

**CITY OF CORTEZ, COLORADO  
WATER ENTERPRISE**

**RESOLUTION NO: WE-2021-1, SERIES 2021**

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE WATER RATE CHARGES AND THE WATER DEVELOPMENT CHARGES FOR THE CITY OF CORTEZ WATER ENTERPRISE AND SUPERSEDING COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. WE-2020-2, SERIES 2020

WHEREAS, the present revenues of the City of Cortez Water Enterprise have been found to be insufficient to meet the requirements of operations, maintenance, and bond debt service; and

WHEREAS, the deficiency in revenues has been brought about by cost increases in chemicals, equipment parts, supplies, and all general maintenance requirements; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cortez Water Enterprise has determined that the water rates are to be established to meet the Enterprise's operating costs and depreciation costs; and

WHEREAS, Council adopted Ordinance No. 1291, Series 2021, on October 26, 2021, approving the 2022 Budget, wherein an increase in water rates was included.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CORTEZ CITY COUNCIL, ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF CORTEZ WATER ENTERPRISE:

Effective with the **January 1, 2022**, billing, the City of Cortez Water Enterprise shall initiate the following schedule of water rate charges and water development fees, and all previous schedules or resolutions in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed.

**I. METERED WATER RATES**

A minimum fee – as shown below - will be charged for the first 1,000 gallons of water usage for all residential and non-residential units. Except: a master meter fee – as shown below - will be charged for each dwelling unit or occupied mobile home space when those units are served by the same tap, service line, and/or meter. In addition to the minimum fee, **\$3.38** for each additional 1,000 gallons of water usage shall also be charged. The rates herein shall apply to all water service provided outside the City limits. Unmetered services will be charged a rate based on estimated usage as determined by the Director of Finance.

**A. RESIDENTIAL**

<u>Base Rate</u>	<u>Minimum Monthly Rate</u>
Single-family (3/4" x 5/8")	<b>\$25.25</b>
Master Meter (Multi-family/MH Park)	<b>\$24.00</b>
Plus Usage over 1,000 gallons	<b>\$ 3.38 per thousand gallons</b>

**B. COMMERCIAL**

<u>Base Rate</u>	<u>Minimum Monthly Rate</u>
3/4" x 5/8" Meter	<b>\$ 25.25</b>
1" Meter	<b>\$ 39.25</b>
1-1/2" Meter	<b>\$ 56.50</b>
2" Meter	<b>\$ 76.75</b>
3" + Meter	<b>\$111.25</b>
Plus Usage over 1,000 gallons	<b>\$ 3.38 per thousand gallons</b>

**C. COMMERCIAL WATER DOCK - \$10.00 for 500 gallons  
Water Dock Card - \$10.00**

**D. SERVICE LINE AND DEVELOPMENT CHARGES**

1. Single-family, commercial, irrigation-only, and mobile homes with individual services, and other uses not listed in Items 2 – 4 below.

<u>Size of Tap</u>	<u>Inside City</u>
3/4"	\$ 6,136.50
1"	\$10,252.25
1-1/2"	\$20,504.25
2"	\$32,777.25
Over 2"	Negotiated

2. In the case of multi-unit dwellings or mobile home spaces being served by the same tap, service line, and/or meter, the development fee will be calculated as follows:

<u>No. of Units</u> Each Unit	<u>Development Fee/Unit</u>
	\$ 6,136.50

3. For sizes larger than 2" that include provisions for fire protection by sprinkler systems or hydrants, the fee shall be based on that portion of the size applied for that is not applicable to fire protection, plus the cost of providing the tap, the sum thereof constituting the tap fee.
4. There shall be added to the schedule of development charges herein a **fifty percent (50%) additional charge** for all water service connections outside the City limits.

**E. SERVICE CHARGE FEES**

1. Water Service Fee – The water service fee for connecting water service to new customers and/or existing customers shall be **\$30.00**
2. Reconnect Fee – If the water service is turned off due to non-payment of a bill owed, a **reconnect fee of \$50.00** will be charged. The past amount due must be paid before the water service can be turned back on. The reconnect fee of \$50.00 will be added to the next billing. Any special payment provisions must be approved by the Director of Finance.
3. Dangerous Animals – If the Animal Control Officer has to be called to the site because dogs are keeping City personnel from turning water off at a residence, a **fee of \$30.00 will be charged**, in addition to the Reconnect Fee.
4. New Lawn Installation - Exemption from Watering Restrictions – **\$25.00**

**F. CROSS CONNECTION PROGRAM FEES**

Cross Connection Assembly Inspection .....	\$40.00
Re-Inspection Fee .....	\$40.00
Non-Compliance Testing of Backflow Assemblies.....	\$100.00

**II. DEFINITIONS**

1. Dwelling Unit – A single unit providing complete, independent living facilities for one or more persons including permanent provisions for living, sleeping, eating, cooking, and sanitation.
2. Mobile Home Space – An area designed for use by a wheel-mounted dwelling unit, which space is provided with a connection to the water system of the City for use by the dwelling unit.
3. Residential Customer Unit – The occupant and/or owner of a single-family dwelling unit (detached or attached such as condominium or townhouse) or mobile home space, wherein title to land or the right to occupy in the case of a condominium, is conveyed. In the case of two or more multiple-family dwelling units, such as duplexes, triplexes, apartments, or mobile home spaces rented or leased, each shall be a residential customer.
4. Irrigation Only System – A metered service line to be used solely for irrigation of landscaping and lawns and does not flow to the sanitation system. It will be charged as an additional service when active.
5. Non-Residential Unit - All other types and classes of units.

INTRODUCED, READ, AND PASSED AS A RESOLUTION THIS 14<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER 2021, AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CORTEZ CITY COUNCIL, ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF CORTEZ WATER ENTERPRISE.

  
Michael J. Lavey, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Linda L. Smith, City Clerk