

**TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, COLORADO
WATER & SEWER ENTERPRISE
ORDINANCE NO. 2018 E-1**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF NEW CASTLE WATER & SEWER ENTERPRISE
INCREASING WATER AND SEWER SERVICE CHARGES.**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 13.04 of the Municipal Code of the Town of New Castle, Colorado (“Town”), the Town has established the Town of New Castle, Colorado, Water and Sewer Enterprise (“Enterprise”) as an enterprise of the Town within the meaning of Article X, Section 20 of the Colorado Constitution; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with New Castle Municipal Code Section 13.04.060, the Enterprise has the power and authority to set rates, fees, and charges for services provided by the Enterprise; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 13.16.020 and .030 of the New Castle Municipal Code, the Enterprise has established certain charges to its customers for water and sewer service; and

WHEREAS, the Enterprise has determined that its costs in providing water and service have increased and that it is necessary to raise the water service charges to its customers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN OF NEW CASTLE WATER & SEWER ENTERPRISE AS FOLLOWS:

1. Recitals. The foregoing recitals are incorporated by reference as findings of the Board of the Enterprise.
2. Rate Increase. The Board of the Enterprise hereby approves a 3% increase of the current water and sewer service rates set forth in the Town Municipal Code.
3. Code Amendment. In accordance with Section 2 of this Ordinance, Sections 13.16.020 and 13.16.030 of the New Castle Municipal Code are hereby amended as follows, with removed language ~~stricken~~ and added language in **bold** and underlined. Those portions of Sections 13.16.020 and 13.16.030 not expressly amended by this Ordinance remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

13.16.020 Water rates.

A. Monthly water service charges for users other than “special users” identified in subsection B below shall be computed based on the following water usage and rates:

| Water Usage (gallons per month per EQR) | Monthly Water Service Charges | |
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| | Users within Town Limits | Users outside Town Limits |
| Minimum monthly charge Includes up to 12,000 gallons of water usage | \$23.55 <u>24.26</u> | \$36.15 <u>37.23</u> |

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| Each additional 1,000 gallons (or part thereof) over 12,000 gallons, up to 20,000 gallons | \$2.25 <u>2.32</u> | \$3.25 <u>3.35</u> |
| Each additional 1,000 gallons (or part thereof) over 20,000 gallons, up to 30,000 gallons | \$3.50 <u>3.61</u> | \$5.25 <u>5.41</u> |
| Each additional 1,000 gallons (or part thereof) over 30,000 gallons, up to 40,000 gallons | \$7.00 <u>7.21</u> | \$10.00 <u>10.30</u> |
| Each additional 1,000 gallons (or part thereof) over 40,000 gallons | \$21.00 <u>21.63</u> | \$30.00 <u>30.90</u> |

B. Monthly water service charges for the following “special users” only shall be computed as follows:

| Category of Special User | Monthly Water Service Charges |
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| Users within Town limits in owner-occupied residences where the owner is a senior citizen | <p>The minimum monthly charge, including up to 12,000 gallons of water usage per EQR, shall be \$16.20 <u>\$16.69</u> per EQR.</p> <p>Charges for each additional 1,000 gallons (or part thereof) of water usage per EQR over 12,000 gallons shall be computed according to the in-Town rate schedule set forth in Subsection A above.</p> |
| Users outside Town limits in owner-occupied residences where the owner is a senior citizen | <p>The minimum monthly charge, including up to 12,000 gallons of water usage per EQR, shall be \$24.60 <u>\$25.34</u> per EQR.</p> <p>Charges for each additional 1,000 gallons (or part thereof) of water usage per EQR over 12,000 gallons shall be computed according to the out-of-Town rate schedule set forth in Subsection A above.</p> |
| Schools | <p>The minimum monthly charge, including up to 12,000 gallons of water usage per EQR, shall be \$19.80 <u>\$20.39</u> per EQR.</p> <p>Charges for each additional 1,000 gallons (or part thereof) of water usage per EQR over 12,000 gallons shall be computed according to the in-Town rate schedule set forth in Subsection A above.</p> |
| Vacant Property qualifying under Section 13.16.050(A) | 50% <u>53%</u> of applicable monthly charges |

13.16.030 Sewer Service Rates.

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F. Monthly Rates and Charges for Sewer Service

1. Sewer service rates are as follows:

| Category of User | Monthly Sewer Service Charges | |
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| Users within Town Limits | Owner-occupied residences where the owner is a senior citizen | <p>The minimum monthly charge for up to 6,000 gallons of water usage per EQR shall be \$37.19 <u>\$38.31</u> per EQR.</p> <p>Charges for water usage over 6,000 gallons per EQR shall be \$5.09 <u>\$5.24</u> per EQR for each additional 1,000 gallons (or part thereof).</p> |
| | All other users | <p>The minimum monthly charge for up to 6,000 gallons of water usage per EQR shall be \$42.60 <u>\$43.88</u> per EQR.</p> <p>Charges for water usage over 6,000 gallons per EQR shall be \$5.99 <u>\$6.17</u> per EQR for each additional 1,000 gallons (or part thereof).</p> |
| Users outside Town limits | Owner-occupied residences where the owner is a senior citizen | <p>The minimum monthly charge for up to 6,000 gallons of water usage per EQR shall be \$49.90 <u>\$51.40</u> per EQR.</p> <p>Charges for water usage over 6,000 gallons per EQR shall be \$6.33 <u>\$6.52</u> per EQR for each additional 1,000 gallons (or part thereof).</p> |
| | All other users | <p>The minimum monthly charge for up to 6,000 gallons of water usage per EQR shall be \$50.83 <u>\$52.35</u> per EQR.</p> <p>Charges for water usage over 6,000 gallons per EQR shall be \$7.45 <u>\$7.67</u> per EQR for each additional 1,000 gallons (or part thereof).</p> |
| Vacant Property qualifying under Section 13.16.050(A) | 50% <u>53%</u> of applicable monthly charges | |

4. Severability. Each section of this Ordinance is an independent section and a holding of any section or part thereof to be unconstitutional, void or ineffective for any cause shall not be deemed to affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section or part thereof.

5. Effective Date. Notwithstanding the effective date of this Ordinance as determined by the Town Charter, this Ordinance shall take effect on May 1, 2018.

INTRODUCED on February 16, 2018, at which time copies were available to the Board of the Enterprise and to those persons in attendance at the meeting, read by title, passed on first reading, and ordered published in full and posted in at least two public places within the Town as required by the Charter.

INTRODUCED a second time at a meeting of the Water & Sewer Enterprise of the Town of New Castle, Colorado, on March 6, 2018, read by title and number, passed without amendments, approved, and ordered published as required by the Charter.

TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, COLORADO
WATER & SEWER ENTERPRISE

Art Riddile, Chairman of the Board

ATTEST:

Melody Harrison, Town Clerk