**CITY OF LAS ANIMAS,**

**COLORADO**

**AN ORDINANCE NO. 739 OF THE CITY OF LAS ANIMAS, COLORADO PERMITTING ANNUAL CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI) ADJUSTMENTS OF 1.4% INCREASE TO THE SEWER RATE SCHEDULE FOR 2025**

**WHEREAS,** pursuant to Article XXV of the Colorado Constitution, the City Council of the City of Las Animas, Colorado (the “City Council”) has the authority to establish and operate municipal utilities serving the City of Las Animas (the “City”) and pass rates, rules, and regulations governing the operation of those municipal utilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has the authority to fix water rates and sewer rates by resolution as set forth in the Las Animas City Code; and

**WHEREAS**, the Public Works Board has recommended a change in certain sewer rates; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council agrees that the recommended sewer rate changes are needed, and are fair and equitable, and are in the best interests of the citizens and rate payers of the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has conducted a public hearing to consider evidence and testimony on the increases in the sewer utility services rates and charges thus providing adequate opportunity for interested residents and customers to be heard.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAS ANIMAS, COLORADO, THAT**

Section 1. The above recitals are incorporated by reference.

Section 2. Rates Established. The sewer rates are hereby established, of which said rates shall supersede and replace all of those rates set out in Resolutions previously considered, as follows:

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| Customer | Existing | New | +/- |
| City Residents | $34.00 | $34.50 | $0.50 |
| County Residents | $57.00 | $57.80 | $0.80 |
| Usage Fee (per 1,000 gallons) Above 3,000 gallons | $1.25 | $1.27 | $0.02 |
| Industrial Users |  |
| Tier 1 - 0 to 80,000 gallons | $0.00117 | $0.00141 |  $0.00024 |
| Tier 2 – over 80,000 gallons | $0.00313 | $0.00375 | $0.0062 |

Section 3. Savings Clause. All other sewer rates not in contradiction with those rates set forth herein shall remain the same as previously adopted by the Las Animas City Council.

Section 4. Effective Date. The Annual Consumer Price Index Adjustment of 1.4% increase and the recommended rate schedule shall become effective for January 1, 2025 billing cycle, due and payable after February 15, 2025.