

## RESOLUTION NO. 152-08

### A RESOLUTION ADOPTING RATES FOR WATER, IRRIGATION, WASTEWATER, SOLID WASTE AND PARKING

#### Recitals:

The City of Grand Junction establishes rates for utility services and parking on a periodic basis, and by this resolution, the City Council establishes these rates to implement decisions made in the long-term financial plans for the water, irrigation, wastewater, solid waste and parking enterprise funds.

**City Water System.** There will be a \$0.50 increase in the minimum water rate to \$9.00 per 3,000 gallons. The commodity rates for 3,000 – 10,000 gallons will increase \$0.05 to \$1.85. The rates from 11,000 – 20,000 gallons will increase \$0.10 to 2.25 and usage over 20,000 gallons will increase \$0.15 to \$2.65 per thousand gallons. This revenue increase of 5.1% reflects a water conservation rate, and an increase in the Water Funds major capital program.

**Kannah Creek Water System.** There will be a change in the minimum water rate of \$32.50 per 3,000 gallons in the Kannah Creek Water System to \$33.50 per 3,000 gallons. The commodity rates for 3,000 – 10,000 gallons will increase \$0.10 to \$3.70. The rates from 11,000 – 20,000 gallons will increase \$0.20 to \$4.50, and usage over 20,000 gallons will each increase \$0.30 to \$5.30 per thousand gallons. This revenue increase of 3.8% reflects a water conservation rate, and an increase to reflect the cost of on-going operating expenses.

**Ridges Irrigation.** The single family rate is increasing \$0.66 to \$13.92 and the multi family rate is increasing \$0.47 to \$9.85 to reflect the cost of on-going operating expenses. The proposed Irrigation rate increase is only the 3<sup>rd</sup> rate increase since rates were reduced 29% in 2001.

**Wastewater.** Rates are being increased to reflect the cost of on-going operating expenses, particularly energy, debt service for the combined storm and sanitary sewer elimination project, and an increase in the Waste Water major capital program. The increase in the plant investment fee (PIF) per EQU reflects a recommendation from staff related to findings of the 2006 Persigo Sewer System Rate Study. The PIF is established on the “buy in method” in which new development pays for existing capacity in the waste water plant and collection system based on a current value of that infrastructure.

**Solid Waste.** The 2009 rate adjustment will reflect increases in operating costs such as fuel, equipment, and Mesa County landfill tipping fees.

**Parking.** Based upon the recommendation from the Parking Advisory Management Group, long term parking meter rates will increase from \$0.10/hour to \$0.20/hour. The short term uncovered lease rate in the parking structure will decrease from \$50/month to \$30/month.

The City Council has the authority to establish rates by resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION.

Effective January 1, 2009 rates for utility services and April 1, 2009 rates for parking will change according to the following schedule.

### Water Rates

	2008 Current	2009 Proposed	% Change
0 - 3,000 Gallons	\$8.50	\$9.00	5.9%
3,000 - 10,000 Gallons (per 1,000)	\$1.80	\$1.85	2.8%
10,000 - 20,000 Gallons (per 1,000)	\$2.15	\$2.25	4.6%
>20,000 Gallons (per 1,000)	\$2.50	\$2.65	6.0%

### Kannah Creek Water System Water Rates

	2008 Current	2009 Proposed	% Change
0 - 3,000 Gallons	\$32.50	\$33.50	3.0%
3,000 - 10,000 Gallons (per 1,000)	\$3.60	\$3.70	2.8%
10,000 - 20,000 Gallons (per 1,000)	\$4.30	\$4.50	4.6%
>20,000 Gallons (per 1,000)	\$5.00	\$5.30	6.0%

### Ridges Irrigation

	2008 Current	2009 Proposed	% Change
Single Family	\$13.26	\$13.92	5.0%
Multi Family	\$9.38	\$9.85	5.0%

### Wastewater Rates

	2008 Current	2009 Proposed	% Change
Per Residential Equivalent Unit (EQU)	\$14.61	\$14.98	2.5%
Plant Investment Fee Per EQU	\$2,500.00	\$2,800.00	12.0%

### Solid Waste Rates

Automated Monthly Container Prices	2008 Current	2009 Proposed	% Change
1-64 Gallon Container	\$9.43	\$9.81	4.00%
1-96 Gallon Container	\$11.95	\$12.43	4.00%
2-64 Gallon Container	\$14.49	\$15.07	4.00%
1-64, 1-96 Gallon Container	\$17.01	\$17.69	4.00%
2-96 Gallon Container	\$19.53	\$20.31	4.00%
Commercial Monthly Dumpster Prices			
1-2 Cubic Yard - Pick-Up 1 Time Per Week	\$50.45	\$52.47	4.00%
1-4 Cubic Yard - Pick-Up 1 Time Per Week	\$81.74	\$85.01	4.00%
1-6 Cubic Yard - Pick-Up 1 Time Per Week	\$110.59	\$115.01	4.00%
1-8 Cubic Yard - Pick-Up 1 Time Per Week	\$139.07	\$144.63	4.00%

## Parking Rates

	2008 Current	2009 Proposed
Long Term Meter Rates	\$.10/hr, \$.80/day \$16/mo, \$192/yr	\$.20/hr, \$1.80/day, \$32/mo, \$384/yr
<b>Garage Rates</b>		
Short Term (mo to mo) Lease-Uncovered	\$2.50/day, \$50/mo, \$600/yr 50 Spaces Available	\$30/month, \$360/year
Monthly Parking Permit	N/A	\$50/mo, \$600/year

PASSED and ADOPTED this 15<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2008.

/s/: Gregg Palmer  
Mayor

Attest:

/s/: Stephanie Tuin  
City Clerk