



# TSVR Newsletter – September 2021

## Town of Star Valley Ranch Population – 2020 Census



Based on the 2020 Census the Town's population is now 1,866 compared to the 2010 Census population of 1,503. This is an increase of 24.2%. TSVR is

ranked 7<sup>th</sup> in the state out of 99 cities and towns for population growth.

Lincoln County ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> for population growth in the state with an 8.1% increase from 2010 to 2020.

Special thank you to all the volunteers who campaigned door to door explaining the Census and how important the Census population numbers are to the Town.

## The NRB Thanks You for your support!

The Natural Resource Board would like to thank everyone for your support who volunteered to make this year's Garage Sale for Trails and Parks a big success. And they would like to thank all of the folks who donated items to the sale and those who went shopping! The NRB raised just under \$8,000 for trails and park projects in and adjacent to Town. This money can be used for matching grants to improve our trails, parks, landscaping and our community garden.



## Two Ways to Stay Informed to Things Happening in Town

1. Submit your email address at [Town of Star Valley Ranch, WY \(starvalleyranchwy.org\)](http://Town of Star Valley Ranch, WY (starvalleyranchwy.org)) and get the town newsletter and other email updates
2. Like us on Facebook "Town of Star Valley Ranch"

### Scheduled Meetings

Town Council Meeting  
September 15<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm

Planning & Zoning Board  
Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5 pm

Natural Resource Board  
September 21<sup>st</sup> at 2 pm

Coffee with the Mayor  
September 20<sup>th</sup> at 10 am

### Contacts

Town Hall  
307-883-8696  
[clerk@starvalleyranchwy.org](mailto:clerk@starvalleyranchwy.org)

Special Municipal Officer  
307-880-2666

## The Community Garden aka, Crop Circles

You have likely noticed the gardens in Fox Run Park, north of Canine Commons. Big shiny raised beds filled with growing vegetables and flowers. Each one is tended by a member of our community, growing produce for their family.

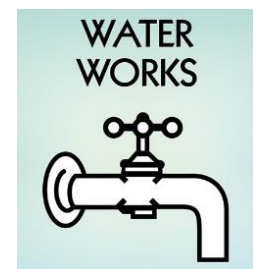


If you would like to have a garden for next growing season in an area protected from browsing deer and digging critters; send a request to [svrcommunitygarden@gmail.com](mailto:svrcommunitygarden@gmail.com)

You'll be placed on a list. If we have more requests than garden tanks, we will select names lottery style. That said, we will be fundraising this fall in hopes of raising enough money to add more garden tanks to the garden next spring!

## Water Rates for 2022

The Town Water Utility Board has completed their research portion of developing water rates and have made a preliminary recommendation to the Town Council. The first reading will be at the October Town Council Meeting. You will be able to read the Ordinance 10 days prior to the first reading by visiting our website. [www.starvalleyranchwy.org](http://www.starvalleyranchwy.org)



## Town of Star Valley Ranch Planning & Zoning Board Update

The Star Valley Ranch Planning and Zoning Board has been very busy this year with many single-family residential building permits submitted and approved. Ed Koontz of the Planning and Zoning Board completed his three-year term as Chairman, June 30, 2021. Michael D. Black was elected as the new Chairman. The Planning and Zoning Board members are Dolores Albers, Brady Bitter, Kathy Daulton and Gordon Howe. Board members have volunteered approximately 512 hours in permit review, blueprint review, site visits and Board Meetings. Since the first of the year, the P&Z Board has approved the following:

- 33 Single Family Residential Permits w/attached garages
- 6 Decks
- 5 Garages
- 7 Fences
- 2 Driveways
- 2 Accessory Buildings

Furthermore, the P&Z Board has also submitted for consideration to the Town Council, the rezoning of 171 Vista Drive (Town Hall) from a Commercial Zone to a Public Facilities Zone and four plat amendments with two additional plat amendments up for a public hearing September 8, 2021 in the P&Z Board meeting.

## Reminder! Recreational Vehicles, Boats & Trailers

Placement and use of recreational vehicles, motor homes, boats and trailers on your Town of Star Valley Ranch property is particularly important in the summer/fall months when outdoor activities are abundant. Ordinance 154.075, Temporary Dwellings explains the Town's requirements:



**(A) No person shall use or permit the use of any temporary dwelling, motor home or trailer as defined in this chapter as a principal or seasonal dwelling on any site, lot, field or tract of land.**

**(B) Storage of temporary dwellings, recreational vehicles, motor homes, trailers, boats and the like shall:**

**(1) Only be on a lot where a principal dwelling currently exists; and be inside a building or stored in the rear or side yard of the owner's dwelling; and**

**(2) Be set back the required distance for the respective zoning district.**

**(C) Un-occupied parking or storage of temporary dwellings (including trailers and motor homes) on a street or front yard is prohibited. (Prior Code, § 9.05.150)**

## Nuisance Ordinance Under Review

The Town of Star Valley Ranch is in the process of passing a Nuisance Ordinance. On September 15<sup>th</sup>, the Town Council will read the Ordinance for the third time and then ten days later it will go into effect. Please take the time to read it on the Town's Website and pass any concerns you may have on to [clerk@starvalleyranchwy.org](mailto:clerk@starvalleyranchwy.org). This information will then be conveyed to the Council for their consideration. Briefly, the Ordinance contains three chapters that deal with three different kinds of nuisances in Title IX General Regulations:

1. General nuisances – derelict vehicles, and items (e.g. refrigerators) that could attract and therefore pose a safety risk to the public,
2. Noxious weeds – processes and procedures that the Town will take to eventually eradicate these weeds from the Town, and
3. Unsafe structures – found to be dangerous to the life, health, safety of the public or its occupants and that are unfit for human habitation or equipment that may pose a safety risk such as boilers and flammable liquid containers.

A significant amount of research has been carried out to review what other towns have done to deal with this problem and to incorporate comments from citizen feedback that has already been received. The penalties for violations are outlined in the ordinance.

## Fire Danger now MODERATE

Thanks to the monsoon moisture that made its way up to our area, the Fire Danger, as of press time, has now been reduced to MODERATE. Hopefully this moisture continues into the fall. Still it's a good idea to be careful with fire out there!





# Town of Star Valley Ranch Water Utility

**A series of articles explaining the underlying costs**

This is not an attempt to say they are not high, just an explanation as to why.  
Just so you know.....!

## Where does my money go?

**Service Availability Fee: (Ord. No.: 50.32, 53.11 & 54.10)** all of the revenue generated by this fee goes directly towards the greater of payments or depreciation expense for the system loans. Over the next few years our target is an equal charge to vacant lots and the portion of the Base Fee that goes to the Loan Payment.

**Base Fee: (Ord. No.: 50.27, 53.07 & 54.02)** is a combination of both the Loan Payment Reserve and the annual General Operations with any excess going to Capital Budget. We continually try to balance the needs of the General Operations and keep the fee as small and consistent as possible.

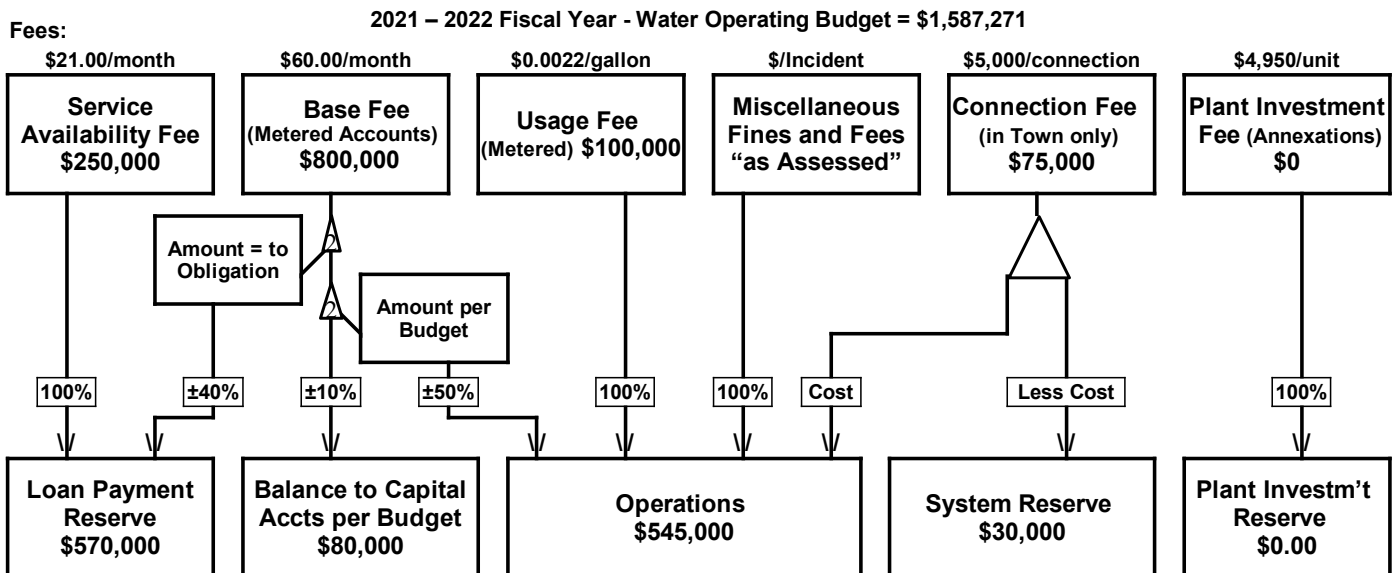
**Usage Fee: (Ord. No.: 50.34, 53.13 & 54.13)** is intended to fund just those costs associated with the direct cost of delivering water to your residence. Although somewhat subjective, we try to error on the side of conservatism to keep your watering costs as low as we can.

**Fine, Interest & Penalties: (Ord. No.: 50.-- & 54.--)** we wish we didn't have to have any of these, however, the good news is, they are totally controlled by the individual. Please if you have read the ordinances and still are not sure, call us. If you are unsure of anything with our system, please call.

**Connection Fees: (Ord. No.: 50.36, 53.16 & 54.14)** are set based on the cost to physically install the connection plus a desired amount to go to the System Reserve. (Review each Reserve's use, source of funds, limits, etc, on the Town's website: Ordinances-Water Utility-Liquid Assets)

We are currently in the process of reviewing, establishing and recommending rates for the 2022 Calendar year. The Council will have 3 votes on the Ordinance change from October thru December.

## Annual Fee Generated Revenues\*



\* Disclaimer: Chart is for Graphic Display only, due to rounding and estimates, amounts may not balance exactly to the '21-'22 Budget

**Table:** Fees: = Actual 2021 Rates, First Row of Blocks = Estimated Revenue/FEE for 21-22 Fiscal Year, Center of Chart = Revenue Distribution Percentages, Bottom Row of Blocks = Deposits and Expense Areas Receiving Revenues.