

**RESOLUTION NO. 687**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WEST  
YELLOWSTONE, MONTANA, TO ISSUE A MORATORIUM ON  
CONNECTIONS TO THE TOWN'S FRESH WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of West Yellowstone, Montana, as follows:

**WHEREAS:** The Town has the power and authority to take emergency measures for the immediate preservation of the public peace, property, health and safety of the inhabitants of the Town of West Yellowstone in accordance with §7-3-4326, MCA; and

**WHEREAS:** The Town has received information from its Town Manager, the Town Public Works Superintendent and the Town Engineer, that the current fresh water supply for the Town's Water Supply System, as defined in 13.04.010(31) WYMC, has been substantially reduced; and

**WHEREAS:** The Town is currently undertaking a water supply study in order to make an informed decision on how to recover, repair or replace its water supply however the report has not yet been completed; and

**WHEREAS:**, the Town does not yet have sufficient information as to the cause of the reduction in the fresh water supply and does not yet have sufficient information on the length of time or expense that would be necessary to increase or replace the current water supply; and

**WHEREAS:** This Resolution came before the Town Council for discussion at a regular Town Council meeting on June 21, 2016, and at a special meeting on June 28, 2016, and another regular meeting on the Town Council on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2016 all duly noticed as required and the Town Council provided an opportunity for the public to comment on this Resolution at each meeting prior to a final decision; and

**WHEREAS:** The Town Council of the Town of West Yellowstone believes that it is necessary and proper for the Town to issue a moratorium on any new connections to the Town's fresh water system, except as set out below, until such time as the Town receives the necessary information to move forward in obtaining, repairing or replacing its water supply, in order to preserve the public health, property and safety of the inhabitants of the Town. New connections for single family residences with one ¾" line or duplexes with two ¾" lines per lot shall be allowed. No multifamily structures will be allowed.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

The Town Council of the Town of West Yellowstone, Montana hereby declares a moratorium on any new connections to the Town's water supply system until such time as the Town receives the necessary information to move forward with a plan to repair, replace or obtain additional water supply for the Town.

This moratorium shall remain in effect until such time as the Town Council of the Town of West Yellowstone finds that the current water supply is sufficient to meet the needs of the inhabitants of the Town or until it adopts a plan to recover or replace the previously existing supply.

This moratorium is effective immediately.

DATED this 5 day of July, 2016.

Jerry D. Johnson  
Mayor

Greg W. Forsyth  
Council Member

Paul Schuman  
Council Member

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Council Member

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Council Member

ATTEST:

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Town Clerk

