

## ORDINANCE NO. 282

**THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF HUGO, LINCOLN COUNTY, COLORADO, DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AND RESOLVE TO IMPOSE A REQUIREMENT THAT DWELLINGS CONNECT TO TOWN WATER AND WASTE WATER LINES AND ALSO USE AND PAY FOR MUNICIPAL WATER AND WASTE WATER SERVICES.**

**Whereas**, the Town of Hugo, hereinafter referred to as the “Town”, in the County of Lincoln and the State of Colorado, is the body corporate operating as a statutory town pursuant to the general statutes of the State of Colorado and

**Whereas**, Colorado Revised Statutes, 31-15-708 gives to the governing body of each municipality the power and authority to regulate the water supply used in each municipality for domestic or household purposes, and to charge necessary fees and rates to each user for the use of the municipal water system; and

**Whereas**, Colorado Revised Statutes, 31-15-709 gives to the governing body of each municipality the power and authority to construct and regulate sewers and waste water systems, also charging the necessary fees and rates to each user for the use of the municipal wastewater system; and

**Whereas**, the Board of Trustees of the Town, hereinafter referred to as the “Board” has determined that the importation of water into a dwelling or business for purposes, other than drinking water, without use of the Town water system is unhealthy and unsanitary; and

**Whereas**, the Board deems that it is in the best interests of the citizens of the Town, for safety and sanitary reasons, that residences not only be connected to the water system and waste water system, and pay for the charges for such use, but actually use the water and waste water system when available;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF HUGO, COLORADO:**

### **SECTION I. CONNECTION TO THE TOWN WATER AND WASTEWATER SYSTEMS; UNLAWFUL TO IMPORT WATER FOR REASONS OTHER THAN DRINKING WATER**

All residences, businesses, and other structures be connected to the Town water system, until such time as the water system is lawfully disconnected from the Town water system, shall use and pay for water delivered through the system, and shall not import water to the residence or structure other than bottles, jugs, or similar containers for drinking water purposes. No inhabited dwelling shall be allowed to import water for domestic purposes, such as dish and clothes washing, bathing, and showering, flushing of toilets, and similar uses. This provision shall not apply to any residences furnished water by an approved domestic water well.

Upon being connected to the Town wastewater system, every connected user shall use the wastewater system as to all domestic and business uses. There shall be no dumping or drainage of raw sewage, clothes washing water, business water use, etc., onto the ground or any other place other than into the pipes connected to the town wastewater system.

### **SECTION II – PENALTY**

Any person, or entity, found to be in violation of this Ordinance shall be subject to a fine of up to One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) per day. Additionally, the Town may seek injunctive relief through an Order preventing the importation of water into a dwelling for purposes other than drinking water.

**SECTION III. - VALIDITY.**

If any part or parts of this Ordinance are for any reason held to be invalid such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance. The board hereby declares that it would have passed this Ordinance and each part or parts thereof, irrespective of the fact that any part or parts be declared invalid.

**SECTION IV. - EFFECTIVE PERIOD.**

The Board determines that an emergency situation exists in that the Board is aware that residences may be importing water for reasons other than drinking, creating a safety and sanitation concern. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon approval. The Clerk shall publish the Ordinance at her first opportunity.

**Adopted and approved** this 13th day of February 2023.

Signed by \_\_\_\_\_  
Lora Bledsoe, Mayor

Attest:

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Maria Nestor, Town Clerk