

RESOLUTION NO. 2024 - 2

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING RATES, FEES AND CHARGES FOR THE SOUTH DURANGO SANITATION DISTRICT.

WHEREAS, the South Durango Sanitation District (the “District”) is a quasi-municipal corporation and political subdivision of the State of Colorado organized pursuant to the Colorado Special District Act, C.R.S. §32-1-101, *et seq.* (the “Act”); and

WHEREAS, the District owns and operates a wastewater collection and treatment system (the “Wastewater System”); and

WHEREAS, the Act authorizes the Board of Directors (the “Board”) to adopt and from time to time increase or decrease rates, fees, tolls and charges for the services provided by the District; and

WHEREAS, for the purposes of measuring and assessing the cost of service for various uses the Board has established an Equivalent Residential Tap (ERT) representing the typical sewage flow originating from a single-family home, mobile home, condominium, townhouse, or other dwelling unit; and

WHEREAS, the District has previously established that one (1) ERT is based on 180 gallons per day flow, a five-day average BOD₅ of 250 mg/l and 250 mg/l total suspended solids; and

WHEREAS, the engineer for the District has advised the Board that changes in average wastewater characteristics require adjusting the ERT parameter for BOD₅ to 300 mg/l; and

WHEREAS, the approved 2024 Master Plan for the District has identified future capital needs for replacements and improvements to the District’s Wastewater System necessary to meet all current and projected standards for wastewater treatment; and

WHEREAS, the Master Plan includes a financial model which projects the revenue requirements from user fees and Plant Investment Fees (tap fees) that will be necessary to meet future operating and capital financial demands; and

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the financial model and has determined that increases in user fees and plant investment fees are necessary to meet future operating and capital financial requirements; and

WHEREAS, the District is currently experiencing rapid growth including the development of numerous large projects which require several years of planning; and

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes that increases in Plant Investment Fees for large projects can have a significant impact on project costs and budgeting; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that it is appropriate to allow completed development applications for large projects to pay Plant Investment Fees at the current rate if payment is made within a reasonable time; and

WHEREAS, at least 30 days prior the consideration of this resolution a notice was posted on the District website of a public hearing to consider an increase for rates, fees, tolls, and charges for the District as required by the Act; and

WHEREAS, the rates, fees, tolls, and charges adopted by this resolution are appropriate and necessary.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SOUTH DURANGO SANITATION DISTRICT:

1. That the District standard for one (1) ERT is based on 180 gallons per day flow, a five-day average BOD₅ of 300 mg/l and 250 mg/l total suspended solids.
2. The schedule of fees set forth on Exhibit A shall be adopted.
3. Except as provided in Section 4, the fees on Exhibit A shall be effective as follows:
 - A. Plant Investment Fees (PIFs): January 1, 2025.
 - B. User Fees: November 1, 2024.
 - C. All other fees listed are unchanged and shall continue to be charged at the rate shown on Exhibit A.
4. The PIFs shown on Exhibit A for large developments shall be effective as follows:
 - A. All development projects requiring 30 or more Equivalent Residential Taps (ERTs) shall be classified as “large developments” as set forth in District Resolution No. 2022-2.
 - B. Any large development project that has submitted a request for service to the District and provided information to permit a determination of the number of ERTs required to serve the project before December 31, 2024 shall be considered a “completed development application”.
 - C. Plant Investment Fees for a completed development application may be paid at the current rate of \$9,000/ERT if paid before June 1, 2025.
 - D. Large developments electing to pay PIFs in installments pursuant to the provisions of District Resolution No. 2022-2 shall not be eligible to pay at the current rate if PIF is paid after December 31, 2024.

5. Monthly user fees for new service shall be billed as follows:

A. Single family residential service user fee billing shall commence on the 4th month after payment of the Plant Investment Fee.

B. Commercial projects user fee billing shall commence on the 12th month after payment of the Plant Investment Fee.

6. The Board of Directors of the District hereby finds and declares that adoption of the increased rates set forth herein is necessary for the health, safety and welfare of the residents and customers of the District and its continued financial stability.

7. All sections of any prior resolutions establishing fees contrary to those set forth herein are hereby repealed, but only to the extent necessary to conform to the fees established herein.

Adopted this 23rd day of October 2024.

SOUTH DURANGO SANITATION DISTRICT

By: Curt Piccoli
President

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FEE SCHEDULE
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Plant Investment Fees (tap fees): \$12,000/ERT - Effective January 1, 2025

- a. Single family residential including townhomes, condominiums, mobile homes & ADUs: **1 ERT**.
- b. Single family residential including townhomes, condominiums, mobile homes & ADUs less than 700 sf: **0.75 ERT**.
- c. Single family residential including townhomes, condominiums, mobile homes, ADUs & multi-family units of less than 400 sf: **0.5 ERT**.
- d. Multi-family residential (apartments): **0.9 ERT**
- e. Multi-family units of less than 700 sf: **0.675 ERT**
- f. Commercial uses: **\$12,000/ERT** based on current commercial ERT schedule or projected flows and/or concentrations based on engineering analysis or historical data.

TSC Pipe Upgrade Impact Fee: \$290/ERT

Inspection fee: \$250 per tap connection; \$75 per hour for reinspection and inspections of more than one hour.

Monthly User Fee: \$60/ERT – Effective November 1, 2024

Account Transfer Fee: \$50

Equivalent Residential Tap (ERT) Standard

One (1) ERT is based on 180 gallons per day flow, a five-day average BOD₅ of 300 mg/l and 250 mg/l total suspended solids.

**SOUTH DURANGO SANITATION DISTRICT
ERT SCHEDULE**

	DESCRIPTION	ERTS
(1)	Single family residential including townhomes, condominiums, mobile homes & ADUs	1 ERT/unit
	Single family residential including townhomes, condominiums, mobile homes & ADUs less than 700 sf	.75 ERT/unit
	Single family residential including townhomes, condominiums, mobile homes & ADUs less than 400 sf	.5 ERT/unit
	Multi-family residential (apartments)	.9 ERT/unit
	Multi-family units of less than 700 sf	.675 ERT/unit
(2)	Hotels and motels	
	No restaurants or kitchens	.6 ERT/room
	With kitchenettes not rented for a period in excess of two weeks	.75 ERT/room
	With restaurants	See below
(3)	Restaurants and bar	
	Food service	
	Open 12 hours or less/day	.1 ERT/seat
	Open more than 12 hours/day	.2 ERT/seat
	Bar only	.05 ERT/seat
(4)	Schools and day care centers	To be determined
(5)	Service stations	
	No wash rack or maintenance bay	1 ERT
	With wash rack or maintenance bay (add 1.0/rack)	1 ERT/rack or bay
	Public sanitary dump station; automated car wash	to be determined

(6)	Shopping centers and stores	.35 ERT/1,000 sq. ft.
(7)	Travel trailer/camper park/transient	
	Full hookups	.4 ERT/space
	No sewer hookups, central showers	.1 ERT/space
	Non-public sanitary dump station	2 ERT/station
(8)	Laundry - coin operated or public including common facilities in apts	.5 ERT/wash mach.
(9)	Car wash	1 ERT/bay
	Automated car wash	To be determined
(10)	Warehouses and offices	.35ERT/1,000 sq. ft.
(11)	Theaters (Drive In)	.02 ERT/space
(12)	Beauty and barber shops	.25ERT/wash station
(13)	Carry-out restaurant	To be determined
(14)	Butcher shops and locker plants	To be determined
(15)	Churches	To be determined
(16)	Automobile Dealership	To be determined.

The foregoing table shall serve as a **general guide** for establishing an ERT for commercial uses. When other data is available to determine actual flows, the District will analyze such information and establish an ERT which accurately represents the anticipated flows for a particular use. The flow and concentration values for such analysis are to be measured or determined based on the average for the peak month during a calendar year. Any type of use not specifically listed shall not be permitted unless authorized by the District following a review of all pertinent information.

When determining the ERT number for any use, the following general guidelines will apply:

1. All persons desiring to obtain or required to obtain sewage treatment from the District shall make application for service on forms provided by the District. Failure to accurately describe the proposed use or furnish any requested information shall be cause for denial or suspension of service.
2. All users shall be charged a minimum of 1 ERT.
3. Seasonal use rates, for commercial establishments only, may be permitted by the District when non-use exceeds three months.
4. Whenever interpretation of the above table or data provided by an applicant for service could result in different ERTs, the higher ERT shall be charged.
5. **All customers receiving service from the District agree upon request to furnish copies of monthly water bills to confirm usage.**