

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-22

A RESOLUTION BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE VILLAGE OF TIJERAS TO INSTITUTE NEW FEE STRUCTURES FOR WATER AND WASTEWATER SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Village of Tijeras is committed to maintaining and promoting the solvency of the municipal water utility and wastewater systems; and

WHEREAS, it is of the upmost importance to provide Village residents with safe and clean drinking water; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Village of Tijeras has the authority to change water and wastewater fees and rates, pursuant with Water Ordinance No. 162 and Wastewater Ordinance No. 180; and

WHEREAS, annually, the Village raises rates for both commercial and residential water utility users by 3 percent; and

WHEREAS, the 3 percent annual increase that should have occurred in 2018 did not occur; and

WHEREAS, currently the Village of Tijeras base water rates are \$10-\$15 less than other local utilities; and

WHEREAS, this creates an undue financial burden on the Village because of the cost to operate and maintain the water utility exceeds the revenue generated by the water utility; and

WHEREAS, the water utility has a debt of \$66,000 as of April 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Village is responsible for maintaining wastewater units installed within Village limits units; and

WHEREAS, the Village actively maintains these units without collecting any maintenance or rehabilitation fees from residents on the wastewater system; and

WHEREAS, financial stability of the water utility and wastewater systems is not only critical to providing residents with outstanding service and maintenance, but also to the continued financial stability of the Village as a whole.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE VILLAGE OF TIJERAS, NEW MEXICO, THAT:

The Village hereby adopts the attached updated fee schedule for both commercial and residential users of the municipal water utility, effective August 25, 2020.

NOW, LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE VILLAGE OF TIJERAS, NEW MEXICO, THAT:

WATER UTILITY FEE SCHEDULE FOR RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL USERS EFFECTIVE JULY 25, 2020

- A. Base Rates include the first 3,000 gallons per month.
- B. Residential Base Rate: \$16.58
 - a. For each 1,000 gallons or portions thereof, will be assessed as follows:
 - b. 3,000-5,999 gallons: \$2.00
 - c. 6,000-8,999 gallons: \$2.50
 - d. 9,000-11,999 gallons: \$3.00
 - e. 12,000-19,999 gallons: \$3.50
 - f. 20,000 gallons and up: \$4.00
- C. Commercial Base Rate: \$27.65
 - a. For each 1,000 gallons or portions thereof, will be assessed as follows:
 - b. 3,000-5,999 gallons: \$4.25
 - c. 6,000-8,999 gallons: \$4.75
 - d. 9,000-11,999 gallons: \$5.25
 - e. 12,000-19,999 gallons: \$5.75
 - f. 20,000 gallons and up: \$6.25

WASTERWATER REHABILITATION AND MAINTANENCE FEE SCHEDULE EFFECTIVE JLUY 25, 2020

A. Fees for connecting buildings to the Wastewater System shall be as follows:

1. Single grinder pumping unit: \$1,500.00
2. Double grinder pumping unit: Current market value at the time application is submitted.
3. Plus current market value per linear foot for each linear foot of pressure service line required above 200 linear feet.

B. For any customer where the served property is located on a private road in the Village, in addition to the connection fee the customer shall pay the out-of-pocket costs incurred in extending the pressure wastewater line and installing the pressure service lateral required to provide service to all lots on private road. See § 1-1C, Right-of-way.

C. For any customer where the served property is outside the municipal boundaries of the Village, in addition to the connection fee determined by the governing body the customer shall pay the out-of-pocket costs incurred in extending the pressure wastewater line and installing the pressure service lateral required to provide service.

D. If a customer requests an existing grinder pumping unit be relocated on the served property, the customer shall pay the Village all out-of-pocket costs incurred in moving, replacing, partially replacing, disconnecting and reconnecting the customer's grinder pumping unit, which may include an additional connection fee.

E. If a customer is required to replace an existing single grinder pumping unit with a double grinder pumping unit due to water usage above that allowed for a single grinder pumping unit, or if a customer is required to install additional grinder pumping units:

1. A new application shall be submitted with an additional connection fee. The connection fee shall be determined as if the building were not served by a private sewage disposal unit prior to connection to the Wastewater System.
2. The customer shall have the existing control panel (except for buried wires) removed by the customer's electrician and returned in reusable condition to the Village. The Village may, but is not required to, remove part or all of the existing grinder pumping unit and/or pressure service line.
3. The installation of the grinder pumping unit, control panel and pressure service line will be as if the property had not had service and had never been served with a private sewage disposal unit.

F. An applicant may sign a note with the Village and pay the connection fee as follows for each grinder pumping unit the applicant requires:

1. Single grinder pumping unit:

A. Twenty percent (20%) down with application.

B. The Village will finance the remaining balance for 24 months with interest at the rate of 10% per month on the unpaid balance. The final payment, with interest, will be due and payable on the 12th month following the date the note is executed by the applicant.

C. Should an applicant/customer fail to make the note payments when due:

i. The remainder of the note shall become immediately due.

ii. Should the applicant/customer demonstrate to the Village Manager/Clerk that an economic hardship exists, a time extension for payment may be granted. The Village Manager/Clerk shall be the final authority in determining if a time extension shall be granted.

2. Double grinder pumping unit:

A. Twenty percent (20%) down with application.

B. The Village will finance the remaining balance for 24 months with interest at the rate of 10% per month on the unpaid balance. The final payment, with interest, will be due and payable on the 12th month following the date the note is executed by the applicant.

C. Should an applicant/customer fail to make the note payments when due:

i. The remainder of the note shall become immediately due.

ii. Should the applicant/customer demonstrate to the Village Manager/Clerk that an economic hardship exists, a time extension for payment may be granted. The Village Manager/Clerk shall be the final authority in determining if a time extension shall be granted.

D. The Village shall bill note payments with the customer's monthly water and/or wastewater bills.

G. A deposit of \$25 will be required from any customer not on the Village water system. The deposit shall be held by the Village of Tijeras and shall be returned upon notice of disconnection and full payment of the consumer's wastewater bill.

H. A rehabilitation and maintenance fee of \$6 a month will be charged to each customers to cover costs of routine and emergency maintenance. W

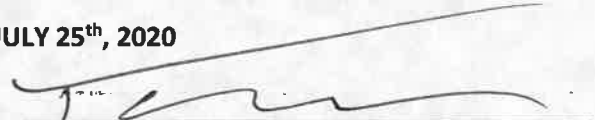
The Village hereby adopts the attached fee schedule for rehabilitation and maintenance for wastewater units that are within the Village's jurisdiction for maintenance, effective August 25, 2020.

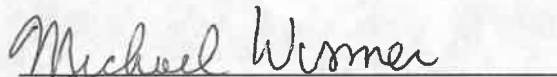
NOW, LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE VILLAGE OF TIJERAS, NEW MEXICO, THAT:

The Village hereby impose a 6 percent rate increase for all water users effective August 25, 2020.

PASSED, ADOPTED, AND APPROVED THIS 6th DAY OF JULY 25th, 2020

ATTEST:



Jake Bruton, Mayor

Michael Wismer
Village Clerk/Manager