

ORDINANCE NO. 828

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 13.40.030  
OF THE TOWN OF SARATOGA MUNICIPAL CODE  
CONCERNING MONTHLY SERVICE CHARGE FOR SEWER SERVICE

WHEREAS, the Saratoga Municipal Code, Section 13.40.030 pertains to the monthly charge for sewer service in the Town of Saratoga; and

WHEREAS, the governing body of the Town of Saratoga has determined that it is necessary that improvements are made to the lagoon outfall and acquiring a CWSRF loan will be required; and

WHEREAS, the governing body of the Town of Saratoga has determined that the sewer fund has significant revenue shortfalls; and

WHEREAS, the governing body of the Town of Saratoga has determined that it is necessary to raise user fees for the Town's sewer service in order to provide the necessary revenue to make said improvements; and

WHEREAS, the governing body of the Town of Saratoga has determined that a rate increase over a period of years will be a more affordable cost to the citizens of the Town; and

WHEREAS, the governing body of the Town of Saratoga has determined that said improvements are in the best interest of the citizens of the Town of Saratoga.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE TOWN OF SARATOGA, CARBON COUNTY, WYOMING that the Saratoga Municipal Code – Section 13.40.030 shall be amended as follows after passage and publication as follows:

13.40.030 Monthly service charge - Billing

- A. The following charge for sewer service charged by the Town of Saratoga for each single-family residential unit shall be the sum of Twenty-Two Dollars and Seventy-Five Cents (\$22.75) per month.

Said monthly service charge shall increase a minimum of three percent (3%) each calendar year, in order to allow the Town to recapture sewer revenue shortfalls and repayment of debt service. On July 1, 2015, the sewer service base rate charge will increase by a maximum of Seven Dollars and Twenty Cents (\$7.20) for repayment of the CWSRF loan and for additional maintenance and operational cost associated with the improvements. The town council may repeal or amend this section at any time they determine revenue shortfalls have been recovered, or otherwise amend this section at any time as it may be necessary, or otherwise in the best interest of the Town.

- B. The monthly charge for sewer service charged by the Town of Saratoga for business, commercial and all other users shall be as follows:

Business, commercial and all other users. Base rate of Twenty-Eight Dollars and Fourteen Cents (\$28.14) per month, or a minimum of eighty percent (80%) of the user's water bill for the identical property for the same month, whichever is greater. The basic fee of Twenty-Eight Dollars and Fourteen Cents (\$28.14) per month shall be assessed by the Town of Saratoga as the minimum monthly fee, whether or not the water service is being provided to the same property.

Said monthly service charge shall increase a minimum of three percent (3%) each calendar year, in order to allow the Town to recapture sewer revenue shortfalls and repayment of debt service. On July 1, 2015, the sewer service base rate charge will increase by a maximum of Seven Dollars and Twenty Cents (\$7.20) for repayment of the CWSRF loan and for additional maintenance and operational cost associated with the improvements. The town council may repeal or amend this section at any time they determine revenue shortfalls have been recovered, or otherwise amend this section at any time as it may be necessary, or otherwise in the best interest of the Town.

- C. The sewer service charge imposed is equally applicable to all users of the Town of Saratoga sewer service, whether or not said properties utilize the town's water service.
- D. Billing and collection of the charges imposed herein, delinquencies, late charges, notification and enforcement are prescribed by Chapter 13.06 of this code. (Ord. 789, 2010; Ord. 776, 2008; Ord 688, 2001; Ord. 669, 2000; Ord. 635, 1998; Ord. 632,1998; Ord. 621,1997; Ord. 560, 1991; Ord. 519, 1988; Ord. 489, 1987; Ord. 488, 1986; Ord. 462, 1985; Ord. 432, 1982; prior code §19-15).

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 18<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2014.

TOWN OF SARATOGA

By: JOHN ZEIBER  
Mayor

ATTEST: Suzie Cox  
Town Clerk

First Reading: September 2, 2014 Passed

Second Reading: October 7, 2014 Passed

Third and Final Reading: November 18, 2014 Passed