

ORDINANCE #2021-1

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDNIG SECTION 13-1-200 (WATER METERS)
OF THE SAGUACHE MUNICIPAL CODE**

WHEREAS, the Town of Saguache ("Town") is required to augment its water supply in accordance with the groundwater rules promulgated by the Colorado State Engineer and as ordered by the decree of Judge Patti Swift, District Judge in and for Water Division #3, on March 15, 2019 and made effective on March 15, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the requirement of water metering has been demonstrated to reduce the consumption of water in municipalities where implemented, while not impairing the necessary consumption of domestic water nor the necessary use of irrigation systems; and

WHEREAS, the present requirements for installation of water meters contain ambiguities as to when water meters must be installed; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has determined that governments and businesses which require significant water consumption should first be required to install meters and that other businesses and residences should thereafter be placed on a reasonable metering schedule.

NOW THEREFORE, be it hereby ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Town of Saguache that Section 13-1-200 (Water meters) (a) (When installed) of the Saguache Municipal Code be amended by addition to read as follows:

Sec. 13-1-200. Water meters.

~~(a) When installed. The Board of Trustees may require that a consumer install a meter where a flat rate water charge is difficult to assess. A consumer wishing a meter in lieu of flat rate may request the Town for permission to install a water meter and utilize the metered water rate. Installation of meters shall be at the sole discretion of the Town. The Town also may require a flat rate user who has been guilty of undue wasting of water under the flat rate schedule to install a meter as a condition to the continuance of water service.~~

1. All Federal, State, County, School, local government organizations and entities which own, lease, or rent structures which utilize the consumption of Town water are required to facilitate the installation of water meters upon their respective properties not later than July 14, 2022.

2. All high-water user businesses which serve the general public such a hotels, motels, bars, restaurants, and convenience stores shall be responsible for meter installation by January 14, 2023.

3. All other businesses shall be responsible for meter installation not later than January 14, 2023.

4. Residential meters will be required by – To be determined.

Done and signed this 14th day of June, 2021.

Elvie Samora, Mayor

Iris Garcia,
Town Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Eugene L. Farish, Town Attorney

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the within Ordinance was introduced, read in full, approved and adopted at the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Town of Saguache, Colorado on the ____ day of _____, 2021, and published by title in the Saguache Crescent, a legal newspaper in the Town of Saguache on _____.

Iris Garcia, Town Clerk