

156 – ORDINANCE NO. 2007-12

AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL AND REPLACE 105 ORDINANCE NO. 2004-02 TO ESTABLISH AN ORDINANCE REGULATING WATER CONNECTION FEES, WATER USAGE RATES, AND WATER BILLING AND COLLECTION POLICY.

Section I: Severability.

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate distinct and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of the ordinance.

Section II: Ordinances Repealed.

All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section III: Effective Date.

This ordinance will establish an effective date at its passing on the third and final reading.

Section VI: New Connect Fees.

A: A water connection will be installed after the building application process has been completed, a building permit is issued, and all water connection fees have been paid in full.

A water connection will only be valid for one year from the date on which fees are paid in full. In the event that water connection has not been made within one year, an applicant must reapply and re-pay all fees in full.

Connection fees: ¾ inch	\$2,500.00
1 inch	\$3,500.00
1 ½ inch	\$4,500.00
2 inch	\$7,000.00

The connection will include the actual tap, fittings, pipe, valves, meter and meter box. Any and all extra services and or parts while connecting to water will be at the

owner's expense. (Labor, sand, gravel, backhoe use.) These items shall remain the property of the Town and access to this equipment is limited to authorized Town personnel or authorized agents of the town. Unauthorized access or tampering with this equipment is a class C misdemeanor and shall be punishable as provided in ORDINANCE 95-ORDINANCE NO. 2003-08, 95-01-C in the Town Municipal Court Ordinance Book.

The Town will insist that any and all new businesses and or residences will have their own water meter. There is a "Grandfather Claus" on:

1. Jenkins Hardware – Will go back to having one account and one meter read. If in the future one or the other buildings is sold, there will have to be a new water connection installed at the new owner's expense.
2. Kringles – Has one account for residence and business. This will stay the same unless the property is sold and is separated. If property is sold and separated then there will be a new water connection installed at the new owner's expense.
3. TJ's Sports – Has two accounts. One for the business and one for the home. The home is also connected to Wilderness Roofing. If in the future Wilderness Roofing is sold there will have to be a new water connection installed at the new owner's expense.
4. Pallis Sport – Will remain the same until property is sold or further developed. When further development occurs, new water connections will be at the owner's expense.

The Town will place the meter box on Town right – of – way adjacent to owner's property line at a location agreed upon. All piping and valves past the meter box are the owner's responsibility and will be subject to the UBC and or IBC codes. The owner will also provide a stop and waste valve within five feet of the property line. This should be marked adequately for year round visibility. (The consumer will save a turn off and turn on fee if they do not need the Town to shut off the water for a problem on their property).

Billing for water will be for the first full month after installation of the meter and service.

Where existing service is in place a transfer fee of one hundred fifty (\$150.00), and an application for water service will be required along with a deed to the property.

B: Water usage rates: The base rate for water will be as follows:

¾ inch meter \$33.00/month up to 12,000 gal.

1 inch meter	\$59.40/month up to 28,000 gal.
1 ½ inch meter	\$132.00/month up to 72,000 gal.
2 inch meter	\$231.00/month up to 132,000 gal.

The rate per 1000 gallon (or portion thereof) after the maximum usage per meter size has been reached shall be two dollar's (\$2.00)

Water sold on a temporary basis (such as uses from the spring fire hydrant –non chlorinated) will require a one hundred dollar (\$100.00) hook up fee and be sold at a rate of \$2.00/1000 gal. This water will be metered or the consumer will be required to pay any additional cost of monitoring.

C: Water billing and collection policy:

The Town will attempt to read all meters from the latter part of April through November 15 weather permitting. Town will bill all users monthly, based on the usage rate in SECTION 2. The last reading of the year (not prior to October 15) will be used to compute the bills for the winter months. Once a spring reading has been taken, adjustments will be made based on the user's base rate and usage over and above that.

There are end users that have been asked by the Town of Alpine to keep their water running during the winter months do to freezing of water lines. These people will be notified and their water bill will be adjusted accordingly if there is any overage use.

Bills will be mailed to all customers no later than the fifth (5th) day of the following month. Payment will be due on the fifteenth (15th) of the following month. Payments received after the twenty – fifth (25th) will be assessed a five dollar (\$5.00) late charge.

Accounts that become sixty days delinquent will be mailed a disconnect notice that will be executed fifteen (15) days after mailing. A disconnect fee of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) will be assessed if the service is disconnected. Service will be reinstated with full payment of delinquent balance and an additional one hundred fifty (\$150.00) connection fee.

A service fee of thirty dollars (\$30.00) will be charged for turning water on or off at the meter (this is unrelated to a disconnect fee). This would be a service provided so as the consumer would work on their system. Therefore, the requirement of a stop and waste valve on all new systems as stated in SECTION 1.

A service fee of thirty dollars (\$30.00) will be charged for all returned checks. This fee will be added to the users account or as determined by the Treasurer.

Section V: Refunds / Waiver of Fees

All fees are non – refundable. There will be **NO** waiver of fees.

Section VI: Additional Fees.

If any of the above fees do not fully cover the total costs of processing any application and or water hook up additional fees may be assessed on a case by case basis.

Section VII: This ordinance passed and approved on the following dates:

Passed on First Reading on the 15 day of May, 2007.

VOTE: 5 YES 0 NO 0 ABSTAIN 0 ABSENT

Passed on Second Reading on the 5 day of June, 2007.

VOTE: 4 YES 0 NO 0 ABSTAIN 1 ABSENT

Passed and approved on the Third Reading on 19 day of June, 2007.

VOTE: 5 YES 0 NO 0 ABSTAIN 0 ABSENT



SIGNED: Victoria Decora

VICTORIA DECORA, MAYOR

ATTEST: Kimberlee Jansen

KIMBERLEE JANSEN, CLERK

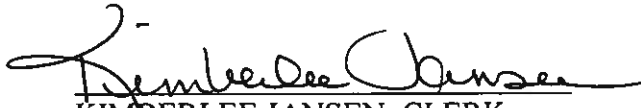
ATTESTATION OF THE TOWN CLERK

STATE OF WYOMING)
COUNTY OF LINCOLN)
TOWN OF ALPINE)

I hereby certify that the forgoing Ordinance No. 156 was duly posted for ten (10) days in the Town Clerk's Office.

I further certify that the forgoing Ordinance was duly recorded in the BOOK OF ORDINANCES IV, TOWN OF ALPINE, LINCOLN COUNTY, WYOMING.

ATTEST:


KIMBERLEE JANSEN, CLERK

