

**RESOLUTION NO. 10172**

**A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL  
WATER, SEWER, AND STORM DRAIN UTILITY SERVICE RATES  
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017**

**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; and

**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 2, 2017, 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 2nd day of May, 2017.

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Bob Kelly, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Darcy Dea, Deputy City Clerk

(SEAL OF CITY)

APPROVED FOR LEGAL CONTENT:

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Sara Sexe, City Attorney

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**Current Rates vs. Proposed Rates**

Combined Water & Sewer	Quantity Charges CCF / Mo.		Monthly Service Charges												
			Not Meter Based	Meter Based - Service Line Size (inches)											
	1st 300 cf	Over 300 cf		(3/4")	1	1.25	1.50	2	3	4	6	see 6" if "na"			
		8	10	12											
<b>RESIDENTIAL WATER</b>															
	<b>2016</b>	<b>10.00%</b>													
	<b>2017</b>	<b>10.00%</b>													
<b>2016</b>	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
<b>2017</b>	Regular Residential		1.47	2.46	7.56	8.06	14.61	14.61	18.52	49.37	71.44	143.98	216.74	306.47	452.25
<b>2016</b>	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
<b>2017</b>	Low Income Residential		1.33	2.21	6.81	7.25	13.14	13.14	16.65	44.42	64.31	129.59	195.06	275.84	407.03
	(90 % of Regular Residential)														
Fire Hydrant															
	<b>2016</b>	Monthly													
	<b>2017</b>	Monthly	2.45	2.80	7.78	7.78	10.76	34.10	50.93	105.93					
	<b>2016</b>	Annual	29.36	33.66	93.36	93.36	129.09	409.17	611.15	1,271.09					
	<b>2017</b>	Annual	32.30	37.03	102.70	102.70	142.00	450.08	672.27	1,398.20					
<b>SEWER</b>															
	<b>2016</b>	<b>3.00%</b>													
	<b>2017</b>	<b>3.00%</b>													
<b>2016</b>	Regular Residential		1.80	2.99	8.41										
<b>2017</b>	Regular Residential		1.86	3.08	8.67										
<b>2016</b>	Low Income Residential		1.63	2.69	7.56										
<b>2017</b>	Low Income Residential		1.68	2.78	7.79										
	(90 % of Regular Residential)														
<b>COMMERCIAL WATER</b>															
	<b>2016</b>	<b>10.00%</b>													
	<b>2017</b>	<b>10.00%</b>													
<b>2016</b>	Regular Commercial		1.66	1.66	6.88	7.33	13.28	13.28	16.83	44.88	64.94	130.89	197.03	278.61	411.14
<b>2017</b>	Regular Commercial		1.82	1.82	7.56	8.06	14.61	14.61	18.52	49.37	71.44	143.98	216.74	306.47	452.25
<b>2016</b>	Black Eagle		1.72	1.72									2 - 8" meters @ 197.03		
<b>2017</b>	Black Eagle		1.89	1.89									2 - 8" meters @ 216.74		
<b>2016</b>	Malmstrom AFB		1.91	1.91					1 - 8" plus 1 - 10" meter 197.03		plus 278.61				
<b>2017</b>	Malmstrom AFB		2.10	2.10					1 - 8" plus 1 - 10" meter 216.74		plus 306.47				
<b>2016</b>	Raw Water		0.28	0.28											
<b>2017</b>	Raw Water		0.31	0.31											
Fire Hydrant															
	<b>2016</b>	Monthly													
	<b>2017</b>	Monthly	2.45	2.80	7.78	7.78	10.76	34.10	50.93	105.93					
	<b>2016</b>	Annual	29.36	33.66	93.36	93.36	129.09	409.17	611.15	1,271.09					
	<b>2017</b>	Annual	32.30	37.03	102.70	102.70	142.00	450.08	672.27	1,398.20					
Fire Lines															
	<b>2016</b>	Monthly	na	na	na	na	2.62	3.98	6.15	10.95	14.83	na	38.18		
	<b>2017</b>	Monthly	na	na	na	na	2.88	4.38	6.77	12.04	16.31	na	41.99		
	<b>2016</b>	Annual	na	na	na	na	31.44	47.75	73.86	131.35	177.96	na	458.04		
	<b>2017</b>	Annual	na	na	na	na	34.58	52.53	81.24	144.48	195.76	na	503.85		
<b>SEWER</b>															
	<b>2016</b>	<b>3.00%</b>													
	<b>2017</b>	<b>3.00%</b>													
<b>2016</b>	Regular Commercial		2.57	2.57	8.41										
<b>2017</b>	Regular Commercial		2.64	2.64	8.67										
<b>2016</b>	Black Eagle		2.57	2.57	8.41										
<b>2017</b>	Black Eagle		2.64	2.64	8.67										
<b>2016</b>	Malmstrom AFB		2.23	2.23	8.41										
<b>2017</b>	Malmstrom AFB		2.30	2.30	8.67										
<b>2016</b>	MaltEurop		1.79	1.79	7.64										
<b>2017</b>	MaltEurop		1.84	1.84	7.87										

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**Current Fees vs. Proposed Fees**

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	WATER		SEWER	
	2016	10.00%	2016	3.00%
	2017	10.00%	2017	3.00%
<b>PRE-TREATMENT SEWER CHARGES</b>				
		3.00%		
		3.00%		
			Quantity Charges CCF / Mo.	Not Meter Based
			0.70	0.70
			0.70	0.00
2016 Regular Charges			1.25	1.25
2017 Regular Charges			1.29	1.29
				0.529
2016 BOD > 0 mg/L				0.545
2017 BOD > 0 mg/L				
				0.362
2016 TSS > 0 mg/L				0.373
2017 TSS > 0 mg/L				
<b>SEWER EXTRA STRENGTH CHARGES</b>				
		3.00%		
		3.00%		
<b>BOD &gt; 200 mg/L</b>				
2016 Regular Commercial			per pound	0.529
2017 Regular Commercial			per pound	0.545
inc Malmstrom AFB & Black Eagle				
2016 MaltEurop			per pound	0.322
2017 MaltEurop			per pound	0.332
<b>TSS &gt; 250 mg/L</b>				
2016 Regular Commercial			per pound	0.362
2017 Regular Commercial			per pound	0.373
inc Malmstrom AFB & Black Eagle				
2016 MaltEurop			per pound	0.303
2017 MaltEurop			per pound	0.313

	Water Service Line Size (inches)							
	(3/4")	1.00	1.50	2.00	4.00	6.00	8.00	12.00
<b>CONNECTION FEES</b>								
<b>WATER</b>								
2016	\$458	\$508	\$618	\$669	\$1,291	\$2,001	\$3,345	\$6,705
2017	\$504	\$559	\$680	\$736	\$1,420	\$2,201	\$3,680	\$7,376

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
2017	\$ 262

Commercial & Multi Family Units

2016	\$ 254	\$ 475	\$ 932	\$ 1,956	\$ 6,717	\$ 9,707	\$ 14,891	\$ 28,649
2017	\$ 262	\$ 489	\$ 960	\$ 2,015	\$ 6,919	\$ 9,998	\$ 15,338	\$ 29,508

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 @ 406-453-8430

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.

	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:							
2016	\$ 491	\$ 516	\$ 777	\$ 980	\$ 463	\$ 483	\$ 503	\$ 541
2017	\$ 540	\$ 567	\$ 855	\$ 1,078	\$ 509	\$ 531	\$ 553	\$ 595
6 or more taps	Fee per Tap:							
2016	\$ 439	\$ 481	\$ 777	\$ 980	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2017	\$ 483	\$ 529	\$ 855	\$ 1,078	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:

	After Hours		After Hours	
2016	\$ 75	2016 \$ 100	REOCCURRENCE FOR NON-PAY	2016 \$ 150
2017	\$ 75	2017 \$ 100	REOCCURRENCE FOR NON-PAY	2017 \$ 150
				2016 \$ 200
				2017 \$ 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, 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
2017	\$ 20.50	\$ 28.50	\$ 10.25	\$ 10.75	\$ 22.00	N/A	\$ 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
2016	\$ 124.00	\$ 201.00	\$ 257.00	\$ 257.00	\$ 76.00	
2017	\$ 128.00	\$ 207.00	\$ 265.00	\$ 265.00	\$ 78.00	

**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
2017	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	20.00	per 1,000 gallons, or portion thereof, for hauled waste. A minimum charge for 1000 gallons will be levied for each load delivered.
2017	\$ 28.25	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%**  
**2017**            **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>2017</b>	Base	1.7567443080	1.7567443080 Per Sq Ft	0.0005270233	0.0005270233
<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>2017</b>	Base	1.7567443080	1.7567443080 Per Sq Ft	0.0006587791	0.0006587791
<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>2017</b>	Base	1.7567443080	1.7567443080 Per Sq Ft	0.0008564129	0.0008564129
<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>2017</b>	Base	1.7567443080	1.7567443080 Per Sq Ft	0.0011858024	0.0011858024
<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
<b>2017</b>	Base	1.7567443080	1.7567443080 Per Sq Ft	0.0001317558	0.0001317558