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WATER & SEWER RATE INCREASES EFFECTIVE MARCH 1, 2017

The water and sewer rate increases we were so concerned about have now come to pass. Effective March 1, 2017, the Town of Saguache Utility Fees have increased as follows:

Town of Saguache Utility Fees – Effective March 1, 2017

Water Tap from \$1,000.00 to \$1,500.00

Water Permit from \$35.00 to \$50.00

Sewer Tap from \$1,000.00 to \$1,500.00

Sewer Permit from \$25.00 to \$50.00

Water Reconnect from \$15.00 to \$30.00

Monthly Fees:

In-Town Water from \$25.50 to \$30.00

In-Town Sewer from \$25.50 to \$34.00

Out of Town Water from \$51.00 to \$56.00

Out of Town Sewer from \$51.00 to \$56.00

Water Meter:

Base Rate (first 10,000 gallons) from \$51.00 to \$60.00

Excess per each 1,000 gallons to \$6.00

Late Fees:

\$10.00 per month charged on the 17th for each month late, up to maximum of \$50.00.

New Penalty:

Penalty for unauthorized or cross-connection after 30-day notice = 10% of tap fee per month of non-compliance.
(\$150.00)

The operating costs for water and sewer over the past ten (10) years has exceeded the amounts charged for rates by approximately \$40,000.00 each.

The thirty (30) year, zero interest loan to repair/replace our current sewer structure is based on our net profits, and our net profits have gone down each year with the rise in operating expenses. So, the increase in the Sewer Rate was required by the Colorado Water Resources and Power Development Authority in order to service the debt for the loan.

We are hopeful you can each find a way to support these proposed increases, and that you recognize that in order to preserve our community lifestyle, along with that of future generations, it is now time to repair, replace, and continue to maintain our infrastructures.

Don't forget to check our website at www.townofsaguache.org for updates and meeting agendas/minutes. Our web page will be receiving a facelift in the near future. Additionally, we will be posting all important information on our Facebook page.

It is my pleasure to serve the Town of Saguache.

Pam Fye, Town Administrator