ORDINANCE NO. 637

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER VII, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF BUHLER, 1987 SETTING WASTEWATER RATES AND REPEALING ORDINANCE 444, AND REPEALING ORDINANCE 550, AND REPEALING ORDINANCE 623.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF BUHLER, KANSAS:

1. The Section VII-1(D)(c) of Chapter VII of the Code of the City of Buhler, Kansas, shall be amended to read as follows:

Each contributor shall pay a user charge rate for operation and maintenance including replacement. The minimum base charge per month shall be \$27.00 per month plus \$1.60 per 1000 gallons of water metered. This rate shall be effective JANUARY 19, 2023. Future rate increases are to be based on the following rate schedule, unless unforeseen circumstances require other adjustments:

JANUARY 19, 2025 BASE RATE- \$28.00 + \$1.60 per 1000 gallons JANUARY 19, 2027 BASE RATE- \$29.00 + \$1.60 per 1000 gallons JANUARY 19, 2029 BASE RATE- \$30.00 + \$1.70 per 1000 gallons

- 2. Ordinance 444 passed by the governing body of the City of Buhler, Kansas, on December 26, 1989, as amended by Ordinance 508, shall be and hereby is repealed by Ordinance 623.
- 3. Any user who discharges any toxic pollutants which cause an increase in the costs of managing the effluent or the sludge from the City's treatment works, or any user who discharges any substance which individually or by interaction with other substances causes identifiable increases in the cost of operation, maintenance or replacement of the treatment system, shall pay for such increased costs. The charge to each such user shall be recommended by the responsible plant operating personnel and be established by resolution by the governing body.
- 4. A Sewer System Capital Improvement Fee of \$4.00 per month shall be added to each Sewer user account for the purpose of funding or refunding capital improvements and maintenance of the Sewer System and Wastewater Treatment Facility. The distribution of the monthly fee collected shall be allocated by the current years' Budget to the Sewer Replacement Reserve Fund and Capital Improvement Reserve Fund. This Fee shall be effective SEPTEMBER 19, 2022 and there foreword unless modified by the governing body.
- 5. Ordinance No. 623 shall be and hereby is repealed.
- 6. That rules and regulations other than mentioned herein apply to the municipal wastewater system.
- 7. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and publication once in the official city newspaper.

PASSED BY THE GOVERNING BODY THIS 30th DAY OF AUGUST 2022.

Jake Schmidt - Mayor

Merrill D. Peterson, CMC, City Clerk