Agenda Item Submittal

Date of Request	Dec 19, 2013
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Desired Agenda Date	Dec 20, 2013
Amount of Time Requested	Consent
Is this Confidential?	(Select Yes if it should be kept out of public packet. Leave blank if No.)
Action Requested*	(Please select one or select "Other" and enter in field below.) Board of County Commissioners' Signature
Parties to the Agreement	
Term Begins	
Term Ends	
Grant Contract Number	
Agenda Item*	(50 Character Limit) Somerset Sewer Rate Resolution
Agenda Title	(This is the legal description.)
Summary*	The annual sewer rate resolution for the Somerset Division of the Gunnison County Sewer and Water District. A 3% rate increase ($1.06 per month increase) is included to defray additional costs to adhere to new State regulations and a new clause has been includes to minimize the impact that new customers' connections have on existing users and the capital reserve.
Fiscal Impact*	$8,950
Comments to Reviewers	(Enter any comments you would like for the review committee.)
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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF GUNNISON COUNTY
RESOLUTION NO. 13-___

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE SCHEDULE OF FEES AND RATES FOR SEWER SERVICE WITHIN THE SOMERSET DIVISION OF THE GUNNISON COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT

THIS RESOLUTION SUPERSEDES RESOLUTION 12-47

WHEREAS, pursuant to Colorado Revised Statute 30-20-402(1)(f), the Board of County Commissioners of Gunnison County, Colorado may prescribe, revise and collect, in advance or otherwise, rates, fees, tolls and charges, including but not limited to availability fees, tap fees, and reasonable delinquency penalties for sewerage facilities; and

WHEREAS, there have been increased ongoing operation costs for the operation of the sewage treatment system providing service to the Somerset Division; and

WHEREAS, Gunnison County must upgrade and maintain the connection lines within the Somerset Division; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Board of County Commissioners not to pay for such costs from the capital reserve;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners that:

1. Schedule of Rates. The rate schedule is adopted each year as part of the budget process and is available as Appendix A attached hereto. The schedule of rates will remain in full force and effect for the calendar year for which it was approved. The rate structure will be published in the newspaper and is available from the Gunnison County Finance Office at 200 East Virginia, Gunnison, CO 81230. Any past due account shall be subject to a penalty charge of 1% per month or portion thereof, and any past due amount may, at the option of the Gunnison County Finance Office, be certified for collection in the manner as though they were part of the taxes pursuant to Colorado Revised Statute 30-20-420.

2. Residential Sewer Fee. User fees for connection of each residence, as defined in the Gunnison County Land Use Resolutions (LUR), to the Gunnison County collection system will be charged upon installation of the service line and the approval of the Gunnison County Utility Manager. Residences with an integrated secondary residence are counted as if they were just one residence. User fees will be billed in advance.

3. Vacant Lot Sewer Fee. A vacant lot sewer fee will be charged for each parcel of real property in the Somerset Division which has sewer service available to that parcel but which parcel is not connected to the Division sewer lines. The vacant lot sewer fee will start on the date of final board approval for proposed property developments, subdivisions, etc.

4. Tap Connection Fee. There is a fee for sewer service tap connection within the Somerset Division for each connection based on Appendix B attached hereto according to water supply size. Water supply size is either the meter size or line size from the well to the structure when no meter is present.

5. Excessive Connection Costs. Sewer service will be extended to the property line, unless cost of such extension of service exceeds two thousand five hundred dollars ($2,500) or the product of the number of new users to be served by said sewer extension and two thousand five hundred dollars ($2,500). Costs exceeding two thousand five hundred for a single user or the product of the number of new users to be served by said sewer extension and two thousand five hundred dollars ($2,500) will be the sole responsibility of the property owner(s) to be served. An estimate of the total costs will be provided to users in advance of work performed. Such work will be managed by Gunnison County staff.

6. Minimum Charges. Any property connected to the system shall pay the minimum rate for four quarters per year whether or not the property is occupied or the sewer system is used.

7. Perpetual Lien. Until paid, all fees, rates, tolls, penalties, interests on delinquencies, and other costs shall constitute a perpetual lien on and against the property served, and any such lien may be collected in any manner legally permissible, including certification to the Gunnison County Treasurer as provided by law.

8. Building Permit Shall Not Be Issued. No building permit shall be issued for any building on a parcel of land in the Somerset Division unless the tap fee for that parcel has been paid in full as set forth above.

9. Additional Inspection Fee. The first inspection of the sewer service line is included with the tap connection fee. If an additional inspection is required, a flat fee will be charged for each additional inspection.

10. Fees May Be Amended. The fees hereby established may be amended from time to time by the Board of County Commissioners. It is the intention of the Board of County Commissioners that a review of the fees and rates be conducted each year, if such review is not conducted, the then current fees shall remain in full force and effect.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT these fees shall remain in effect until changed by resolution by the Board of County Commissioners.

INTRODUCED by Commissioner _____, seconded by

Commissioner _____, and adopted this ____ day of December, 2013.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF GUNNISON COUNTY, COLORADO

By _____
Paula Swenson, Chairperson

By _____
Phil Chamberland, Vice-Chairperson

By _____
Jonathan Houck, Commissioner

Attest:

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Deputy County Clerk

APPENDIX A

GUNNISON COUNTY, COLORADO
SOMERSET DIVISION OF THE GUNNISON COUNTY SEWER AND WATER DISTRICT
SCHEDULE OF RATES - SEWER

	QTRLY BASE RATE		
RESIDENTIAL	$	108.84	per quarter
VACANT LOT	$	35.92	per quarter
ADD'L INSPECTION FEE	$	50.00	per additional inspection

APPENDIX B

GUNNISON COUNTY, COLORADO
SOMERSET DIVISION OF THE GUNNISON COUNTY SEWER AND WATER DISTRICT
SCHEDULE OF RATES - TAP CONNECTION FEE

WATER SUPPLY SIZE	FEE
0.75	$ 5,500.00
1.00	$ 9,500.00
1.50	$ 20,500.00
2.00	$ 35,500.00
3.00	$ 70,500.00
4.00	$ 120,500.00
6.00	$ 240,500.00

NOTE: Water supply size is based on inches