

**CITY OF LARAMIE, WYOMING  
RESOLUTION 2025-65**

**A RESOLUTION SUSPENDING LARAMIE MUNICIPAL CODE §13.80.020 AND §13.80.060 FOR COLLECTION AND BILLING OF SURFACE WATER DRAINAGE UTILITY FEES, AUTHORIZING ALREADY APPROVED EXPENDITURES, FREEZING NEW APPROPRIATIONS, AND PROVIDING FOR RECONSIDERATION OF SURFACE WATER CREDITS AND APPEALS AS ESTABLISHED BY LARAMIE MUNICIPAL CODE §13.80.050 AND §13.80.070**

**WHEREAS**, the Surface Water Management Program was enacted to improve flood control, water quality, and stormwater infrastructure within the jurisdiction of the City of Laramie; and

**WHEREAS**, existing city stormwater infrastructure is aging and lacks capacity to adequately handle significant weather events; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2020 the Laramie River was designated as an impaired water body due to sediment by the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality; and

**WHEREAS**, an increase in flooding represents a safety issue, putting the health; and wellbeing of the public at risk, and threatens properties both residential and commercial, and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Laramie has a duty to ensure public safety, protect property, and be responsible stewards of Laramie's natural resources; and

**WHEREAS**, as implementation of the ordinance has proceeded it has become apparent there is public confusion regarding surface water appeals procedures, credit eligibility, and fee structures; and

**WHEREAS**, residents and stakeholders have expressed concerns and submitted appeals requiring additional review and consideration; and

**WHEREAS**, clarity, equity, and transparency in the implementation of the Surface Water Management Program are vital to its success and public trust; and

**WHEREAS**, a suspension will enable Council to evaluate public feedback, reconsider appeals and credit requests and possible amendments to program elements or procedures as were set forth in the enabling legislation, Enrolled Ordinance 1859, approved on December 6, 2024 establishing and adopting a Surface Water Drainage Utility Fund under Laramie Municipal Code Division Section 13.80.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF LARAMIE, WYOMING, HEREBY RESOLVES:**

**Section 1.** To incorporate the foregoing recitals as part of this resolution by reference.

**Section 2.** To suspend billing and collection as required under Laramie Municipal Code §13.80.020, *Imposition of Surface Water Drainage Fee*, and §13.80.060, *Billing, Interest, and Enforcement*, for one hundred and twenty (120) calendar days from the passage of this resolution, the last day of which is December 3, 2025, and authorize the City Manager to credit utility accounts for storm water fees charged in the initial July 2025 monthly billing cycle.

**Section 3.** To affirm expenditures approved to-date by City Council, including contractual obligations, fleet and equipment purchases, and employment expenses related to 4 FTE newly authorized and hired positions, and freeze all other expenditure activity appropriated and approved by Council within the FY26 Budget for the Storm Water Utility Fund, including all capital construction projects, repairs and maintenance, and other non-payroll expenses.

**Section 4.** To direct the City Manager to prepare an amendment to rebalance the FY26 adopted budget and bring expenditures in line with the now reduced annual revenue to be considered by Council at the regular meeting on December 2, 2025.

**Section 5.** To consider amendments as feasible and necessary based on public feedback on Laramie Municipal Code sections §13.80.050, *Surface Water Drainage Fee Credits*, and §13.80.070, *Appeal Procedures*.

**Section 6.** To direct staff to present to Council different options for fees for all commercial and residential properties.

**Section 7.** To continue public outreach to clarify program provisions and gather ongoing public feedback for consideration in the preparation of recommendations and potential amendments.


**Section 8.** To notify the public of any changes and modifications to the Surface Water Management Program, not less than 30 days prior to the end of the billing and collection suspension period.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** this 5th day of August 2025.



Sharon Cumbie, Mayor & President City of  
Laramie City Council

**ATTEST**



Nancy Bartholomew, CMC  
City of Laramie, City Clerk

