

RESOLUTION NO. 05-2006

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BENSON, ARIZONA, SETTING WASTEWATER UTILITY RATES AND AMENDING BENSON CITY CODE, SECTION 13-3-8; INCREASING THE AVAILABILITY CHARGE FOR RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL SEWER SERVICE, INCREASING THE MEDIAN SEWER USER VOLUME CHARGE (CITYWIDE AVERAGE) AND INCREASING THE MONTHLY SEWER USER VOLUME CHARGE.

WHEREAS, the Code of the City of Benson requires that its wastewater rates generate sufficient revenue to equal the cost of providing service to its customers and that said costs include the amounts required for operation and maintenance expenses, renewals and replacement of properties, and payments of principal and interest on indebtedness, if any; and,

WHEREAS, the water rates currently in effect are insufficient to satisfy the City Code requirement of generating sufficient revenue to equal the cost of providing said service; and,

WHEREAS, to avoid a prolonged subsidy burden on the General Fund it is necessary to increase wastewater rates to begin restoring the wastewater department to its status as a properly functioning Enterprise Fund; and,

WHEREAS, after public hearing and consideration of the various factors, the Mayor and City Council have determined that the currently existing wastewater rates, specifically the residential and commercial monthly service availability charge, the median sewer user volume charge and the sewer user volume charge, to be inadequate.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF BENSON, ARIZONA, that the following rates be hereby adopted as a wastewater rate user program:

1. RESIDENTIAL RATES:

a. The monthly residential sewer Service Availability Charge shall be increased from the current residential sewer availability charge of \$5.85 to \$11.60; and,

b. The Sewer User Volume Charge shall be increased from the current rate of \$.90 to \$1.80 per unit of water as determined by the average monthly water usage during the applicable annual three (3) month base period as defined in the City Code under Section 13-3-8.

2. COMMERCIAL RATES:

a. The monthly commercial sewer Service Availability Charge shall be increased from the current commercial sewer availability charge to the following based in meter size:

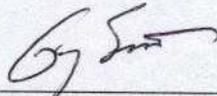
¾"	– from \$ 5.85	– to \$ 11.60
1"	\$ 11.55	\$ 22.90
1 ½"	\$ 19.25	\$ 38.10
2"	\$ 26.95	\$ 53.40
4"	\$ 69.30	\$137.20
6"	\$104.30	\$206.50

b. The Sewer User Volume Charge shall be increased from the current rate of \$.90 to \$1.80 per unit/ccf.

3. MEDIAN SEWER USER VOLUME CHARGE (CITY AVERAGE):

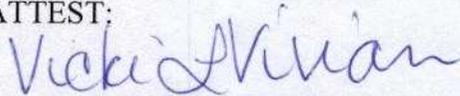
The Median Sewer User Volume Charge as applied under Benson City Code Section 13-3-8(A)(1)(b) shall be increased from the current rate of \$13.05 to \$25.80 per month.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BENSON, ARIZONA, on the 13th day of February, 2006.



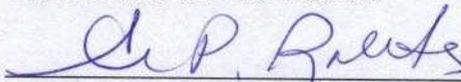
GEORGE SCOTT, Mayor

ATTEST:



VICKI L. VIVIAN – City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



ANN P. ROBERTS – City Attorney