WHEREAS, the Moab City Council adopted Resolution 48-2017 on July 25, 2017 establishing new sewer rates for the City of Moab;

WHEREAS, in that rate schedule, churches and government institutions were included in a commercial category. As such, their sewer rate is calculated using their water use based on the sewer rate studied indicating that use of water in a commercial setting will be discharged into the sewer system and treated at the water reclamation facility;

WHEREAS, residential users have their sewer rates calculated using their winter water usage average. Their water use for the months of November, December, and January is averaged and that usage is used to calculate their sewer rate throughout the year;

WHEREAS, after the City Council adopted that Resolution, several churches approached the City with the request that they have their sewer rate calculated using the winter water usage average; and

WHEREAS, the churches showed that by using the monthly water calculation rate to set their sewage usage they were being charged for water that was not entering the sewer infrastructure.

THEREFORE, the City of Moab enacts the following:

1. **Purpose.** The purpose of this ordinance is to enact sewer rates for churches and government institutions that uses the winter water usage calculation for sewer rates.

2. Churches and government institutions will have their sewage rate set each year using their water use for the months of November, December, and January.

3. These user’s classification as commercial users shall remain the same as set out in Resolution 48-2017.
4. **Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage, regardless, of the date of publication, and shall continue until repealed.

ADOPTED AND PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOAB,

THIS 13th DAY OF APRIL, 2021.

ATTEST:

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Emily Niehaus     Sommar Johnson
Mayor      City Recorder