARTER		
	COMMERCIAL USER FEES ARE BASED ON EQUIVALENT RESIDENTIAL UNITS			\$7.61/1,000 GALLONS OVER BASE GALLONS

ADDITIONAL INSPECTION FEE 54.08 PER ADDITIONAL INSPECTION

ANTELOPE HILLS SEWER & WATER DIVISION

SEWER	USER FEES	155.43 PER QUARTER
	COMMERCIAL	155.43 PER QUARTER
	VACANT LOT	51.40 PER QUARTER

WATER	<u>METER SIZE</u>	<u>BASE RATE</u>	<u>BASE GALLONS</u>	<u>OVERAGE RATES</u>
	RESIDENTIAL	178.79 PER QUARTER	18,000	\$4.87/1,000 GALLONS TO 36,000 GALLONS \$7.79/1,000 GALLONS TO 36,000 GALLONS
	VACANT LOT	35.69 PER QUARTER		
	* Please note that customers located within the Antelope Hills subdivisions are billed by the Antelope Hills Association			

ADDITIONAL INSPECTION FEE 54.08 PER ADDITIONAL INSPECTION

SOMERSET SEWER DIVISION

SEWER	USER FEES	288.72 PER QUARTER
	VACANT LOT	95.27 PER QUARTER

ADDITIONAL INSPECTION FEE 54.08 PER ADDITIONAL INSPECTION

NORTH GUNNISON SEWER DIVISION

SEWER	USER FEES-PHASE I	229.20 PER QUARTER
	USER FEES-PHASE II	335.08 PER QUARTER
	VACANT LOT	205.83 PER QUARTER
COMMERCIAL USER FEES ARE BASED ON EQUIVALENT RESIDENTIAL UNITS		

ADDITIONAL INSPECTION FEE 54.08 PER ADDITIONAL INSPECTION





INTRODUCED by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Daniels, and adopted this 19th day of December 2023.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF GUNNISON COUNTY, COLORADO

By [Signature]
Jonathan Houck, Chairperson

By [Signature]
Liz Smith, Vice-Chairperson

By [Signature]
Laura Puckett-Daniels, Commissioner

Attest:

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Deputy County Clerk

