

**RESOLUTION NO. 10097**

**A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL  
WATER, SEWER, AND STORM DRAIN UTILITY SERVICE RATES  
EFFECTIVE MAY 1, 2015**

**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 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, April 21, 2015, 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 21<sup>st</sup> day of April, 2015.

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Michael J. Winters, 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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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>															
2015 7.00%															
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		
2015 Low Income Residential (90 % of Regular 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		
Fire Hydrant															
2015 Monthly			2.23	2.55	7.07	7.07	9.78	31.00	46.30	96.30					
2015 Annual			26.69	30.60	84.87	84.87	117.36	371.97	555.59	1,155.54					
<b>SEWER</b>															
2015 3.00%															
2015 Regular Residential	1.75	2.90	8.17												
2015 Low Income Residential (90 % of Regular Residential)	1.59	2.62	7.34												
<b>COMMERCIAL WATER</b>															
2015 7.00%															
2015 Regular Commercial	1.51	1.51	6.25	6.66	12.08	12.08	15.30	40.80	59.04	118.99	179.12	253.28	373.76		
2015 Black Eagle	1.56	1.56							2 - 8" meters @		179.12				
2015 Malmstrom AFB	1.73	1.73	1 - 4" plus 1 - 10" meter		59.04	plus		253.28							
2015 Raw Water	0.26	0.26													
Fire Hydrant															
2015 Monthly			2.23	2.55	7.07	7.07	9.78	31.00	46.30	96.30					
2015 Annual			26.69	30.60	84.87	84.87	117.36	371.97	555.59	1,155.54					
Fire Lines															
2015 Monthly			na	na	na	na	2.38	3.62	5.60	9.95	13.48	na	34.70		
2015 Annual			na	na	na	na	28.58	43.41	67.14	119.41	161.78	na	416.40		
<b>SEWER</b>															
2015 3.00%															
2015 Regular Commercial	2.49	2.49	8.17												
2015 Black Eagle	2.49	2.49	8.17												
2015 Malmstrom AFB	2.16	2.16	8.17												
2015 MaltEurop	1.73	1.73	7.42												
<b>STORM DRAIN</b>															
2015 10.00%															
<b>A Single Family Res. Sq Ft Cap 15,000</b>															
2015 Base	1.4518548000	1.4518548000	Per Sq Ft	0.0004355564	0.0004355564										
<b>B Multiple Residential Sq Ft Cap 0</b>															
2015 Base	1.4518548000	1.4518548000	Per Sq Ft	0.0005444456	0.0005444456										
<b>C Commercial Sq Ft Cap 0</b>															
2015 Base	1.4518548000	1.4518548000	Per Sq Ft	0.0007077793	0.0007077793										
<b>D Heavy Commercial Sq Ft Cap 0</b>															
2015 Base	1.4518548000	1.4518548000	Per Sq Ft	0.0009800020	0.0009800020										
<b>E Unimproved Areas Sq Ft Cap 10,000</b>															
2015 Base	1.4518548000	1.4518548000	Per Sq Ft	0.0001088891	0.0001088891										
<b>PRE-TREATMENT SEWER CHARGES</b>															
2015 3.00%															
2015 Regular Charges	1.21	1.21	8.17												
2015 BOD > 0 mg/L	per pound	0.51													
2015 TSS > 0 mg/L	per pound	0.35													
<b>SEWER EXTRA STRENGTH CHARGES</b>															
2015 3.00%															
<b>BOD &gt; 200 mg/L</b>															
2015 Regular Commercial inc Malmstrom AFB & Black Eagle	per pound	0.51													
2015 MaltEurop	per pound	0.31													
<b>TSS &gt; 250 mg/L</b>															
2015 Regular Commercial inc Malmstrom AFB & Black Eagle	per pound	0.35													
2015 MaltEurop	per pound	0.29													

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**WATER                      SEWER**  
2015                      7.00%                      2015                      3.00%

**Water Service Line Size (inches)**

<b>CONNECTION FEES</b> <b>WATER</b>	(3/4")							
	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.00	4.00	6.00	8.00	12.00
	2015	\$ 416	\$ 462	\$ 562	\$ 608	\$ 1,174	\$ 1,819	\$ 3,041

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

**SEWER**

Single Family Residential

2015 \$ 247

Commercial & Multi Family Units

2015 \$ 247 \$ 461 \$ 905 \$ 1,899 \$ 6,522 \$ 9,424 \$ 14,457 \$ 27,814

Connection Fees are for connection of service line to WATER AND SEWER mains, and do not include installation or general plumbing permits.

There is no fee to connect to the STORM SEWER SYSTEM.

Call City of Great Falls Community Development for more information @ 406-455-8430

Inspections and the associated fees are for the inspection and approval of all water and sewer service work and connections under OCCGF, Title 13

Call City of Great Falls Engineering for more information @ 406-771-1258

Where one meter serves one multi-purpose development, either mobile home, multiple family housing units, local business, commercial, industrial, residential use zones or variance, the connection charge will be based upon the size of the water tap. If there is no water tap, the charge will be based upon the the sewage being discharged on the same ratio as for other sewer connections.

(3/4")							
0.75	1.00	1.50	2.00	4.00	6.00	8.00	12.00

**TAPPING FEES (Water)**

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

1 to 5 taps      Fee per Tap:

2015 \$ 446 \$ 469 \$ 706 \$ 891 \$ 421 \$ 439 \$ 457 \$ 492

6 or more taps      Fee per Tap:

2015 \$ 399 \$ 438 \$ 706 \$ 891      na      na      na      na

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 :

2015 \$ 75

After Hours

2015 \$ 100

Reoccurrence for Non-Pay

2015 \$ 150

After Hours

2015 \$ 200

**WATER TREATMENT PLANT (WTP)**

**Laboratory Fees**

	Alakinity	Hardness	pH	Specific Conductance	Total Coliform & E. coli. P/A	Total Coliform & E. coli. MPN	Turbidity	HPC
2015	na	na	\$ 10	na	\$ 22	\$ 26	\$ 10	\$ 30

**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	\$ 201	\$ 257	\$ 257	\$ 76	

**Hauled Waste Disposal Fees**

0 to 100 Gallons

2015 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.

2015 \$ 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.

