



**Item:** Resolution 10129, Establishing Residential and Commercial Water, Sewer and Storm Drain Utility Service Rates effective June 1, 2016

**From:** Melissa Kinzler, Fiscal Services Director

**Initiated By:** Public Works and Fiscal Services

**Presented By:** Jim Rearden, Public Works Director & Melissa Kinzler, Fiscal Services Director

**Action Requested:** Conduct public hearing

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**Public Hearing:**

1. Mayor conducts public hearing, calling three times each for opponents and proponents.
2. Mayor closes public hearing and asks the will of the Commission.

**Suggested Motion:**

1. Commissioner moves:

“I move the City Commission (adopt/deny) Resolution 10129 Establishing Residential and Commercial Water, Sewer and Storm Drain Utility Service Rates to include increases of 10%, 3% and 10% respectively to become effective June 1, 2016.”

2. Mayor requests a second to the motion, Commission discussion, and calls for the vote.
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**Summary:** Each year, staff reviews and analyzes the financing needs of the water, sewer, and storm drain funds. The review ensures the City has adequate funding necessary for day to day operations, and provide for any capital improvements, emergency main breaks, or replacements. These funds also provide the financing to run the Water and Wastewater Treatment Plants effectively.

**Background:** Adjustments in utility rates are necessary to provide adequate revenue to finance the capital improvements program, meet debt service coverage requirements and to maintain appropriate reserves. Staff is recommending a 10% increase in water rates, a 3% increase in sewer rates and a 10% increase in storm drain rates.

Staff has found moderate annual increases to service rates are more effective in meeting revenue needs as opposed to sporadic large increases. For Residential customers, an average water bill

would increase \$3.22 per month or 10%, an average sewer bill would increase \$.71 per month or 3%, and an average storm drain bill would increase \$.47 per month or 10% with the proposed rate increases. For Commercial customers, an average water bill would increase \$2.81 per month or 10%, an average sewer bill would increase \$1.18 per month or 3%, and an average storm drain bill would increase \$.55 per month or 10% with the proposed rate increases.

The average annual service rate and fee increase for the 10 year period 2006-2015 is 4.7% for water, 5.3% for sewer and 1% for storm drain.

The rate increase for water is due to the approximately \$81.1 million in capital improvements needed over the next 5 years in which approximately \$50 million or 62% is attributed to direct and indirect regulatory compliance issues. Direct compliance issues addresses the first phase of plant upgrades and improvements. The direct compliance issues include the new UV system to insure the removal of cryptosporidium to meet new federal requirements. This would also include the surge tank and yard piping to maintain required flow through the UV system. Indirect compliance issues include the upgrades to the electrical including the power substation, upgrades to our disinfection capabilities and the SCADA upgrades to operate the system. These are considered indirect because we are not under regulatory compliance to upgrade but we are responsible with insuring proper treatment, pressure and adequate flow to the customer. Our plant and equipment are old and are in need of improvements to maintain the same quality and quantity required and expected now and in the future. Other indirect compliance issues in the next 5 years include (1) Filter Improvements (the improvements will enhance removal, save on operation cost and bring the City up to date for the next 20 years, depending on future regulations, as we struggle at different times to maintain the water quality due to declining filter performance) and (2) Sludge Dewatering Facility (to improve the efficiency of our current sludge handling needs and eliminate the need for considerable hauling every summer and the need to send the sludge to the wastewater plant in the winter.)

The water rate change also applies to Fire Hydrant charges. Fire hydrants are integral to the water system as a whole, and are included as a monthly charge within the rate structure rather than a once a year special assessment.

The rate increase for sewer is due to the approximately \$12.3 million in capital improvements needed over the next 5 years. Of this amount, \$5.23 million will be used for sewer line projects. The remaining \$7.07 million will be used for equipment and upgrades to maintain, replace and upgrade aging infrastructure. Of the \$7.07 million, \$1 million reflects state and federal regulatory requirements needed, including \$325,000 for Lift Station 29 upgrades, \$550,000 to install a septage receiving station and \$125,000 for the installation of a Fats, Oils and Grease (FOG) receiving station.

The City entered into a Consent Decree agreement with the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Montana Department of Environmental Quality as a resolution to pending formal environmental regulatory enforcement under the Federal Clean Water Act. The Consent Decree required the City to develop and implement a Capacity, Management, Operational, and Maintenance (CMOM) program to address sanitary sewer overflows. Per the Consent Decree, Lift Station 29 capacity upgrades are necessary and are classified as being regulatory requirements. Additionally, Fats, Oils and Grease (FOG) accumulation in the sewer collection system can decrease flow carrying capacity and cause or contribute to sanitary sewer overflows. The Consent Decree requires implementation of a program that more rigorously regulates discharges of FOG to the sewer collection system. For these reasons, the FOG receiving station is classified as being due to regulatory requirements. The septage receiving

station is regulatory due to the findings and required corrective actions as a result of the 2015 EPA industrial pretreatment compliance program audit. A more secure receiving station reduces the likelihood of accidentally receiving unauthorized materials from a waste hauler that would compromise the treatment process or cause damage to the wastewater treatment plant. The more secure septage receiving station also minimizes the potential for a septage spill at the receiving station.

The rate increase for storm drain is due to the approximately \$15.55 million in capital improvements needed over the next 5 years.

**Fiscal Impact:** Comparisons of current versus proposed charges, rate and fee structures are attached. With the proposed rates beginning June 1, 2016, the average monthly Residential utility bill would increase 7.3% or \$4.40 per month. The average monthly Commercial utility bill would increase 6.2% or \$4.54 per month. This is derived from a 10% increase in water rates, a 3% increase in sewer rates, and a 10% increase in storm drain rates.

**Alternatives:** The City Commission could choose to not adopt Resolution 10129 and not increase rates. However, the City would be at risk of not meeting permit requirements.

**Concurrences:** Representatives from Public Works and Fiscal Services worked together throughout the process. A City Commission Work Session was held on Tuesday, March 15, 2016 regarding the proposed water, sewer and storm drain utility rate increases.

**Attachments/Exhibits:** Resolution 10129 w/ Appendix A  
Public Notice  
Current Rates vs. Proposed Rates  
2016 Utility Rate Review Calendar

**RESOLUTION NO. 10129**

**A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL  
WATER, SEWER, AND STORM DRAIN UTILITY SERVICE RATES  
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016**

**WHEREAS**, an annual review is performed of the water and wastewater cost of service for the municipal water and wastewater utilities, and rate and fee schedules prepared to generate sufficient revenue to pay all costs for the operation and maintenance, administration, and routine functions of the existing and such future facilities as may be established within the service area;

**WHEREAS**, the cost of service review indicates a need for extension, repair, improvement, and continued operation and maintenance of existing and proposed water and wastewater system facilities for the providing of water and wastewater services to the inhabitants of the City of Great Falls; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Title 13 of the Official Code of the City of Great Falls, the City of Great Falls is authorized to regulate the City's municipal water and wastewater utility and to establish all rates, fees and charges for use of the utility systems or for permits, licenses, connections or inspections; and

**WHEREAS**, it is essential to the public health, welfare and safety of the inhabitants of the City of Great Falls to provide an adequate public water and wastewater system and to provide adequate funding to meet the cost of constructing, maintaining, and operating the same; and

**WHEREAS**, notice having been provided as required by law, the City Commission of the City of Great Falls conducted a public hearing on Tuesday, May 3, 2016, at the Civic Center, 2 Park Drive South, Commission Chambers Room 206, Great Falls, Montana, at 7:00 p.m., and did consider the cost of operation, equipment, facilities, debt service, and capital improvements for the Water, Sewer, and Storm Drain Utility systems.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GREAT FALLS, MONTANA, that:**

Water, Sewer, and Storm Drain Utility Service Rates are hereby established as set forth in Appendix A, attached hereto and made a part hereof.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Commission of the City of Great Falls, Montana, this 3rd day of May, 2016.

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Bob Kelly, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Lisa Kunz, City Clerk

(SEAL OF CITY)

APPROVED FOR LEGAL CONTENT:

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Sara Sexe, City Attorney

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**Resolution 10129, Appendix A, Rates**  
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Combined Water & Sewer	Quantity Charges CCF / Mo.		Not Meter Based	Monthly Service Charges											
				Meter Based - Service Line Size (Inches)											
	1st 300 cf	Over 300 cf		(3/4") 0.75	1	1.25	1.50	2	3	4	6	see 6" if "na"			
		8	10	12											
<b>RESIDENTIAL WATER</b>															
2016 10.00%															
2016 Regular Residential	1.34	2.23		6.88	7.33	13.28	13.28	16.83	44.88	64.94	130.89	197.03	278.61	411.14	
2016 Low Income Residential	1.21	2.01		6.19	6.59	11.95	11.95	15.14	40.38	58.46	117.81	177.33	250.76	370.03	
(90 % of Regular Residential)															
Fire Hydrant															
2016 Monthly				2.45	2.81	7.78	7.78	10.76	34.10	50.93	105.93				
2016 Annual				29.36	33.66	93.36	93.36	129.09	409.17	611.15	1,271.10				
<b>SEWER</b>															
2016 3.00%															
2016 Regular Residential	1.80	2.99	8.41												
2016 Low Income Residential	1.63	2.69	7.56												
(90 % of Regular Residential)															
<b>COMMERCIAL WATER</b>															
2016 10.00%															
2016 Regular Commercial	1.66	1.66		6.88	7.33	13.29	13.29	16.83	44.88	64.94	130.89	197.03	278.61	411.14	
2016 Black Eagle	1.72	1.72		2 - 8" meters @ 197.03											
2016 Malmstrom AFB	1.91	1.91		1 - 4" plus 1 - 10" meter						64.94	plus		278.61		
2016 Raw Water	0.28	0.28													
Fire Hydrant															
2016 Monthly				2.45	2.80	7.78	7.78	10.76	34.10	50.93	105.93				
2016 Annual				29.36	33.66	93.36	93.36	129.09	409.17	611.15	1,271.09				
Fire Lines															
2016 Monthly				na	na	na	na	2.62	3.98	6.15	10.95	14.83	na	38.18	
2015 Annual				na	na	na	na	28.58	43.41	67.14	119.41	161.78	na	416.40	
2016 Annual				na	na	na	na	31.44	47.75	73.86	131.35	177.96	na	458.04	
<b>SEWER</b>															
2016 3.00%															
2016 Regular Commercial	2.57	2.57	8.41												
2016 Black Eagle	2.57	2.57	8.41												
2016 Malmstrom AFB	2.23	2.23	8.41												
2016 MaltEurop	1.79	1.79	7.64												

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**WATER**                      **SEWER**  
 2016                      10.00%                      2016                      3.00%

**PRE-TREATMENT SEWER CHARGES**

2016                      3.00%

2016 Regular Charges

2016 BOD > 0 mg/L

2016 TSS > 0 mg/L

Quantity Charges CCF / Mo.		Not Meter Based Based
1st 300	Over 300	
1.25	1.25	8.41
per pound		0.529
per pound		0.362

**SEWER EXTRA STRENGTH CHARGES**

2016                      3.00%

**BOD > 200 mg/L**

2016 Regular Commercial  
inc Malmstrom AFB & Black Eagle

2016 MaltEurop

**TSS > 250 mg/L**

2016 Regular Commercial  
inc Malmstrom AFB & Black Eagle

2016 MaltEurop

per pound	0.529
per pound	0.322
per pound	0.362
per pound	0.303

**Water Service Line Size (inches)**

CONNECTION FEES WATER	(3/4")	1.00	1.50	2.00	4.00	6.00	8.00	12.00
	2016	\$458	\$508	\$618	\$669	\$1,291	\$2,001	\$3,345

Fee shall be ADDED TO: General Plumbing Permit for extension to new buildings; or, Inspection Permits for larger diameter pipe.

**SEWER**

Single Family Residential

2016 \$ 254

Commercial & Multi Family Units

2015	\$ 247	\$ 461	\$ 905	\$ 1,899	\$ 6,522	\$ 9,424	\$ 14,457	\$ 27,814
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(3/4")	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.00	4.00	6.00	8.00	12.00
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**TAPPING FEES (Water)**

Fee for any new or replacement tap being made on a water main.

1 to 5 taps	Fee per Tap:	2016	\$ 491	\$ 516	\$ 777	\$ 980	\$ 463	\$ 483	\$ 503	\$ 541
6 or more taps	Fee per Tap:	2016	\$ 439	\$ 481	\$ 777	\$ 980	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

INCLUDED in this fee is installation of a corporation stop on the main, and furnishing of corporation stop, curb stop and box. NOT INCLUDED, and to be BILLED EXTRA, is the cost of saddles, clamps and other extraneous fitting required for the tap.

**TURN ON/OFF**

Flat fee of:	2016	2015	REOCCURRENCE FOR NON-PAY	2015	2015
	\$ 75	\$ 100		\$ 150	\$ 200

**WATER TREATMENT PLANT (WTP)**

**Laboratory Fees**

	Akalinity	Hardness	pH	Specific Conductance	Total Coliform & E. coli. P/A	Total Coliform & E. coli. MPN	Turbidity	HPC	Ammonia, Total as N	Ammonia, Free	Chlorine, Free Residual	Chlorine, Total Residual
2016	\$ 20.50	\$ 28.50	\$ 10.25	\$ 10.75	\$ 22.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 12.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 20.25	\$ 20.25	\$ 12.50	\$ 14.00

**WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT (WWTP)**

**Industrial Discharge Permit Application Fees**

(Based upon Wastewater Discharge Quantity)

Gallons per Day (GPD)

	0 to 10,000	10,001 to 25,000	25,001 to 100,000	Over 100,000	+PLUS
2016	\$ 124.00	\$ 201.00	\$ 257.00	\$ 257.00	\$ 76.00

per 100,000 GPD, or portion thereof

**Hauled Waste Disposal Fees**

0 to 100 Gallons

2016	No Charge	Disposal of wastes from holding tanks of privately owned recreational vehicles must be discharged directly from the recreational vehicle and must not exceed 100 gallons
2016	\$ 20	per 1,000 gallons, or portion thereof, for hauled waste. A minimum charge for 1000 gallons will be levied for each load delivered.

**Additional Fees**

Additional fees may be charged for necessary testing prior to acceptance of wastes classified as non-domestic or industrial in nature. NSF Fee \$30. Delinquent Penalty 1.5% after 60 days.

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**STORM DRAIN**

**2016            10.00%**

<b>A</b>	<b>Single Family Res.</b>		<b>Sq Ft Cap</b>	<b>15,000</b>		
<b>2016</b>	Base	1.5970402800	1.5970402800	Per Sq Ft	0.0004791121	0.0004791121
<b>B</b>	<b>Multiple Residential</b>		<b>Sq Ft Cap</b>	<b>0</b>		
<b>2016</b>	Base	1.5970402800	1.5970402800	Per Sq Ft	0.0005988901	0.0005988901
<b>C</b>	<b>Commercial</b>		<b>Sq Ft Cap</b>	<b>0</b>		
<b>2016</b>	Base	1.5970402800	1.5970402800	Per Sq Ft	0.0007785572	0.0007785572
<b>D</b>	<b>Heavy Commercial</b>		<b>Sq Ft Cap</b>	<b>0</b>		
<b>2016</b>	Base	1.5970402800	1.5970402800	Per Sq Ft	0.0010780022	0.0010780022
<b>E</b>	<b>Unimproved Areas</b>		<b>Sq Ft Cap</b>	<b>10,000</b>		
<b>2016</b>	Base	1.5970402800	1.5970402800	Per Sq Ft	0.0001197780	0.0001197780



**PUBLIC NOTICE  
PUBLIC HEARING ON RESOLUTION 10129  
TO ESTABLISH WATER, SEWER, AND STORM DRAIN  
RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL UTILITY SERVICE RATES**

The City of Great Falls is proposing to raise residential and commercial water, sewer and storm drain utility service rates, effective June 1, 2016. The increases are necessary to provide adequate revenue to finance the capital improvements program, to meet debt service coverage requirements and to maintain appropriate reserves.

**Residential and Commercial customers would see rate increases of 10% for all water services, 3% for all sewer services, and 10% for storm drain services.**

**Typical Residential Customers**

Residential customers with a lot size of 7,500 square feet and a 1" meter who use 1,250 cubic feet of water per month and have a winter quarter average of 650 cubic feet per month to calculate their sewer rate would see rate increases as follows:

- A water bill would increase \$3.22 or 10%, from \$32.15 to \$35.37 per month;
- A sewer bill would increase \$.71 or 3%, from \$23.59 to \$24.30 per month; and
- A storm drain bill would increase \$.47 or 10%, from \$4.70 to \$5.17 per month.

The average monthly Residential utility bill would increase \$4.40 or 7.3%.

**Typical Commercial Customers**

Commercial customers with a lot size of 7,500 square feet with a 1" meter and consumption of 1,250 cubic feet of water and sewer per month would see rate increases as follows:

- A water bill would increase \$2.81 or 10%, from \$28.08 to \$30.89 per month;
- A sewer bill would increase \$1.18 or 3%, from \$39.33 to \$40.51 per month; and
- A storm drain bill would increase \$.55 or 10%, from \$5.53 to \$6.08 per month.

The average monthly Commercial utility bill would increase \$4.54 or 6.2%.

**Public Hearing**

The public hearing will be held on Tuesday, May 3, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. in the Civic Center Commission Chambers, 2 Park Drive S. Please mail any comments to City Clerk, City of Great Falls, PO Box 5021, Great Falls, MT 59403.

For further information, contact a Utilities Customer Service Representative at (406) 727-7660 or Room 104 of the Civic Center, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

CITY OF GREAT FALLS, MONTANA

Current Rates vs. Proposed Rates

Combined Water & Sewer	Quantity Charges CCF / Mo.		Monthly Service Charges											
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2015 7.00%														
2016 10.00%														
2015 Regular Residential	1.21	2.03	6.25	6.66	12.08	12.08	15.30	40.80	59.04	118.99	179.12	253.28	373.76	
2016 Regular Residential	1.34	2.23	6.88	7.33	13.28	13.28	16.83	44.88	64.94	130.89	197.03	278.61	411.14	
2015 Low Income Residential	1.10	1.83	5.63	5.99	10.86	10.86	13.76	36.71	53.15	107.10	161.21	227.96	336.39	
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2015 Malmstrom AFB	1.73	1.73	1 - 4" plus 1 - 10" meter						59.04	plus		253.28		
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2015 Malmstrom AFB	2.16	2.16	8.17											
2016 Malmstrom AFB	2.23	2.23	8.41											
2015 MaltEurop	1.73	1.73	7.42											
2016 MaltEurop	1.79	1.79	7.64											

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**Current Fees vs. Proposed Fees**  
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	WATER		SEWER		
	2015	2016	7.00%	2015	3.00%
			10.00%	2016	3.00%
<b>PRE-TREATMENT SEWER CHARGES</b>					
	2015	3.00%	<b>Quantity Charges</b>		
	2016	3.00%	<b>CCF / Mo.</b>		
			0.70	0.70	0.00
	2015 Regular Charges		1.21	1.21	8.17
	2016 Regular Charges		1.25	1.25	8.41
					0.299
	2015 BOD > 0 mg/L		per pound		0.513
	2016 BOD > 0 mg/L		per pound		0.529
					0.204
	2015 TSS > 0 mg/L		per pound		0.351
	2016 TSS > 0 mg/L		per pound		0.362
<b>SEWER EXTRA STRENGTH CHARGES</b>					
	2015	3.00%			
	2016	3.00%			
<b>BOD &gt; 200 mg/L</b>					
					0.299
	2015 Regular Commercial		per pound		0.513
	2016 Regular Commercial		per pound		0.529
	inc Malmstrom AFB & Black Eagle				
	2015 MaltEurop		per pound		0.313
	2016 MaltEurop		per pound		0.322
<b>TSS &gt; 250 mg/L</b>					
					0.351
	2015 Regular Commercial		per pound		0.362
	2016 Regular Commercial		per pound		0.362
	inc Malmstrom AFB & Black Eagle				
	2015 MaltEurop		per pound		0.295
	2016 MaltEurop		per pound		0.303

	Water Service Line Size (inches)							
	(3/4")	1.00	1.50	2.00	4.00	6.00	8.00	12.00
<b>WATER</b>								
2015	\$416	\$462	\$562	\$608	\$1,174	\$1,819	\$3,041	\$6,096
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**SEWER**

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	Water Service Line Size (inches)							
	(3/4")	1.00	1.50	2.00	4.00	6.00	8.00	12.00
<b>TAPPING FEES (Water)</b>								
1 to 5 taps	Fee per Tap:							
2015	\$ 446	\$ 469	\$ 706	\$ 891	\$ 421	\$ 439	\$ 457	\$ 492
2016	\$ 491	\$ 516	\$ 777	\$ 980	\$ 463	\$ 483	\$ 503	\$ 541
6 or more taps	Fee per Tap:							
2015	\$ 399	\$ 438	\$ 706	\$ 891	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2016	\$ 439	\$ 481	\$ 777	\$ 980	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

INCLUDED in this fee is installation of a corporation stop on the main, and furnishing of corporation stop, curb stop and box. NOT INCLUDED, and to be BILLED EXTRA, is the cost of saddles, clamps and other extraneous fitting required for the tap.

Flat fee of:	After Hours		REOCCURRENCE FOR NON-PAY	After Hours	
	2015	2016		2015	2016
	\$ 75	\$ 75	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 150
	\$ 75	\$ 75	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 150

**WATER TREATMENT PLANT (WTP)**  
**Laboratory Fees**

	Akalinity	Hardness	pH	Specific Conductance	Total Coliform & E. coli, P/A	Total Coliform & E. coli, MPN	Turbidity	HPC	Ammonia, Total as N	Ammonia, Free	Chlorine, Residual	Chlorine, Free Residual	Total Residual
2015	N/A	N/A	\$ 10.00	N/A	\$ 22.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 30.00					
2016	\$ 20.50	\$ 28.50	\$ 10.25	\$ 10.75	\$ 22.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 12.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 20.25	\$ 20.25	\$ 12.50	\$ 14.00	

**WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT (WWTP)**

**Industrial Discharge Permit Application Fees** (Based upon Wastewater Discharge Quantity)  
 Gallons per Day (GPD)

	0 to 10,000	10,001 to 25,000	25,001 to 100,000	Over 100,000	+PLUS	per 100,000 GPD, or portion thereof
2015	\$ 124.00	\$ 201.00	\$ 257.00	\$ 257.00	\$ 257.00	\$ 76.00
2016	\$ 124.00	\$ 201.00	\$ 257.00	\$ 257.00	\$ 257.00	\$ 76.00

**Hauled Waste Disposal Fees**

	0 to 100 Gallons	20	per 1,000 gallons, or portion thereof, for hauled waste. A minimum charge for 1000 gallons will be levied for each load delivered.
2015	No Charge		
2016	No Charge		
2015	\$ 20		
2016	\$ 20		

**Additional Fees**

Additional fees may be charged for necessary testing prior to acceptance of wastes classified as non-domestic or industrial in nature.  
 NSF Fee \$30.  
 Delinquent Penalty 1.5% after 60 days.

**CITY OF GREAT FALLS, MONTANA**  
**Current Fees vs. Proposed Fees**  
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**STORM DRAIN**

**2015**            **10.00%**  
**2016**            **10.00%**

<b>A</b>	<b>Single Family Res.</b>		<b>Sq Ft Cap</b>	<b>15,000</b>		
<b>2015</b>	Base	1.4518548000	1.4518548000	Per Sq Ft	0.0004355564	0.0004355564
<b>2016</b>	Base	1.5970402800	1.5970402800	Per Sq Ft	0.0004791121	0.0004791121
<b>B</b>	<b>Multiple Residential</b>		<b>Sq Ft Cap</b>	<b>0</b>		
<b>2015</b>	Base	1.4518548000	1.4518548000	Per Sq Ft	0.0005444456	0.0005444456
<b>2016</b>	Base	1.5970402800	1.5970402800	Per Sq Ft	0.0005988901	0.0005988901
<b>C</b>	<b>Commercial</b>		<b>Sq Ft Cap</b>	<b>0</b>		
<b>2015</b>	Base	1.4518548000	1.4518548000	Per Sq Ft	0.0007077793	0.0007077793
<b>2016</b>	Base	1.5970402800	1.5970402800	Per Sq Ft	0.0007785572	0.0007785572
<b>D</b>	<b>Heavy Commercial</b>		<b>Sq Ft Cap</b>	<b>0</b>		
<b>2015</b>	Base	1.4518548000	1.4518548000	Per Sq Ft	0.0009800020	0.0009800020
<b>2016</b>	Base	1.5970402800	1.5970402800	Per Sq Ft	0.0010780022	0.0010780022
<b>E</b>	<b>Unimproved Areas</b>		<b>Sq Ft Cap</b>	<b>10,000</b>		
<b>2015</b>	Base	1.4518548000	1.4518548000	Per Sq Ft	0.0001088891	0.0001088891
<b>2016</b>	Base	1.5970402800	1.5970402800	Per Sq Ft	0.0001197780	0.0001197780



## 2016 UTILITY RATE REVIEW CALENDAR

January						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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February						
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March						
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April						
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May						
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### Resolution 10129

DATE	TASK	RESPONSIBILITY
1/20/2016	STAFF DISCUSSION RE: UTILITY RATE REVIEW Public Works/Fiscal Services	Engineering Fiscal Public Works
2/18/2016 @ 2:30 pm	STAFF PRESENTATION TO CITY MANAGER City Manager's Office	City Manager Engineering Fiscal Public Works
3/15/2016	PRESENTATION OF RATE ANALYSIS City Commission Work Session	Fiscal Public Works Commission
3/15/2016	SET PUBLIC HEARING City Commission Meeting	Commission Fiscal
4/6/2016	WEEK 2 PUBLIC NOTICE INSERTED IN UTILITY BILLS AND EMAIL SENT TO EBILL CUSTOMERS	Fiscal
4/10/2016	1st PUBLICATION OF NOTICE IN GF TRIBUNE	Great Falls Tribune
4/13/2016	WEEK 3 PUBLIC NOTICE INSERTED IN UTILITY BILLS AND EMAIL SENT TO EBILL CUSTOMERS	Fiscal
4/17/2016	2nd PUBLICATION OF NOTICE IN GF TRIBUNE	Great Falls Tribune
4/20/2016	WEEK 4 PUBLIC NOTICE INSERTED IN UTILITY BILLS AND EMAIL SENT TO EBILL CUSTOMERS	Fiscal
4/24/2016	3rd PUBLICATION OF NOTICE IN GF TRIBUNE	Great Falls Tribune
4/27/2016	WEEK 1 PUBLIC NOTICE INSERTED IN UTILITY BILLS AND EMAIL SENT TO EBILL CUSTOMERS	Fiscal
5/3/2016	PUBLIC HEARING/FINAL ACTION City Commission Meeting	Commission Fiscal
6/1/2016	EFFECTIVE DATE FOR RATE INCREASES	Fiscal