ORDINANCE No. 2009-07

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 1997-5 AND APPROVING AN INCREASE TO THE ESTABLISHED MUNICIPAL TAP FEE

WHEREAS, the Town of Ophir currently imposes a one-time fee of \$3,750 for each legal residential unit for the right to tie into the Town-owned and Town-operated municipal water system; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly finds that the costs of maintaining and operating the Town's municipal water system, together with anticipated future costs associated with improving such system, may not be met under the current fee schedule; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly finds that in order to continue to maintain and operate the municipal water system while funding significant upgrades to such system, it would be in the collective interest of the Town to increase this one-time tap fee to \$7,000; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly finds that it is to the continuing benefit of the Town that such tap fee be levied at such time as applicants seek Town building permits for the construction of new residences to be served by the municipal water system; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly finds that this Ordinance is necessary for the preservation and protection of the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Ophir;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE TOWN OF OPHIR:

SECTION 1: ORDINANCE 1997-5 AMENDED

Ordinance 1997-5 is hereby amended to read:

SECTION 1: INCREASE IN WATER TAP FEE

The municipal water tap fee for one residential unit shall be \$7,000.00 (seven thousand dollars).

SECTION 2: EFFECTIVE DATE: This Ordinance shall be effective upon final adoption.

SECTION 3: <u>Publication</u>: Notice of final adoption of this Ordinance shall be published in the *Telluride Daily Planet* along with a brief description of this Ordinance.

By: Randy Barnes, Mayor

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