RESOLUTION NO 2010-168

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A MAXIMUM CONNECTION FEE FOR SEWER CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS IDENTIFIED IN THE SOURCE WATER PROTECTION STUDY (W07-1684) PREPARED BY STANLEY CONSULTANTS IN JULY 2009.

WHEREAS, the City of Rapid City had Stanley Consultants prepare a Source Water Protection Study in 2009; and

WHEREAS, the study recommended the City eliminate on-site waste water systems in sensitive aquifer recharge areas and provided further guidance on how to accomplish these goals; and

WHEREAS, the study recommended eliminating on-site waste water systems by extending public sewers into sensitive recharge areas not currently served by the City's sewer system; and

WHEREAS, when the City extends sewer lines into an area not previously served by the City's sewer system it generally requires the residents to pay a connection fee to reimburse the City for their proportionate cost of such sewer prior to being allowed to connect to the City sewer system; and

WHEREAS, the imposition of high connection fees may discourage people from abandoning their current on-site waste water system and connecting to the City's sewer system; and

WHEREAS, the City has an interest in protecting sources of groundwater by encouraging residents to abandon on-site waste water systems and connecting to the City sewer system; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Rapid City finds that it is in the best interest of the City to adopt a policy whereby the City caps the connection fee of sewer extension projects in the areas identified in the Source Water Protection Study in order to encourage residents to abandon their on-site waste systems and connect to the City's sewer system.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City of Rapid City, that any sewer connection/construction fees for any sewer extension projects identified by the Director of Public Works or their designee as source water protection projects be capped at $7,500 per property. The determination of what constitutes a source water protection project will be based on the Source Water Protection Study. This policy will only apply to sewer extension projects located within the City limits.

Dated this 6th day of December, 2010

CITY OF RAPID CITY

Mayor

ATTEST:

Acting Finance Officer

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