

**TOWN OF PARACHUTE  
ORDINANCE NO. 777-2019**

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**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PARACHUTE, COLORADO, AMENDING CHAPTER 9.17 OF THE PARACHUTE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO WATER SERVICE LEAK ADJUSTMENTS.**

WHEREAS, the Town of Parachute (“Parachute” or the “Town”) is a home-rule municipality organized pursuant to Article XX of the Colorado Constitution and with the authority of the Parachute Home Rule Charter;

WHEREAS, the Town provides water service to Town residents as a public utility; and

WHEREAS, leaks can occur behind a water meter that can result in significant financial burdens to customers; and

WHEREAS, the Town wishes to provide for leak adjustments to water bills when a customer has remedied said leak; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council finds that these changes are in the best interests of the Town.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PARACHUTE, COLORADO THAT:**

Section 1. The foregoing recitals are incorporated herein as if set forth in full.

Section 2. Section 9.17.120 of the Parachute Municipal Code is hereby amended by the addition of a new subsection D, to read as follows:

D. *Leak Adjustments.*

(1) In the event that an existing customer demonstrates, to the Town Manager’s satisfaction, that a water leak or malfunctioning meter has improperly affected actual usage then the Town Manager may estimate and adjust the customer’s meter usage for purposes of this Section by using the average usage for all residential users within the Town for the entire calendar year.

(2) Adjustments shall extend only to bills for twelve months prior to the request for adjustment and only for bills prior to the time at which the irregularity is brought to the attention of the Town. Adjustments shall take the form of a credit toward amounts due on future bills.

(3) This remedy shall be available to each property one time every five years, and only in the event that the excess usage is greater than the average residential usage in Town.

(4) Nothing in this subsection shall relieve a customer from paying a bill issued under this Section.

**INTRODUCED, READ, PASSED, ADOPTED, AND ORDERED PUBLISHED BY TITLE ONLY** by a vote of 6 to 0 of the Council of the Town of Parachute, Colorado at a regular meeting held at Town Hall in the Town of Parachute, Colorado, on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of July 2019 and approved by the Mayor on the 18 day of July 2019.

**TOWN OF PARACHUTE, COLORADO**



Roy McClung  
Roy McClung, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

Lucy Cordoya  
Lucy Cordoya, Town Clerk

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Public notice is hereby given that an Ordinance entitled:

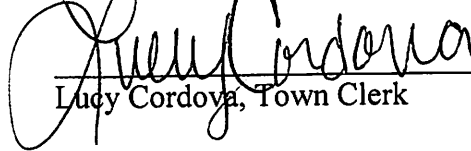
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was introduced before the Town Council on July 18, 2019; that a copy of said Ordinance is posted at Town Hall; and that the Ordinance was approved at a regular meeting of the Town Council held on July 18, 2019, and approved by the Mayor on July 18, 2019.

Copies of the adopted ordinance are available for inspection at the Town Hall, Parachute, Colorado and available on the internet at <http://www.parachutecolorado.com>.

Dated this 18 day of July, 2019.

**TOWN OF PARACHUTE**

  
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Lucy Cordova, Town Clerk