### ORDINANCE NO. 5-2022

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# TITLE 25, CHAPTER 6, SECTION 25-602(a)

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ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 25-602(a) OF CHAPTER 6, TITLE 25 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF MOORCROFT, WYOMING 1979 TO INCREASE MONTHLY BASE WATER RATE AND ADDITIONAL WATER RATE ANNUALLY BY TWO PERCENT (2%) COMMENCING THE FIRST BILLING PERIOD IN JULY EACH YEAR; AND TO SET FEES BY RESOLUTION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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# BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE TOWN OF MOORCROFT, CROOK COUNTY, WYOMING, that:

**SECTION 1:** Section 25-602(a) of Chapter 6, Title 25 of the Code of the Town of Moorcroft, Wyoming 1979 shall be and the same hereby is amended to read in complete form as follows:

#### "25-602 – WATER CHARGES-

- Water Investment Fee. Except as provided in section (c) herein below, (a) there shall be a monthly Water Investment Fee charged for each residence and residential unit, building, structure, facility, travel trailer park, mobile home park space, and premise connected to the Town's municipal water system; and for travel trailer parks (as provided under Title 24 of this Code) in addition to the base Water Investment Fee there shall be an additional monthly Water Investment Fee charged for each individual trailer space located in any travel trailer park which trailer space is connected to the Town's municipal water system, which additional fee shall be charged regardless of water usage at said trailer space and regardless of whether or not water service from the Town's municipal water system is shut-off, discontinued or terminated by the Town for any reason to the travel trailer park, including at the request of the water service customer or property owner. All such Water Investment Fees shall be set by Resolution.
- (b) <u>Base Water Rate / Additional Water Rate.</u> In addition to the Water Investment Fee provided above, there shall be charged, to be billed on a monthly basis, a Base Water Rate and an Additional Water Rate in amounts established by Resolution of the Town Council. The Base

Water Rate shall be charged for 1 to 10,000 gallons of water delivered during each billing period. An Additional Water Rate shall be charged for each additional 1,000 gallons or portion thereof of water delivered after 10,000 gallons during each billing period. The Base Water Rate and the Additional Water Rate shall automatically increase by two percent (2%) annually effective the first billing period in July each year commencing in July 2020.

Regardless of actual water usage, each residence and residential unit, building, structure, facility, travel trailer park, mobile home park space, and premise connected to the Town's municipal water system shall be charged the Base Water Rate for each monthly billing period; except, however, for any monthly billing period during which water service is shut off by the Town at the request of the water service customer (or owner), or otherwise, and there is no water usage during that entire billing period.

The above monthly Water Investment Fee and, as applicable, additional Water Investment Fee, shall be charged for each residence and residential unit, building, structure, facility, travel trailer park and travel trailer park space, mobile home park space, and premise connected to the Town's municipal water system regardless of water usage and regardless of whether or not water service is shut off, discontinued or terminated by the Town for any reason, including at the request of the water service customer or property owner; provided, however, the monthly Water Investment Fee and, as applicable, additional Water Investment Fee, shall not be charged for any residence, residential unit, building, structure, facility, travel trailer park, travel trailer park space, mobile home park space or any premise where the Town's water meter has been removed by the Town and the water line has been plugged or capped by the Town at the request of the customer or property owner or as authorized under this Code. Once the water meter has been removed and the water line has been plugged or capped by the Town, the fee to reinstall a meter and commence water service to any residence, residential unit, building, structure, facility, travel trailer park, mobile home park space or any premise from which the Town's water meter has been removed by the Town and the water line has been plugged or capped by the Town shall be the same amount(s) which would be required to initially establish water service thereto (including, but not limited to, tap/connection fees and costs notwithstanding the existing tap, and meter and meter pit/vault fees and costs). The above monthly Water Investment Fee shall be billed to the water service customer; provided, however, the owner(s) of the residence or residential unit, building, structure, facility, travel trailer park, mobile home park space, or premise connected to the Town's municipal water system shall be primarily liable for the payment of said monthly Water Investment Fee.

(c) Notwithstanding any provision herein to the contrary, those travel trailer parks and mobile home parks with multiple individual spaces, for which the Town has not installed water meters to each individual space, may be charged a flat rate Water Investment Fee and additional Water Investment Fee. Such flat rate fees shall be established by Resolution of the Town Council.

**SECTION 2:** This Ordinance shall become effective after passage and upon publication as provided by law, and all ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Passed on first reading:

August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Passed on second reading: August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED on third reading this 12th day of September 2022.

#### TOWN OF MOORCROFT:

Mayor

ATTEST:

Clerk/Treasurer

## CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION

I, Cheryl Schneider, Clerk/Treasurer of the Town of Moorcroft, Wyoming, hereby certify that Ordinance No. 5-2022 was published in the Moorcroft Leader, Moorcroft, Wyoming on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of September 2022.

Town Clerk/Treasurer