



# TOWN OF ERIE

645 Holbrook Street  
Erie, CO 80516

## Town Council

**Board Meeting Date: 1/10/2017**

**File #:** 17-017, **Version:** 1

**SUBJECT: CONSENT AGENDA**

A Resolution For the Distribution of High Efficiency Washing Machine Rebates In Conjunction with the Water Conservation Plan in the Amount of \$4,000.

**DEPARTMENT:** Public Works

**PRESENTER:** Gary Behlen, Public Works Director  
Bethany Peer, Administrative Assistant

**FISCAL INFORMATION:**

Cost as Recommended: **\$ 4,000**  
Balance Available: \$ 6,000  
Budget Line Item Number: 500.70.110.570280.000000  
New Appropriation Required: No

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** Approve Resolution authorizing continuation of the High Efficiency Washing Machine Rebate Program and authorizing Staff to expend said funds.

**SUMMARY AND BACKGROUND OF SUBJECT MATTER:** In 2008, the Board of Trustees approved Resolution 08-10 amending the 2007 Water Conservation Plan and formally adopting the Town of Erie’s Water Conservation Plan. At the January 13, 2015 meeting, the Board decided on the 2015 Water Conservation Plan, which includes the High Efficiency Washing Machine Rebates. According to the U.S. Department of Energy, ENERGY STAR certified clothes washers use about 25% less energy and 40% less water than regular washers.

Summary of rebates issued since the program began:

Year	# of Rebates Issued	Amt of Rebates	Total Cost	Entity
2008	30	\$100	\$3,000	Town
2009	60	\$100	\$6,000	Town
2010	60	\$50	\$3,000	Town
2010	50	\$50	\$2,500	Encana
2011	82	\$50	\$4,100	Encana
2012	67	\$50	\$3,350	Town
2013	64	\$50	\$3,200	Town
2014	62	\$50	\$3,100	Town
2015	90	\$50	\$4,500	Town
2016	106	\$50	\$5,300	Town

In the 2017 operating budget there is \$6,000 total budgeted for the issuance of 120 Washing Machine Rebates at \$50 each. Based on the amount of rebates issued in 2016 and the continued town growth, we are recommending offering 80 rebates at \$50 each beginning in January 2017. The program has proven to be consistent and continues to assist in providing a solution to help support the Town's Water Conservation Plan.

Staff also recommends maintaining the purchase date parameter at March 4, 2008 (the date the State of Colorado officially accepted the Water Conservation Program), thereby allowing residents that purchased washing machines previously, but missed the rebates, to apply in 2017.

**High Efficiency Washing Machine Rebate Program Guidelines:**

- Must be a customer of the Town of Erie with a current, non-delinquent account.
- The machine must be installed at the primary address and must remain in the possession of the original purchaser, or remain at the original installation address for at least one year from the date of purchase. Leased washers are not qualified. Original receipt must be provided and show a purchase date of March 4, 2008 or later.
- The machine must be a qualifying model listed on the [www.energystar.gov](http://www.energystar.gov) <<http://www.energystar.com/>> website.
- A completed and signed Affidavit of Lawful Presence in the U.S. (required by House Bill 06S-1023 signed into law on July 31, 2006) must be provided along with a legible copy of an acceptable form of identification.
- Must include a copy of current Town of Erie water bill.
- Rebates are on a first-come, first serve basis with a maximum allowable rebate of one per family account.
- Required materials can be mailed to or dropped off at the Public Works Department located on the second floor of Town Hall (PO Box 750).

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- a. Resolution
- b. Map of High Efficiency Washing Machine Rebates Issued in 2016