RESOLUTION No. 676

A RESOLUTION BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WEST YELLOWSTONE CAUSING AN INCREASE IN THE UNIT CHARGE FOR WATER SERVICES AND FIXING THE RATE THEREOF AND CAUSING AN INCREASE IN WATER CONNECTION AND INSPECTION FEES

WHEREAS, the Town of West Yellowstone constructed its water supply system to accommodate further growth, and

WHEREAS, the Town of West Yellowstone needs to improve and upgrade the water supply system, and

WHEREAS, the Town Council desires to ensure that the Town will collect funds sufficient for ongoing operations and maintenance, together with funds to improve and upgrade the water supply system, and

WHEREAS, 69-7-101 MCA authorizes the Town to regulate, establish, and change, as it considers proper, rates, charges and classifications imposed for utility services to its inhabitants and others served by the municipal utility system that are reasonable and just; and

WHEREAS, the Town held a public hearing on April 19, 2016, after notice of the same was published on 4/1, 4/8 and 4/15/2016, and mailed to the persons served by the utility on April 5, 2016, and mailed to the Montana Consumer Counsel on April 5, 2016, all as required by §§69-7-111 and 7-1-4127, MCA.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council of the Town of West Yellowstone, County of Gallatin, in the State of Montana that:

1) Effective July 1, 2016 the current water usage fees shall be increased each year from 2016 to 2021 as set out on the attached "Water & Sewer Rate Increase Plan

2) Effective July 1, 2016, each new water connection shall be assessed a connection fee of $1600 per volume ratio unit.

3) The connection fee will be charged one time only.

4) The connection fee will be collected at the time that all other fees associated with building construction and inspection are collected.

5) All connection and building fees must be paid prior to commencement of construction.

6) Connection fees will be collected on all projects occurring within the corporate limits of the Town of West Yellowstone.

7) Such connection fees shall be subject to periodic review and revision at an interval deemed appropriate by the Town Council.

8) In such cases where a water service line size is increased to support a change in use request for the property, the Town will apply the volume ratio unit associated with that new line size. The Town will also assess a connection fee based on the difference between the original and the increased volume ratio unit.