



Larry Grant, Director

By authority of the Mineral County Board of Commissioners on February 5, 2020 the following rates were approved: 1% increase to the Hawthorne Water System, 1% increase to the Mina & Luning Water Systems, .05¢ increase to Sewer User, .05¢ increase to Sewer Capitalization, and .05¢ increase to the Garbage Department.

These rates will be in effect July 1, 2020:

Hawthorne Utilities has been implementing a 1% annual increase for the past 6 years per the recommendation of AWWA & NvRWA, with the intention of small annual increases moving forward, instead of the larger percentage increases every few years as seen in the past.

The Financial Status Report in the 2016 Hawthorne Water System Master Plan recommended a 21% increase without depreciation. This year Hawthorne rates will have increased (with the removal of the 10% discount) 15% of the 21% recommended.

<b>Rate Increases</b>	<b>Water</b>	<b>Base Percentage</b>
\$0.16	2014/15 23.80 to 23.96	2014/15 1%
\$0.16	2015/16 23.96 to 24.12	2015/16 1%
\$0.16	2016/17 24.12 to 24.28	2016/17 1%
10% Discount Removed	2017/18 24.28	2017/18
\$0.16	2018/19 24.28 to 24.44	2018/19 1%
\$0.16	2019/20 24.44 to 24.60	2019/20 1%
Proposed \$0.17	2020/21 24.60 to 24.77	2020/21 1%

*Hawthorne Utilities- Mineral County is an equal opportunity employer & provider*

**Rates:** Effective with the August 1st billing:

Water Use Base Rate – Hawthorne Service Area

Meter Size	Gallons		Increase
¾"	0-5,000	\$ 24.77	<b>.17¢</b>
1"	0-5,000	\$ 26.10	<b>.18¢</b>
1 ½"	0-5,000	\$ 29.60	<b>.21¢</b>
2"	0-5,000	\$ 33.80	<b>.26¢</b>
3"	0-5,000	\$ 39.38	<b>.31¢</b>
Low Income	0-5,000	\$ 16.39	<b>.08¢</b>
Standpipe	0-0	\$ 28.98	<b>.21¢</b>

To each of the above base amounts, \$8 has been added in until completion of USDA Water Loan

Hawthorne Cost Per Thousand Gallons above 5,000

		Increase
5,001 to 10,000	1.06	<b>.01¢</b>
10,001 to 20,000	1.22	<b>.01¢</b>
20,001 to 30,000	1.37	<b>.01¢</b>
30,001 to 40,000	1.56	<b>.02¢</b>
40,000 to 50,000	1.75	<b>.02¢</b>
50,001 and over	1.91	<b>.02¢</b>
Standpipe	5.46	<b>.05¢</b>
Corey and Faber Line		
40,001 and over	6.14	<b>.06¢</b>

Corey and Faber Line Rates

(Added to Hawthorne Service Area by Individual Order of MC Commissioners)

Base Rates for Corey and Faber Line are same as Hawthorne Base Rates up to 40,000

Sewer User Rates:

The Sewer User rate increase **.05¢** from \$1.85 to \$1.90 per 1,000 gallons of water used per month.

Sewer Capitalization:

The Sewer Cap rate increase **.05¢** from .65¢ to .70¢ per 1,000 gallons of water of water used per month

To the above base amount, \$5 will be added monthly to Sewer Capitalization  
until completion of USDA Sewer Loan

Sewer User fees have increased .40¢ and Sewer Capitalization have increased .20¢ a month over the past 12 years

<b>Rate Inc</b>	<b>Sewer User</b>	<b>Rate Inc</b>	<b>Sewer Cap</b>
\$0.10	2017/18 1.65 to 1.75	\$0.05	2017/18 .50 to .55
\$0.05	2018/19 1.75 to 1.80	\$0.05	2018/19 .55 to .60
\$0.05	2019/20 1.80 to 1.85	\$0.05	2019/20 .60 to .65
Proposed	2020/21	Proposed	2020/21
\$0.05	1.85 to 1.90	\$0.05	.65 to .70

Garbage Cart Rate

Increase of **.05¢** from \$11.00 per month to \$11.05 per month

Garbage Service Rates have increased .30¢ a month over the past 12 years.

<b>Rate Increases</b>	<b>Garbage</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
\$0.05	2017/18 10.85 to 10.90	2017/18 0.50%
\$0.05	2018/19 10.90 to 10.95	2018/19 0.50%
\$0.05	2019/20 10.95 to 11.00	2019/20 0.45%
Proposed	2020/21	2020/21
\$0.05	11.00 to 11.05	0.45%

The Financial Status Report in the 2012 Mina/Luning Water System Master Plan recommended a 93% rate increase to cover expenses and depreciation and a 34% increase to cover expenses without depreciation.

Hawthorne Utilities implemented a 23% increase in 2015 with the intention of small annual increase moving forward instead of the larger percentage increases that have occurred in the past. Also, in July of 2017 Mina & Luning received a 50% water usage increase at the base rate from 2,000 gallon to 3,000 gallons.

This year Mina & Luning rates will have increased 30% of the 34% recommended.

<b>Mina &amp; Luning Rates</b>	<b>Water</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
\$0.70	2016/17 34.79 to 35.49	2%
50% inc. 2,000 gal to 3,000 gal \$0.35	2017/18 35.49 to 35.84	1%
\$0.36	2018/19 35.84 to 36.20	1%
\$0.36	2019/20 36.20 to 36.56	1%
Proposed	2020/21	
\$0.37	36.56 to 36.93	1%

**Rates:** Effective with the August 1st billing:

Water Base Rates for Mina & Luning Service Areas

Meter Size	Gallons		Increase
¾"	0-3,000	\$ 36.93	<b>.37¢</b>
1"	0-3,000	\$ 39.01	<b>.39¢</b>
1 ½"	0-3,000	\$ 41.24	<b>.41¢</b>
2"	0-3,000	\$ 44.80	<b>.44¢</b>
3"	0-3,000	\$ 51.27	<b>.51¢</b>
Low Income	0-3,000	\$ 21.51	<b>.21¢</b>
Standpipe	0-0	\$ 36.93	<b>.37¢</b>

Mina/Luning Cost per Thousand Gallons above 3,000

		Increase
3,001 to 10,000	1.78	<b>.02¢</b>
10,001 to 20,000	2.11	<b>.02¢</b>
20,001 to 30,000	2.45	<b>.02¢</b>
30,001 to 40,000	2.80	<b>.03¢</b>
40,001 to over	3.14	<b>.03¢</b>
Standpipe	6.85	<b>.07¢</b>