RESOLUTION NO. 2025R-32

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF CITY OF BULLHEAD CITY AUTHORIZING NOTICE OF INTENT TO INCREASE WATER AND SEWER RATES AND SETTING THE DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED NEW RATES FOR SEPTEMBER 2, 2025, at 5:30 PM.

WHEREAS, the City of Bullhead City has operated a sewer system for the convenience of the public for nearly 25 years and a water system acquired from EPCOR Water since 2021; and

WHEREAS, the City's sewer system has been effective and provided quality, economical and safe service to its customers with the last notice of intent to increase sewer rates being in 2018 and which consisted of very modest increases; and

WHEREAS, the City has incurred major capital expenses in maintaining adequate water delivery to customers due to the age of the water system and EPCOR's past deferred maintenance practices; and

WHEREAS, the sewer and water systems are established as enterprise funds on the underlying premise that customers of the systems fund the operation, repairs and maintenance of the systems without burdens on general taxpayer revenues; and

WHEREAS, both systems have incurred increased costs for operation, but in particular the water system, and stand in need of reasonable rate increases to decrease the reliance on loans from general taxpayer revenues; and

WHEREAS, City has conducted extensive system cost and revenue analysis and recommends the increases as set out in the Bullhead City Water and Sewer Rate Study dated June 26, 2025, for the City Council's consideration and which study is available for public review with the City Clerk and at www.bullheadcity.com; and

WHEREAS, the City is authorized to set and change rates pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes § 9-511.01.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Bullhead City set <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>September 2, 2025</u>, at 5:30 p.m., for a public hearing on the new proposed water and sewer rate structures and will consider at that time rates and structures not exceeding those as outlined in the Bullhead City Water and Sewer Rate Study dated June 26, 2025.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Bullhead City this 1st day of July, 2025.

Daniel Alfonzo, Vice Mayor

Garnet K. Emery, City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

ATTEST:

Debie Ogden, City Clerk

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