

RESOLUTION NO. 2003

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING MUNICIPAL
STORM WATER ENTERPRISE FUNDS**

WHEREAS, the majority (69%) of Wyoming residents live in cities and towns and rely upon their municipal governments for essential surface water drainage and utility infrastructure that keeps the public safe and protects both public and private properties from damage from storm water runoff; and

WHEREAS, a storm water system is a utility akin to the sanitary sewer and culinary water system; and

WHEREAS, Wyoming statutes do not authorize municipalities to create storm water enterprise funds for operation of storm water drainage systems; and

WHEREAS, forty states today recognize surface drainage as a utility, including every other western state and adjacent state to Wyoming; and

WHEREAS, there are millions of dollars of unmet financing needs for surface water drainage within the City of Douglas; and

WHEREAS, storm water fees are an equitable, reliable source of funds with which to finance costly infrastructure upgrades required by increasingly stringent Federal and State regulation of storm water; and

WHEREAS, an amendment to Statute would provide an important means for communities, like Douglas, to address needs without petitioning the State for funding.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF DOUGLAS, WYOMING, HEREBY RESOLVES:

Section 1. To incorporate the foregoing recitals and make them part of this resolution by reference, and;

Section 2. To request that the State of Wyoming authorize cities and towns to establish and operate surface water drainage systems as public utility services and make available by statute similar financing options as are provided for potable water and sanitary sewer utilities; and

Section 3. To request the State of Wyoming allow municipal governing bodies to establish user fees to support financial operations of surface water drainage systems.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 10th day of June, 2019.

Rene' Kemper, Mayor

ATTEST:

Karen Rimmer, City Clerk