

COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LA PLATA
Ordinance No. 08-10

Introduced By: Mayor Gene Ambrogio

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1 **An Ordinance** concerning

Fee Schedule

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4 **FOR** the purpose of adopting the Fee Schedule, dealing with fees set by the Town of La Plata; and
5 all matters generally relating thereto.

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7 **BY** repealing and reenacting with amendments
8 Chapter 101 – Fees
9 Sections 101-1 through 101-15
10 Code of the Town of La Plata
11 (1998 Edition and Supplements)

Preamble

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15 **WHEREAS**, the Council of the Town of La Plata wishes to encourage conservation of water
16 resources; and

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18 **WHEREAS**, to encourage water conservation, tiered billing rates for water service and for
19 sanitary sewer service have been incorporated within the schedule of fees;

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21 **SECTION 1: BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LA PLATA**
22 that Chapter 101 of the Code of the Town of La Plata (1998) be and it is hereby repealed and
23 reenacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Chapter 101
FEES

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28 **§ 101-1. Plat, permit and inspection fees.**

29 The schedule of fees for issuance of the specified permits, as listed in this section, shall be as
30 follows:
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32 **A. Subdivision plat fees:**

33 (1) Preliminary plats: two hundred and ((twenty-five)) THIRTY-FOUR dollars
 34 ((((\$225.))) (\$234.) per plat plus ((five)) SIX dollars and ((sixty)) TEN cents ((((\$5.60))) (\$6.10) per
 35 lot.

36 (2) Final plats: two hundred and ((twenty-five)) THIRTY-FOUR dollars ((((\$225.)))
 37 (\$234.) per plat plus ((five)) SIX dollars and ((sixty)) TEN cents ((((\$5.60))) (\$6.10) per lot, plus
 38 ((five)) SIX dollars and ((eighty-five)) TEN cents ((((\$5.85))) (\$6.10) recordation fee, plus ((six))
 39 SEVEN dollars ((and seventy-five cents (\$6.75))) (\$7.) per lot Official Zoning Map update fee.

40 (3) Revised plats and minor subdivision plats: same as final plats.

41 (4) Plan review: The fee for all proposed improvement plans, including water, sewer,
 42 stormwater management and streets, will be one percent (1%) of the construction costs, limited to a
 43 maximum fee of five thousand ((six)) EIGHT hundred and ((twenty-five)) FIFTY dollars
 44 ((((\$5,625.))) (\$5,850.). These fees will be collectible prior to recordation of final plat.

45 (5) When the Town has to obtain outside review of stormwater management, there
 46 will be a fee of ((twenty-nine)) THIRTY dollars and ((forty-five)) SIXTY cents ((((\$29.45)))
 47 (\$30.60), plus related costs as provided by the Chief Executive Officer.

48 (6) Development plan review fee for the review of development plans for Mixed Use
 49 Developments (MUD) and Traditional Neighborhood Developments (TND): five hundred and
 50 ((thirty-five)) FIFTY-SIX dollars ((((\$535.))) (\$556.).

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52 **B. Building permit application fees:**

53 (1) Building permit application fees for construction, additions, alterations, moving
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Use Group Class	Construction and Addition Fee (per square foot)	Minimum Fee and Interior Alteration Fee*
Use Group A	\$(0.43) 0.45	\$((70.00)) 72.80
Use Group B (business)	((0.43)) 0.45	((70.00)) 72.80
Use Group F (factory and industrial)	((0.43)) 0.45	((70.00)) 72.80
Use Group H (high hazard)	((0.43)) 0.45	((70.00)) 72.80
Use Group I (institutional)	((0.43)) 0.45	((70.00)) 72.80
Use Group M (mercantile)	((0.43)) 0.45	((70.00)) 72.80
Use Group R (residential)	((0.38)) 0.40	((32.00)) 33.30
Use Group S (storage)	((0.33)) 0.34	((25.00)) 26.00
Use Group T	((0.28)) 0.29	((25.00)) 26.00

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(temporary and miscellaneous)

76	Moving of buildings	((0.28)) 0.29	((25.00)) 26.00
77	Demolition of buildings	((0.22)) 0.23	((25.00)) 26.00

78 *NOTE: If the building is completely renovated, the Building Inspector may, at his
79 discretion, apply Use Group T.
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81 (2) A reinspection fee of one hundred (\$100.) will be applied if reinspection is required
82 due to failure to comply with the Code or failure to be at a stage of building completion suitable for
83 inspection. Cancellations for inspections must be made one (1) hour in advance of the scheduled
84 inspection. The reinspection fee must be paid prior to the rescheduling of the inspection.

85 (3) Plan review fee for all proposed building plans, except single-family detached
86 dwellings: six dollars and ((seventy)) NINETY-FIVE cents ((((\$6.70))) (\$6.95) per sheet or page. If
87 outside review is required by the Town, all fees shall be paid by the owner or his agent.
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89 **C. Use and occupancy permit fees:**

90 (1) Where a building permit is not required by the Town, such as for a change in
91 occupancy in commercial structures, offices, retail spaces or the like, a fee of fifty-((seven))NINE
92 dollars ((((\$57.))) (\$59.) shall be collected prior to the inspection and issuance of the occupancy
93 permit. This fee will also be collected when an occupant or potential occupant requests an occupancy
94 permit/inspection where the Town does not require the same, such as for licensing or insurance
95 purposes.

96 (2) In the case of a structure constructed to allow for future interior finishing to suit
97 future potential occupants, where the original building permit was completed by final inspection and
98 issuance of an occupancy permit, each tenant layout interior finishing shall require an occupancy
99 inspection and permit and payment of fifty-((seven))NINE dollars ((((\$57.))) (\$59.) fee, whether or
100 not such tenant layout requires a building permit.
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102 **D. Rental operating license and inspection fees:** As per the requirements of Town
103 Code Chapter 155, Rentals for Human Habitation, the biannual fees for the issuance of operating
104 licenses and for reinspections are as follows:

105 (1) The fee for the issuance of an operating license is ninety-THREE dollars AND
106 SIXTY CENTS ((((\$90.))) (\$93.60) for each dwelling, dwelling unit or rooming unit.

107 (2) The fee for the issuance of an operating license for multiple dwellings containing four
108 or more dwelling units and rooming houses containing four or more rooming units is sixty-TWO
109 dollars AND FORTY CENTS ((((\$60))) (\$62.40) per dwelling unit or rooming unit.

110 (3) The fee for the issuance of an operating license for motels and hotels is as follows:
111 0-50 rooms: one hundred and eighty-SEVEN dollars ((((\$180.))) (\$187.)
112 50-100 rooms: two hundred and ((fifty)) SIXTY-eight dollars ((((\$258.))) (\$268.)
113 over 100 rooms: three hundred and ((nine)) TWENTY dollars ((((\$309.))) (\$320.)

114 (4) The fee for reinspection of each dwelling, dwelling unit or rooming unit is fifty
115 dollars (\$50).
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118 **E. Sign permit application fees:**

119	<u>Size of Sign</u>	<u>Fee</u>
120	(square feet)	
121	0 to 24	\$ ((18.00)) 18.75
122	25 to 49	((36.00)) 37.40
123	50 to 100	((48.00)) 50.00
124	Over 100	((60.00)) 62.40
125	Master Sign Plan	((26.00)) 27.00

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127 **F. Plumbing permit application fees:**

128 (1) Thirty-((six)) SEVEN dollars and ((forty)) EIGHTY-FIVE cents (((36.40)))
 129 (\$37.85) for the first five (5) fixtures and three dollars and ((sixty-five)) EIGHTY cents (((3.65)))
 130 (\$3.80) for each fixture thereafter.

131 (2) Thirty-((two)) FOUR dollars and ((seventy-)five cents (((32.75))) (\$34.05) for
 132 alterations.

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134 **G. Grading permit application fees:** As per specifications of the Grading and Sediment
 135 Control Ordinance of the Town of La Plata, the following fee shall apply:

136	<u>Grading and Control Costs</u>	<u>Fee</u>
137	\$0 to \$1,000.00	\$((32.00)) 33.30
138	Over \$1,000.00	\$((32.00)) 33.30, plus 1% of grade and 139 control costs, limited to a maximum fee of 140 \$((5,350.)) 5,550.

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142 **H. Erosion and Sediment Control Plan and Forest Harvest Operation Plan review**
 143 **fees:** Fee schedule developed by the Charles Soil Conservation District (SCD) and endorsed by the
 144 Council of the Town of La Plata; all fees collected by SCD. Contact SCD to obtain information
 145 regarding fees for the following services:

146 •Review of Erosion and Sediment Control Plans for individual residential building permits

147 •Review of grading permits or combined grading and building permits

148 •Re-review for revision and/or extension of grading permits or combined grading and building
 149 permits

150 *Revisions which add disturbed area to a previously approved Erosion and Sediment Control*
 151 *Plan or which change the grading and/or Erosion and Sediment Control concept will be subject to*
 152 *fees as if a new plan submittal.*

153 •Forest Harvest Operation

154 •Re-review for revision and/or extension of approval for Forest Harvest Operation

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156 **I. Fee in lieu of parkland dedication or reservation:**

157 (1) As per the requirements of Chapter 173, § 173-11, of the Town Code of
 158 Ordinances, the fee per dwelling unit is seven thousand and five hundred dollars (\$7,500.)

159 (2) This fee shall be collected upon application for a building permit.

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161 **J. Annexation petition fee:** The petitioner for an annexation shall deposit with the
162 Town an amount as determined by the Town Treasurer and/or Chief Executive Officer. The amount
163 deposited shall include a nonrefundable fee of five hundred and ((fifty)) SEVENTY dollars ((((\$550.)))
164 (\$570.), plus the reasonable estimate of Town expenses to process the annexation, including legal
165 fees, engineering studies and real estate appraisals. The petitioner shall be liable for any expenses
166 above that deposited and shall be entitled to any refund of monies not used, with the exception of the
167 nonrefundable fee of five hundred and ((fifty)) SEVENTY dollars ((((\$550.))) (\$570.).
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169 **K. Farmers Market permit fees:** As per the requirements of Chapter 98, § 98-3 of the
170 Town Code of Ordinances, the season permit is one hundred and ((twelve)) FIFTEEN dollars ((and
171 fifty cents (\$112.50))) (\$115.00), and the daily permit is twelve dollars AND FIFTY CENTS
172 ((((\$12.))) (\$12.50) for Saturdays and seven dollars and ((fifty)) SEVENTY-FIVE cents ((((\$7.50)))
173 (\$7.75) for Wednesdays.
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175 **L. Burning permit fees:**

176 (1) Fees shall be as follows:

177 (a) Developed single lot/permit issued to homeowner: six dollars AND
178 TWENTY-FIVE CENTS ((((\$6.))) (\$6.25).

179 (b) Single lot or up to five (5) acres cleared, permit issued to developer or
180 builder: twenty-((seven))EIGHT dollars ((((\$27.))) (\$28.).

181 (c) Over five (5) acres cleared, permit issued to developer or builder:
182 fifty-((four))FIVE dollars ((((\$54.))) (\$55.).

183 (2) Terms shall be as follows:

184 (a) Applicant must present approved permit from Environmental Health
185 Department.

186 (b) Permits shall be valid for the same term as provided on the permit from the
187 Environmental Health Department.
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189 **M. Wills Park fees:**

190 (1) Except for County parks and recreation program uses, permits to use Wills Park
191 shall be issued only to Town residents. Proof of residency may be required. User fees for Wills Park
192 are:

193 (a) Wills Park building:

194 [1] County parks and recreation programs: three dollars AND
195 TWENTY-FIVE CENTS ((((\$3.))) (\$3.25) per hour.

196 [2] Private nonprofit organization/Town resident permit holder: eight
197 dollars AND TWENTY-FIVE CENTS ((((\$8.))) (\$8.25) per hour for the first four (4) hours and five
198 dollars and ((thirty))FIFTY-five cents ((((\$5.35))) (\$5.55) each additional hour, excluding La Plata-
199 based youth and senior citizen organizations, La Plata-based Homeowners' Associations, the La Plata
200 Volunteer Fire Department and the Charles County Rescue Squad.

201 [3] Town Resident (nonprofit, personal use): ((ten)) ELEVEN dollars
202 ((and seventy cents (\$10.70))) (\$11.00) per hour.
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204 [4] Private for profit: twenty-~~((two))~~THREE dollars (~~(((22.)))~~) (\$23.)
 205 per hour for the first four (4) hours and ~~((ten))~~ ELEVEN dollars and ~~((eighty))~~ TWENTY-FIVE
 206 cents (~~(((10.80)))~~) (\$11.25) for each additional hour.

207 (2) All fees for park use are payable upon issuance of the permit.
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209 **N. Noise permits:** As per the requirement of Chapter 137, Noise, § 137-3C, the fee shall
 210 be ~~((ten))~~ ELEVEN dollars and ~~((eighty))~~ TWENTY-FIVE cents (~~(((10.80)))~~) (\$11.25).
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212 **O. Private wastewater disposal:** As per the requirement of Chapter 186, Water and
 213 Sewers, § 186-5C, the permit and inspection fee shall be fifty-~~((four))~~ SIX dollars (~~(((54.)))~~) (\$56.).
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215 **§ 101-2. Miscellaneous utility improvement fees.**

216 **A.** The developer of any subdivision, lot or new construction requiring water, sanitary
 217 sewer, streets or storm sewer will pay one hundred percent (100%) of the cost of these extensions or
 218 improvements, to a point(s) approved by the Town.
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220 **B.** The developer may construct such improvements as specified in Subsection A. of this
 221 section, according to applicable Town specifications, upon application and approval of the Chief
 222 Executive Officer.
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224 **C.** Any developer or owner desiring the Town to extend water, sewer and storm sewers
 225 to the developer's or owner's property line, or requesting partial assistance in an extension, shall pay
 226 the following fees for such service:

227 (1) Water meter charges for meters, including fitting appurtenances:

<u>Meter size</u> (inches)	<u>Fee</u>
5/8	\$ (((295.))) 305.
3/4	\$ (((350.))) 364.
1	\$ (((560.))) 582.
1½	\$ (((750.))) 780.
2	\$ (((965.))) 1,000.
Other sizes and types (i.e., compounds, 3+ inches, etc.)	To be determined by Chief Executive Officer.

238 (2) Water line construction charge:

239 (a) The charge shall be computed by the Chief Executive Officer upon
 240 application.

241 (b) The minimum fee shall be four thousand ~~((two))~~ THREE hundred AND
 242 SIXTY-FIVE dollars (~~(((4,200.)))~~) (\$4,365.).

243 (3) Water line boring charge:

244 (a) The charge shall be computed by the Chief Executive Officer upon
 245 application.
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247 (b) The minimum fee shall be five thousand ((one)) THREE hundred dollars
248 ((((\$5,100.))) (\$5,300.).

249 (4) Water line fire hydrant charge:

250 (a) The charge shall be computed by the Chief Executive Officer upon
251 application.

252 (b) The minimum fee shall be two thousand ((five)) SIX hundred and seventy-
253 five dollars ((((\$2,575.))) (\$2,675.).

254 (5) Sewer line construction charge:

255 (a) The charge shall be computed by the Chief Executive Officer upon
256 application.

257 (b) The minimum fee shall be four thousand ((five)) SEVEN hundred and
258 ((fifty)) THIRTY dollars ((((\$4,550.))) (\$4,730.).

259 (6) Sewer line boring charge:

260 (a) The charge shall be computed by the Chief Executive Officer upon
261 application.

262 (b) The minimum fee shall be six thousand ((seven)) NINE hundred AND
263 SEVENTY dollars ((((\$6,700.))) (\$6,970.).

264 (7) Manhole charge for sewer lines:

265 (a) The charge shall be computed by the Chief Executive Officer upon
266 application.

267 (b) The minimum charge shall be one thousand one hundred and ((thirty))
268 SEVENTY-FIVE dollars ((((\$1,130.))) (\$1,175.).

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270 **D.** Street lights: As determined by the Town.

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272 **E.** Street name and regulatory signs: As determined by the Town.

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274 **§ 101-3. Television and sewer cleaning equipment charges.**

275 Charges for the use of television and sewer cleaning equipment shall be as follows:

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277 **A.** Equipment used in Town will be at eighty-THREE dollars ((((\$80.))) (\$83.) per hour,
278 plus the cost of the chemicals.

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280 **B.** Equipment used out of Town will be at two hundred and twenty-NINE dollars
281 ((((\$220.))) (\$229.) per hour, plus the cost of the chemicals.

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283 **C.** Calculating time will start when the crew begins traveling to the job site.

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285 **§ 101-4. Major facilities fees.**

286 **A.** Major facilities fees are levied to partially finance capital improvements to the water
287 and sanitary sewer systems due to increased demands upon the system as a result of new
288 development. Revenues collected from the major facilities fee may be used for the acquisition,

289 construction, improvement and enlargement of all or parts of the Town's water and sanitary sewer
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291 systems. Such revenues may not be used for the purpose of operation, maintenance or non-capital
292 repair of the water or sanitary sewer systems, except that revenues collected from the major facilities
293 fee on and after October 1, 2003 and prior to September 28, 2006 shall not be used for any project
294 located in or intended to exclusively serve properties located in the Old Town Utility District. The
295 major facilities fee shall be levied and paid as specified in the following subsections of this section.
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297 **B. Determination of fee.**

298 (1) The charge per unit levied and to be paid with the issuance of all building or
299 occupancy permits requiring larger or new connections to the Town of La Plata water and sanitary
300 sewer systems shall be:

301 (a) Residential units:

302 [1] Multiple-family dwelling units:

303 [a] ((Dwelling units having not more than seven hundred square
304 feet of total area: six thousand five hundred and thirty dollars (\$6,530.) per dwelling unit.))
305 DWELLING UNITS HAVING NOT MORE THAN SEVEN HUNDRED (700) SQUARE FEET
306 OF TOTAL AREA: SIX THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED AND THIRTY DOLLARS (\$6,530.) PER
307 DWELLING UNIT.

308 [b] Dwelling units having more than seven hundred (700)
309 square feet of total area: seven thousand five hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$7,525.) per dwelling
310 unit.

311 [2] Single family attached dwellings, single family detached dwellings,
312 two-family dwellings and mobile home dwellings: eight thousand five hundred and twenty-five dollars
313 (\$8,525.) per dwelling unit.

314 (2) Commercial, industrial, and public or quasi-public facility units: an amount per unit
315 based upon the estimated water consumption of such facility as set forth in Section 101-4.F. of this
316 chapter.
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318 **C.** The major facilities fee shall be paid before a building permit is issued. In the case of a
319 revocation, discontinuance or abandonment of a building permit, as provided in the Town Building
320 Code, before water, sewer or other public improvements are extended to the building project, this fee
321 shall be refunded. If a major facilities fee is imposed with respect to a use of property for which no
322 building permit is required, the major facilities fee shall be paid before an occupancy permit is issued.
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324 **D.** Permits for water and/or sewer connection(s) shall be issued at the same time the
325 building permit is issued and shall be valid as long as the building permit is valid, except existing
326 residential buildings may connect to water and sewer mains as provided in § 101-2C of this chapter. If
327 a permit for a water and/or sewer connection is to be issued for a use of property where no building
328 permit is required, the permit for the connection must be issued before the issuance of an occupancy
329 permit.
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331 **E.** A "residential unit" is hereby defined as one (1) dwelling unit, as further defined in §
332 191-3 of the Town's Zoning Ordinance. The various types of dwelling units, such as multiple-family,
333 single-family attached, single-family detached, two-family and mobile home, will have the same
334 meaning as defined in § 191-3 of the Town's Zoning Ordinance. A "multiple-family dwelling unit" is
335 more narrowly defined to be only those groups of three (3) or more dwelling units served by a
336 common water service and requiring only one (1) water meter.

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338 **F.** The major facilities fee for commercial, industrial, quasi-public or public facilities shall
339 be determined by the Chief Executive Officer using units or fractions of units of estimated water
340 consumption as the basis for that determination. Each unit is the equivalent of twenty thousand
341 (20,000) gallons of estimated water consumption per quarter. The major facilities fee shall be imposed
342 at the rate of eight thousand five hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$8,525.) per unit. The amount of
343 major facilities fee for fractional units shall be based upon a pro-rated amount of eight thousand five
344 hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$8,525.). The standards used for establishing estimated water
345 consumption shall be established and approved by the Town Council.

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347 **G.** The major facilities fee for uses requiring a new or larger connection to either the
348 water or sanitary sewer systems, but not both, shall, for sewer, be at a rate of seventy-five percent
349 (75%) of the fee provided for in Sections 101-4.B. and 101-4.F., and, for water, be at the rate of
350 thirty-five percent (35%) of the fee provided for in Sections 101-4.B. and 101-4.F.

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352 **H.** No change in the use of a building shall be allowed that would require additional
353 increments of water and/or sewer units without payment of the major facilities fee for the increase in
354 sewer and/or water units. To ensure compliance, the Building Inspector shall not allow such building
355 requiring payment of additional major facilities fees to be occupied until the requisite fees are paid and
356 occupancy is approved by the Chief Executive Officer.

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358 **I.** As used in Sections 101-4 and 101-4.1, the Old Town Utility District consists of all
359 properties that abut or have access from the following streets, except that as of April 13, 2005 the Old
360 Town Utility District does not include those properties or portions of those properties that are located in
361 the Town's CBT Central Business Transition zoning district on that date:

- 362 (1) West Hawthorne Drive to the Town limits as of January 9, 1990.
363 (2) Pine Street.
364 (3) East Hawthorne Drive.
365 (4) US Route 301 from Maryland Route 225 to Glen Albin (formerly Patuxent) Drive.
366 (5) Maryland Route 6 west of US Route 301, to and including the Archbishop Neale
367 property on the north side and to and including the United Methodist Church property on the south side.
368 (6) Maryland Route 6 east of US Route 301 to Willow Lane.
369 (7) Washington Avenue to the Town limits as they existed as of January 9, 1990.
370 (8) Harford Street.
371 (9) Cecil Street.
372 (10) Kent Avenue.

- 373 (11) Spruce Street.
 374 (12) Prospect Street.
 375 (13) Caroline Drive from Washington Avenue to the railroad tracks.
 376 (14) Centennial Street.
 377 (15) Baltimore Street.
 378 (16) North Maple Avenue.
 379 (17) South Maple Avenue from Charles Street to Carroll Street.
 380 (18) North Oak Avenue.
 381 (19) Anne Arundel Avenue.
 382 (20) Severn Drive.
 383 (21) Calvert Street.
 384 (22) Howard Street.
 385 (23) St. Mary's Avenue to Glen Albin (formerly Patuxent) Drive.
 386 (24) Wills Street.
 387 (25) La Grange Avenue.
 388 (26) Queen Anne's Street.
 389 (27) Carroll Street.
 390 (28) Graves Avenue.
 391 (29) Oak Avenue.
 392 (30) Del Ray Circle.
 393 (31) Concord Circle.
 394 (32) Arlington Drive.
 395 (33) Worcester Street.
 396 (34) Wicomico Street.
 397 (35) Garrett Avenue.
 398 (36) Somerset Street.
 399 (37) Willow Lane South.
 400 (38) Prince George's Street.
 401 (39) Forest Lane.
 402 (40) Patuxent Court.
 403 (41) Glen Albin (formerly Patuxent) Drive from US Route 301 to Willow Lane South.
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405 **J.** (1) All monies in the Town's major facilities fund as of October 1, 2003 may be expended
 406 for and on behalf of the financing of major improvements to the Town's water and sanitary sewer systems
 407 that are undertaken anywhere in the Town.

408 (2) All monies generated from major facilities fees paid to the Town between October 1,
 409 2003 and April 12, 2005 may not be expended for any improvements to the Town's water and sanitary
 410 sewer systems that are located in or intended primarily to serve properties located in the Old Town Utility
 411 District as that district existed on April 12, 2005.

412 (3) All monies generated from major facilities fees paid to the Town from and after April
 413 13, 2005 may not be expended for any improvements to the Town's water and sanitary sewer systems that
 414 are located in or intended primarily to serve properties located in the Old Town Utility District as that

415 district existed on April 13, 2005.
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417 (4) All monies generated from major facilities fees paid to the Town from and after
418 September 28, 2006 may be expended for and on behalf of the financing of major improvements to the
419 Town's water and sanitary sewer systems that are undertaken anywhere in the Town.
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421 **101-4.1. Major facilities fee for commercial and industrial properties.**

422 **A.** This section applies to the payment of major facilities fees for commercial and
423 industrial facilities.
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425 **B.** (1) For each commercial and industrial facility there is a base major facilities fee. For
426 purposes of this section, the base major facilities fee is:

427 (a) The amount of major facilities fee assessed and paid pursuant to §101-4B(1)(b)
428 based upon estimated water consumption of the facility; except that

429 (b) In the case of a property for which water and sewer facilities were paid by a
430 front foot benefit assessment, the amount of the major facilities fee which would be assessed in
431 accordance with §101-4B(1)(b) if the property were initially developed on July 1, 1997, based upon
432 the use of the property on that date.

433 (2) When the actual user of a facility is unknown when a building permit is issued, the
434 base major facilities fee shall be calculated upon such potential use of the facility as reasonably would
435 be expected to generate the smallest demand for water usage of all potential realistic uses of the
436 facility as allowed in the zoning district.
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438 **C.** (1) If a base major facilities fee is calculated pursuant to subsection B(2) of this
439 section, an additional major facilities fee shall be charged when the actual user of the facility becomes
440 known if the estimated water consumption for such user will be greater than the estimated water
441 consumption upon which the base major facilities fee was calculated. This additional major facilities
442 fee shall be known as an incremental major facilities fee. The amount of the incremental major
443 facilities fee shall be calculated based upon the formula set forth in §101-4F.

444 (2) An incremental major facilities fee shall be paid prior to the issuance of a certificate
445 of occupancy for the use of the facility pursuant to §191-48B of this Code. The Town shall maintain
446 records of the name of the person who pays any incremental major facilities fee and the location for
447 which such incremental major facilities fee is paid. The payer of an incremental major facilities fee
448 shall receive a credit in the amount of the incremental major facilities fee paid.
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450 **D.** An incremental major facilities fee credit may be assigned, sold, otherwise lawfully
451 conveyed, or transferred, as provided in this subsection D. An incremental major facilities fee credit
452 issued to a property located in the Old Town Utility District prior to October 1, 2003 also may be
453 assigned, sold, otherwise lawfully conveyed, or transferred as provided in this Subsection D.

454 (1) When a business for which an incremental major facilities fee has been paid ceases
455 operation at the location for which the fee has been paid, the holder of the incremental major facilities
456 fee credit may:

457 (a) Assign, sell or otherwise lawfully convey all, or any portion, of the credit to
458 another person, for the purpose of applying such credit against the payment of another base major

459 facilities fee or incremental major facilities fee, as applicable:
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461 [1] At the same location; or
462 [2] At a different location in the town;
463 (b) Transfer all or any portion of the credit to be applied by that person against the
464 payment of another base major facilities fee or incremental major facilities fee, as applicable, at a
465 different location in the town; or
466 (c) Retain the rights to all or any portion of the credit for subsequent use by that
467 person at the same location.
468 Under no circumstances may all, or any portion, of an incremental major facilities
469 fee be refunded by the Town.
470 (2) All or any portion of an incremental major facilities fee credit which has been
471 assigned, sold, conveyed or transferred may be:
472 (a) Applied against a base major facilities fee imposed for the same or another
473 business; or
474 (b) Applied against an incremental major facilities fee imposed for the same or
475 another business.
476 That portion of an incremental major facilities fee credit which is applied against a
477 base major facilities fee may not be further transferred, assigned, sold, or conveyed. However, that
478 portion of an incremental major facilities fee credit which is applied against a new incremental major
479 facilities fee may be further transferred, sold, assigned, or conveyed as provided in this section.
480 (3) The amount of major facilities fee attributable to a property shall be reduced by the
481 amount by which any portion of an incremental major facilities fee is transferred, sold, assigned or
482 conveyed for use at a different location.
483 (4) A transfer, sale, assignment or conveyance of all or part of an incremental major
484 facilities fee credit is not effective unless undertaken as hereafter provided:
485 (a) A person seeking to transfer, sell, assign or convey all or any part of an
486 incremental major facilities fee credit shall file an application under oath on forms provided by the
487 Town for this purpose. If the applicant is not the owner of the property on which the business is
488 located, the application also shall be consented to, in writing, by the property owner. The application
489 shall be accompanied by such application fee as may be prescribed by the Town Council by
490 Resolution. In addition to such other information and documentation as may be required by the
491 Town's Chief Executive Officer, an application shall be accompanied by documentary proof
492 acceptable to the Chief Executive Officer:
493 [1] As to the amount of incremental major facilities fee credit available for
494 transfer, sale, assignment or conveyance; and
495 [2] That such fee was paid to the Town by the person applying for the
496 transfer, sale, assignment or transfer.
497 The burden is on the applicant to prove the amount of incremental major
498 facilities fee credit available for transfer, sale, assignment or conveyance, and that the applicant is the
499 person who paid such fee to the Town.
500 (b) If the Town approves an application to transfer, sell, assign or convey all or a
501 part of an incremental major facilities fee credit, the Town shall deliver to the applicant, to the
502 property owner if different from the applicant, and to the person to whom the credit will be
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504 transferred, sold, assigned or conveyed, a certificate of approval which contains at least the following
505 information:

- 506 [1] Names of the parties;
- 507 [2] The address for which the incremental major facilities fee had been paid;
- 508 [3] The address to which the incremental major facilities fee credit is being
509 transferred;
- 510 [4] The amount of such transferred, sold, assigned or conveyed incremental
511 major facilities fee credit which will be available for future transfer, sale, assignment or conveyance in
512 accordance with §101-4.1D(2); and
- 513 [5] The name of the person who will be entitled to apply for such future
514 transfer, sale, assignment or conveyance in accordance with §101-4.1D(2).

515 The Town’s approval of the application is not effective until a certificate of
516 approval is issued.

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518 **§101-4.2. Major facilities fee loan program.**

519 **A.** There is a major facilities fee loan program in the Town under the provisions of this
520 section.

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522 **B.** The purpose of the major facilities fee loan program is to provide an economic
523 development incentive for the Town to recruit and attract desirable businesses to locate within the
524 Town and to encourage existing businesses to expand in the Town.

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526 **C.** The Town Council may appropriate in the Town’s annual budget ordinance such
527 amounts from the Town’s General Fund as the Town Council deem necessary and appropriate to fund
528 the major facilities fee loan program. Amounts to fund the major facilities fee loan program shall be
529 appropriated as a designated line item in the budget ordinance.

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531 **D.** The Town Council may grant a loan to an eligible business under the major facilities
532 fee loan program if sufficient funds have been appropriated in the annual budget ordinance. The
533 amount of the loan to an eligible business may not exceed seventy-five percent (75%) of the major
534 facilities fee to be assessed for the business, plus the amount of any costs and expenses to be included
535 in the loan amount pursuant to subsection L. of this section.

536
537 **E.** Each major facilities fee loan granted by the Town Council:

538 (1) Shall bear interest at a rate or rates to be established by the Town Council, such
539 rate or rates to be not less than the prime rate established by ((Mercantile Southern Maryland)) PNC
540 Bank from time to time plus one percent (1%);

541 (2) Shall be repaid over a period to be established by the Town Council, but not to
542 exceed forty-two (42) months;

543 (3) Shall be guaranteed and/or secured by such personal guarantees, deeds of trust,
544 mortgages, or other security interests as the Town Council deem appropriate;

545

546 (4) Shall bear a method of repayment as shall be determined by the Town Council, but
547 such method of repayment shall provide for not less than annual payments of accrued interest plus a
548 pro-rata portion of the outstanding principal balance of the loan; and

549 (5) Shall be a lien upon any real property in the town owned by the business owner
550 and guarantor of the loan, and may be collected and enforced in the same manner as Town real
551 property taxes.

552

553 **F.** Each major facilities fee loan, and any guarantees and security interests for the
554 repayment of the loan, shall be evidenced by such agreements and other documents as may be deemed
555 appropriate by the Chief Executive Officer and the Town Council, and approved by the Town
556 Attorney.

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558 **G.** A request for a major facilities fee loan shall be filed with the Chief Executive Officer
559 upon such forms, and accompanied by such information, as may be required by the Chief Executive
560 Officer. The request shall demonstrate how the business is an eligible business under the criteria
561 provided in subsection J. of this section. The request shall be accompanied by a nonrefundable
562 application fee in the amount of two percent (2%) of the requested loan amount or three hundred and
563 ((ten)) TWENTY-FIVE dollars ((((\$310.))) (\$325.), whichever is more. The applicant also shall be
564 responsible for providing such credit reports, business marketing studies, business plans, real estate
565 appraisals, or other documentation and reports as may be required by the Chief Executive Officer or
566 the Town Council.

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568 **H.** Upon receipt of all information and fees as required by subsection G., the Chief
569 Executive Officer shall review the loan request and all supporting documentation and shall submit a
570 written analysis and recommendation to the Town Council as to whether the loan should be granted.
571 The analysis and recommendation shall evaluate the loan request based upon the criteria set forth in
572 subsection J. of this section.

573

574 **I.** Upon receipt of the written analysis and recommendation from the Chief Executive
575 Officer, the Town Council shall conduct a public hearing on the loan request. Notice of the public
576 hearing shall be published at the expense of the applicant at least once in a newspaper of general
577 circulation in the Town. Upon completion of the public hearing, the Town Council may act upon the
578 loan request. Any act approving the loan request shall be taken in the form of a Resolution, which
579 shall set forth at least the following:

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(1) Name of the loan grantee;

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(2) Principal amount of the loan;

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(3) Term of the loan;

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(4) Interest rate or rates to be paid upon the unpaid principal balance;

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(5) The method of repayment of the loan; and

585

(6) All personal guarantees and security interests associated with the loan.

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587 **J.** A business shall be eligible for a major facilities fee loan if it satisfies all of the

588 following criteria:
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590 (1) (a) The business will create substantial additional employment opportunities for
591 professional, technical and skilled labor in the Town, or

592 (b) The business has been identified by the Town’s Comprehensive Plan or by
593 other official Town policy as being needed or desirable in furtherance of the Town’s economic
594 development;

595 (2) The business shall provide a wage base which substantially exceeds minimum wage
596 levels;

597 (3) The business shall add substantially to the property tax base of the Town; and

598 (4) Payment of the major facilities fee without the loan would make location of the
599 business in the Town, or expansion of an existing business in the Town, economically infeasible.

600 Even if a business is eligible for a major facilities fee loan, the Town Council is not required to
601 grant a loan request.

602
603 **K.** In addition to the mandatory criteria specified in subsection J., the Town Council also
604 may consider the following factors in determining whether to grant a request for a major facilities fee
605 loan:

606 (1) Whether a predominant ownership interest in the business is held by one or more
607 Town residents; and

608 (2) Whether the business location will enhance the aesthetic appearance of the Town.
609

610 **L.** Upon approval of the loan by the Town Council, the loan shall be accepted by the
611 execution of such loan documents as may be required by the Town Council and Chief Executive
612 Officer and approved by the Town Attorney. The loan obligation shall be accepted, and all required
613 security provided to the Town, prior to the issuance of a building permit for the project on account of
614 which the loan is granted, and the loan obligation shall commence upon issuance of the building
615 permit. The applicant shall be responsible for the payment of all costs and expenses incurred by the
616 Town in connection with the documentation of the loan and perfection of any security interests,
617 including, but not limited to, all costs of document preparation, title and lien searches, recording fees,
618 and attorney fees. With the approval of the Town, these costs and expenses may be included within
619 the amount of the loan.

620
621 **M.** Upon issuance of the building permit, the Town Treasurer shall transfer the loan
622 amount from the Town’s General Fund to the Major Facilities Fees Fund. Repayment of the loan shall
623 be deposited by the Town Treasurer into the General Fund.
624

625 **§ 101-5. Water rates, charges and fees.**

626 **A.** ((The)) THERE SHALL BE A TIERED water service rate for water use for all
627 property having location within the corporate limits of the Town of La Plata ((shall be two dollars and
628 twenty cents (\$2.20) for each one thousand (1,000) gallons used.)):

629 0 – 15,600 GALLONS PER QUARTER: TWO DOLLARS AND EIGHTEEN CENTS
630 (\$2.18) FOR EACH ONE THOUSAND (1,000) GALLONS USED.

631 15,601 – 100,000 GALLONS PER QUARTER: TWO DOLLARS AND FORTY-FOUR

632 CENTS (\$2.44) FOR EACH ONE THOUSAND (1,000) GALLONS USED.
633

634 100,001 GALLONS PER QUARTER AND UP: TWO DOLLARS AND EIGHTEEN
635 CENTS (\$2.18) FOR EACH ONE THOUSAND (1,000) GALLONS USED.

636
637 **B.** It is the declared policy of the Town that no water service shall be extended outside
638 the corporate limits of the Town.

639
640 **C.** The water reconnect fee shall be twenty-~~(five)~~SIX dollars (~~(((\$25.)))~~) (\$26.).

641
642 **D.** The account maintenance fee for each utility account shall be ~~((ten))~~ ELEVEN dollars
643 and ~~((seventy))~~ FIFTEEN cents (~~(((\$10.70)))~~) (\$11.15) per quarter.

644
645 **E.** A water connection charge shall be levied per dwelling unit as follows:

646 (1) Dwelling units having not more than seven hundred (700) square feet of total area:
647 ~~((seventy-seven))~~ EIGHTY dollars (~~(((\$77.)))~~) (\$80.).

648 (2) Dwelling units having more than seven hundred (700) square feet of total area:
649 ninety-THREE dollars AND SIXTY CENTS (~~(((\$90.)))~~) (\$93.60).

650 (3) With commercial, industrial, quasi-public or public facilities the fee shall be
651 determined based on the estimated water consumption:

652	0 - 20,000	\$ ((85.)) 88.40
653	20,001 - 40,000	((196.)) 203.85
654	40,001 - 60,000	((295.)) 306.80

655
656 **F.** Utility bills become past due thirty-one (31) days from the billing date stated on the
657 bill. A late payment penalty shall be levied at the rate of ten percent (10%) of the total of the overdue
658 utility bill, excluding Bay Restoration FUND fee.

659
660 **§ 101-6. Sanitary sewer rates and charges.**

661 **A.** ~~((The))~~ THERE SHALL BE A TIERED sanitary sewer rate WHICH shall be
662 computed based on the water consumption ~~((at six dollars and twenty-nine cents (\$6.29) for each one
663 thousand (1,000) gallons used))~~. However, the rate for Town residents who are connected to the
664 Town sewer system only will be computed based on the Equivalency Dwelling Unit (EDU) method
665 that is used to calculate Major Facility Fees. One EDU is estimated to use 20,000 gallons of water per
666 quarter.

667 0 – 15,600 GALLONS PER QUARTER: SIX DOLLARS AND TWENTY-THREE
668 CENTS (\$6.23) FOR EACH ONE THOUSAND (1,000) GALLONS OF WATER
669 CONSUMPTION.

670 15,601 – 100,000 GALLONS PER QUARTER: SIX DOLLARS AND NINETY-EIGHT
671 CENTS (\$6.98) FOR EACH ONE THOUSAND (1,000) GALLONS OF WATER
672 CONSUMPTION.

673 100,001 GALLONS PER QUARTER AND UP: SIX DOLLARS AND TWENTY-THREE
674 CENTS (\$6.23) FOR EACH ONE THOUSAND (1,000) GALLONS OF WATER
675 CONSUMPTION.

676

677 **B.** It is the declared policy of the Town that no sewer service shall be extended outside
 678 the corporate limits of the Town.

679
 680 **C.** A sewer connection charge shall be levied per dwelling unit as follows:
 681 (1) Dwelling units having not more than seven hundred (700) square feet of total area:
 682 two hundred and ((thirty-two)) FORTY-ONE dollars AND TWENTY-FIVE CENTS ((((\$232.)))
 683 (\$241.25).

684 (2) Dwelling units having more than seven hundred (700) square feet of total area: two
 685 hundred and ((seventy)) EIGHTY DOLLARS AND EIGHTY CENTS ((((\$270.))) (\$280.80).

686 (3) With commercial, industrial, quasi-public or public facilities the fee shall be
 687 determined based on the estimated water consumption:

688		
689	0 - 20,000	\$((255.)) 265.20
690	20,001 - 40,000	((650.)) 676.00
691	40,001 - 60,000	((890.)) 925.60
692		

693 **D.** Utility bills become past due thirty-one (31) days from the billing date stated on the
 694 bill. A late payment penalty shall be levied at the rate of ten percent (10%) of the total of the overdue
 695 utility bill, excluding Bay Restoration FUND fee.

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 697 **E.** BAY RESTORATION FUND FEE – THE STATE OF MARYLAND APPROVED
 698 LEGISLATION IN MAY, 2004 THAT ESTABLISHED THE BAY RESTORATION FUND,
 699 WHICH REQUIRES ALL WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT OWNERS TO COLLECT
 700 FROM ALL SEWER CUSTOMERS AN ADDITIONAL \$2.50 PER MONTH FOR RESIDENTIAL
 701 CUSTOMERS AND AN ADDITIONAL \$2.50 PER EQUIVALENCY DWELLING UNIT (EDU)
 702 FOR COMMERCIAL CUSTOMERS. THE BAY RESTORATION FUND FEE IS FORWARDED
 703 DIRECTLY TO THE STATE COMPTROLLER FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE BAY
 704 RESTORATION FUND. THE BAY RESTORATION FUND WAS ESTABLISHED TO PROVIDE
 705 FUNDING FOR ADDITIONAL NUTRIENT REMOVAL UPGRADES TO WASTEWATER
 706 TREATMENT PLANTS IN MARYLAND.

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 708 **§ 101-7. Refuse collection fees.**

709 All residential units within the Town of La Plata shall avail themselves of the Town municipal
 710 refuse collection service. The quarterly refuse collection fee for all refuse collection within the
 711 corporate limits of the Town of La Plata shall be as follows:

712 **A.** Residential: single-family, duplex, triplex and four-unit apartments:
 713 (1) Curbside: Sixty-((three)) EIGHT dollars and ((three)) SEVEN cents ((((\$63.03)))
 714 (\$68.07) per unit (once a week collection).

715 (2) House side: ((Eighty-nine)) NINETY-SIX dollars AND TWELVE CENTS
 716 ((((\$89.))) (\$96.12) per unit (once a week collection).

717 (3) Individuals over age sixty-four (64) or physically impaired may receive house side
 718 collection at sixty-((three)) EIGHT dollars and ((three)) SEVEN cents ((((\$63.03))) (\$68.07) upon

719 request to and approval of the Town Council.
720

721 (4) A surcharge of ((eight)) NINE dollars and ((seventy-five)) TWENTY cents
 722 ((((\$8.75))) (\$9.20)) will be collected from each utility account to pay for the recycling project.

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724 **B. Commercial:**

725 (1) Base rates (quarterly basis):

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727	<u>GROUP</u>	<u>1 X/WK.</u>	<u>2 X/WK.</u>	<u>3 X/WK.</u>	<u>4 X/WK.</u>	<u>5 X/WK.</u>
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729	(I-A)	\$ 63.03				
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730	I-B	103.90				
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731	II	58.45	\$129.85	\$199.75	\$265.90	\$324.55
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732	III-A	83.20	119.45			
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733	III-B	102.60	162.30))			
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735	I-A	\$ 68.07				
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736	I-B	112.21				
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737	II	63.13	\$140.24	\$215.73	\$287.17	\$350.51
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738	III-A	89.86	129.00			
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739	III-B	110.81	175.28			
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741 (2) Group definitions:

742 (a) Group I: multiple-family dwellings with less than five (5) dwelling units and
 743 charged to a single owner.

744 [1] Group I-A: curbside pickup.

745 [2] Group I-B: house side pickup.

746 (b) Group II: all container (dumpster) pickups.

747 (c) Group III: businesses that generate not more than six (6) thirty (30) gallon
 748 containers per week or nine (9) twenty (20) gallon containers per week and require no more than
 749 twice a week pickup.

750 [1] Group III-A: curbside pickup.

751 [2] Group III-B: other than curbside pickup (i.e., rear of building).

752 (3) The yardage charge shall be a charge of one dollar and ((sixty-three)) SEVENTY-
 753 SIX cents ((((\$1.63))) (\$1.76)) per yard per quarter based on container size and frequency of pickup.

754 (4) Commercial container rental (quarterly):

755 (a) Two (2) cubic yards: ((Twenty-nine)) THIRTY-ONE dollars and ((forty-
 756 five)) EIGHTY-ONE cents ((((\$29.45))) (\$31.81)).

757 (b) Four (4) cubic yards: ((Thirty-eight)) FORTY-ONE dollars and ((five))
 758 NINE cents ((((\$38.05))) (\$41.09)).

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760 **C. The landfill disposal surcharge for Groups II and III shall be 0.5 times the base rates,
 761 plus the yardage charge, and added separately to all refuse collection accounts.**

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763 **D.** Special pickups for bulk items shall be charged as follows: A minimum of eleven
764 dollars AND SEVENTY-FIVE CENTS ((((\$11.))) (\$11.75) for the first five (5) minutes and one
765 dollar AND TEN CENTS ((((\$1.))) (\$1.10) for each additional minute. Bulk items should weigh no
766 more than fifty (50) pounds. Large amounts of loose material (such as brush) should be bundled or
767 bagged in such a manner that the weight is less than fifty (50) pounds. The Town reserves the right to
768 not pick up items too heavy to safely handle. General construction clean-up and hazardous materials
769 are not eligible. A fee of six dollars (\$6.), or the current landfill disposal fee, shall be charged for each
770 tire collected.

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772 Commercial accounts requesting an additional pickup of a dumpster shall pay one hundred and
773 ((eleven)) NINETEEN dollars AND EIGHTY-EIGHT CENTS ((((\$111.))) (\$119.88) per dumpster
774 emptied. This service is only for extraordinary circumstances and not meant to occur regularly. A
775 commercial account needing frequent special pickups shall be reviewed to determine if a higher level
776 of collection service is required.

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778 **E.** Outside corporate limits:

779 (1) Residential curbside: ((Eighty-five)) NINETY-ONE dollars and ((ten)) NINETY-
780 ONE cents ((((\$85.10))) (\$91.91) per quarter. This service is subject to Town Council approval.

781 (2) A surcharge of ((eight)) NINE dollars and ((seventy-five)) NINETEEN cents
782 ((((\$8.75))) (\$9.19) will be collected from each utility account to pay for the recycling project.

783
784 **F.** Utility bills become past due thirty-one (31) days from the billing date stated on the
785 bill. A late payment penalty shall be levied at the rate of ten percent (10%) of the total of the overdue
786 utility bill, excluding Bay Restoration fee.

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788 **§ 101-8. Zoning fees.**

789 The petitioner for variance, special exception and zoning appeals, or rehearings on variance,
790 special exception and zoning appeals applications, shall pay to the Town a nonrefundable application
791 fee of two hundred and ((ten)) TWENTY dollars ((((\$210.))) (\$220.) for each application, and shall
792 also pay actual expenses to process the application, including legal fees, advertising fees, and any
793 other related costs, which shall be invoiced to the applicant by the Town Finance Department and
794 shall be due upon receipt.

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796 The applicant for a Home Office permit shall pay to the Town a nonrefundable application fee
797 of ((twenty-nine)) THIRTY dollars ((((\$29.))) (\$30.).

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799 Petitions for zoning amendments shall be three hundred and ((forty-five)) SIXTY dollars
800 ((((\$345.))) (\$360.). If an additional public hearing is necessary, the petitioner will pay any related
801 costs as determined by the Chief Executive Officer.

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803 A fee of seventy-five dollars (\$75.) will be paid to the Town for preparation of a Zoning
804 Certification letter.

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806 **§ 101-9. Updating Official Zoning Map.**

807 Whenever a parcel of land is rezoned, resubdivided, or subdivided, a fee of ((six)) SEVEN
808 dollars ((and seventy-five cents (\$6.75))) (\$7.) per lot will be paid to the Town to pay for the Town's
809 cost of updating the Official Zoning Map.

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811 **§ 101-10. Reduction of certain fees.**

812 The Town Council shall have discretion, after a public hearing is held for that purpose, to
813 abate or reduce any of the fees in §§ 101-1, 101-2 and 101-3, if good cause is shown.

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815 **§ 101-11. Water extraction permits.**

816 Water extraction permits may be issued for use of a specified fire hydrant(s). The
817 nonrefundable ANNUAL application fee shall be ((two)) SEVEN hundred and ((five)) FIFTY dollars
818 ((((\$205.))) (\$750.) in cash. The fee for water extracted from the Town system shall be six dollars and
819 ((twenty)) FORTY-FIVE cents ((((\$6.20))) (\$6.45) per one thousand (1,000) gallons of water
820 extracted, to be paid on a monthly basis at the Finance Office in the Town Hall.

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822 **§ 101-12. Fee for returned checks.**

823 A returned check fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.) shall be imposed in each instance of a check
824 being returned to the Town for any reason.

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826 **§ 101-13. Fees for miscellaneous items/services sold by the Town.**

827 Zoning map: prices based on suppliers' cost to Town.

828 Comprehensive Plan: prices based on suppliers' cost to Town.

829 Standard Specifications: fifty-((one))THREE dollars and fifty cents ((((\$51.50)))

830 (\$53.50) per copy in stock; restock items based on suppliers' cost to Town.

831 Accident report: five dollars and ((twenty-five)) FIFTY cents ((((\$5.25.)) (\$5.50)

832 Xerographic copies: twenty cents (\$0.20) per page.

833 Miscellaneous promotional items: based on suppliers' cost to town.

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835 **§ 101-14. Payment of fees and charges.**

836 All moneys due and payable to the Town of La Plata shall be collected solely by the Town
837 Treasurer through the Finance Department of the Town of La Plata or through such county or state
838 agency as deemed appropriate by the Town.

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840 **§ 101-15. Penalty on overdue taxes.**

841 When real property taxes are overdue, the Town will impose a penalty of one third of one
842 percent (1/3 of 1%) for each month or fraction of a month until paid. This is in addition to the interest
843 imposed in § C8-15 of the Town Charter.

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845 When personal property and public utilities taxes are overdue, the Town will impose a penalty
846 of one percent (1%) for each month or fraction of a month until paid.

847

848 **SECTION 2: AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED** that this Ordinance shall become
849 effective on July 1, 2008.

SEAL:

COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LA PLATA

Gene Ambrogio, Mayor

James Goldsmith, Councilman

Scot D. Lucas, Councilman

ATTEST:

Paretta D. Mudd, Councilwoman

Judith T. Frazier, Town Clerk
Date _____

Vic E. Newman, Councilman

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