

**RESOLUTION NO. 28-2000**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BENSON, ARIZONA,  
ESTABLISHING A PERMANENT LONG TERM WATER USER RATE PROGRAM.**

WHEREAS, the Code of the City of Benson requires that its water 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 adopt a permanent long term water rate program to restore the water department fund; and,

WHEREAS, it being the objective of the City of Benson to encourage conservation of water and energy;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF BENSON, ARIZONA, that the following steps be hereby adopted as a permanent long term water rate user program:

1. The monthly residential service availability charge is increased with an increase of \$.75 becoming effective January 1, 2001 and an additional increase of \$1.00 becoming effective January 1, 2002, for a total monthly residential service availability charge increase from the current \$6.25 to \$7.00, as of January 1, 2001 and to \$8.00 effective January 1, 2002; and,

2. The monthly commercial and multi-user service availability charge shall also be increased over a two year period, with an increase of \$.75 becoming effective January 1, 2001 and an additional increase of \$1.00 becoming effective January 1, 2002; and,

3. In addition to the monthly service availability charge set forth above, there shall be a series of five annual six percent (6%) usage rate adjustments, applicable to all water users and such six percent (6%) rate adjustments shall be effective on the following schedule:

- a. The first annual six percent (6%) rate adjustment shall be effective January 1, 2001;
- b. The second annual six percent (6%) rate adjustment shall be effective January 1, 2002;
- c. The third annual six percent (6%) rate adjustment shall be effective January 1, 2003;
- d. The fourth annual six percent (6%) rate adjustment shall be effective January 1, 2004;
- e. The fifth annual six percent (6%) rate adjustment shall be effective January 1, 2005;

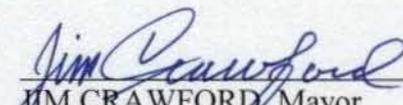
4. Effective March 1, 2006 and continuing thereafter, water rates shall be adjusted annually to reflect any change, upward or downward, as reported as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of each successive year, in the Consumer Price Indexes as published by the United States Department of Commerce;

5. Effective January 1, 2001, the rate for construction water, currently priced at \$2.00 per one thousand (1,000) gallons, shall be \$3.00 per one thousand (1,000) gallons for those persons obtaining construction water meters and for all others the minimum charge shall be \$10.00 per truckload; and,

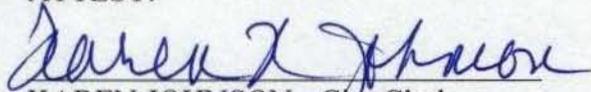
6. A geographically based rate of \$.35 per unit surcharge shall be applicable to the "302 Area Utility Improvement Zone 1" effective immediately.

To preserve the public health and safety, it is necessary that this Resolution become effective immediately and it is therefore declared to be an emergency measure to take effect as provided by law.

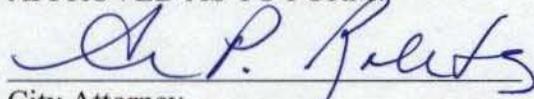
PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BENSON, ARIZONA, on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2000.

  
JIM CRAWFORD, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
KAREN JOHNSON - City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
City Attorney