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## Notice of Intent to Impose or Increase Fees or Taxes

Pursuant to A.R.S. 9-499.15., The Town of Clarkdale is providing notice at least sixty days prior to the date the proposed new or increased fee or tax is scheduled to be approved or disapproved at a meeting of the Clarkdale Town Council.

A public hearing on the proposed adoption of Water and Wastewater rate component increase/change shall be held before the Town Council on June 12, 2012 at 6:00 P.M. in the Clark Memorial Clubhouse.

The proposed water and wastewater rate component increase/change are to be adopted pursuant to A.R.S. 9-511.01.

### **WATER & WASTEWATER RATE COMPONENT INCREASE/CHANGE REPORT**

Background Information – The bad debt total for 2008-2010 was \$19,192.22, of which \$9,192.22 applied to 2010. Some of this can be attributed to the downturn in the economy causing home foreclosures and abandonment.

1. Many people are on a fixed income and are finding it very difficult to meet the 14 day deadline to pay their bill. Allowing 30 days to pay will give the resident more flexibility with their budget. Making these changes would help prevent the downward spiral many of our residents are caught in and reduce the amount of debt the Town has to assume.

#### **DELINQUENT UTILITY CHARGES (WATER, WASTEWATER, TRASH)**

Current: Account Delinquencies – Past due Amount at 10% after 14 days.

Proposed: Past due Amount at 10% after 30 days. Due date 30 days after billing date.

2. At this time, service is discontinued after 60 days of delinquency allowing for the accumulation of a high bill making it difficult for the resident to catch up. Changing to 30 days after the due date will reduce the past due amount making it a little easier for the resident to pay.

#### **OTHER WATER UTILITY RATE AND FEE POLICIES**

Current: Disconnection for Non-Payment – Water service shall be disconnected for non-payment sixty (60) days from the due date.

Proposed: Disconnection for Non-Payment – Water service shall be disconnected for non-payment thirty (30) days from the due date.