**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 WATER 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

**WHEREA**S, the Public Works Board has recommended a change in certain water rates; and

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

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has conducted a public hearing to consider evidence and testimony on the increases in the water 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 water rates for water taps 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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| Meter Size | Inside City Limits Minimum Charge | Outside City Limits Minimum Charge | Minimum Gallon Charge |
| 3/4" | $34.50 | $63.40 | 3,000 Minimum gallons  $2.06/1,000 after minimum up to 10,000  $3.30/1,000 10,001 to 30,000 gallons  $4.13/1,000 30,001 to 40,000 gallons  $5.71/1,000 over 40,000 gallons |
| 1" | $44.60 | $82.65 | 5,000 Minimum gallons  $2.06/1,000 5,001 to 15,000 gallons  $3.30/1,000 15,001 to 35,000 gallons  $4.13/1,000 35,001 to 45,000 gallons  $5.71/1,000 over 45,000 gallons |
| 1-1/2" | $68.45 | $126.25 | 7,500 Minimum gallons  $2.06/1,000 7,501 to 20,000 gallons  $3.30/1,000 20,001 to 40,000 gallons  $4.13/1,000 40,001 to 50,000 gallons  $5.71/1,000 over 50,000 gallons |
| 2" | $92.25 | $169.85 | 10,000 Minimum gallons  $2.06/1,000 10,001 to 25,000 gallons  $3.30/1,000 25,001 to 45,000 gallons  $4.13/1,000 45,001 to 60,000 gallons  $5.71/1,000 over 60,000 gallons |
| 3" | $346.30 | $640.35 | 15,000 Minimum gallons  $2.06/1,000 15,001 to 35,000 gallons  $3.30/1,000 35,001 to 70,000 gallons  $4.13/1,000 70,001 to 100,000 gallons  $5.71/1,000 over 100,000 gallons |
| 4" | $476.10 | $814.75 | 25,000 Minimum gallons  $2.06/1,000 25,001 to 50,000 gallons  $3.30/1,000 50,001 to 80,000 gallons  $4.13/1,000 80,001 to 120,000 gallons  $5.71/1,000 over 120,000 gallons |
| 6" | 660.10 | $1,221.35 | 40,000 Minimum gallons  $2.06/1,000 40,001 to 80,000 gallons  $3.30/1,000 80,001 to 120,000 gallons  $4.13/1,000 120,001 to 160,000 gallons  $5.71/1,000 over 160,000 gallons |
| For industrial and commercial users with meters of 2" or more, and who do not use water from the meter to irrigate vegetation (lawns and shrubs) and vegetative growth shall pay the allotted minimum and then be charged following rate: (This rate structure requires prior notice to and approval from the Las Animas Public Works Department.) | | | $2.06/1,000 after minimum up to 200,000 gallons  $3.43/1,000 200,001 gallons to 800,000  $5.20/1,000 800,001 and above |

Section 3. Previous Resolution Repealed. Resolution No 15-22 is repealed in its entirety.

Section 4. Savings Clause. All other water rates not in contradiction with those rates set forth herein shall remain the same as previously adopted by the Las Animas City Council.

Section 5. 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.