

**RESOLUTION NO. 10255**

**A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL  
WATER, SEWER, AND STORM DRAIN UTILITY SERVICE RATES  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018**

**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, September 18, 2018, 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 18<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2018.

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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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Joseph Cik, Assistant City Attorney

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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	Over 600 cf		(3/4") 0.75	1	1.25	1.50	2	3	4	6	see 6" if "na"			

<b>RESIDENTIAL WATER</b>														
<b>2017 10.00%</b>														
<b>2018</b>														
<b>2017 Regular Residential</b>	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>2018 Regular Residential</b>	1.68	1.68	2.81	7.56	8.62	14.61	14.61	19.26	55.79	78.58	143.98	216.74	306.47	452.25
<b>2017 Low Income Residential</b>	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
<b>2018 Low Income Residential</b>	1.51	1.51	2.53	6.81	7.76	13.14	13.14	17.32	50.19	70.74	129.59	195.06	275.84	407.03

(90 % of Regular Residential)

Fire Hydrant

<b>2017 Monthly</b>	2.70	3.08	8.56	8.56	11.83	37.51	56.02	116.52
<b>2018 Monthly</b>	2.70	3.39	8.56	8.56	12.54	37.51	56.02	116.52
<b>2017 Annual</b>	32.40	37.03	102.70	102.70	142.00	450.08	672.27	1,398.20
<b>2018 Annual</b>	32.40	40.68	102.70	102.70	150.48	450.08	672.27	1,398.20

**SEWER**

**2017 3.00%**  
**2018**

<b>2017 Regular Residential</b>	1.86	3.08		8.67
<b>2018 Regular Residential</b>	2.48	2.48	2.48	8.84
<b>2017 Low Income Residential</b>	1.68	2.78		7.79
<b>2018 Low Income Residential</b>	2.23	2.23	2.23	7.95

(90 % of Regular Residential)

**COMMERCIAL WATER**

**2017 10.00%**  
**2018**

<b>2017 Regular Commercial</b>	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>2018 Regular Commercial</b>	1.91	1.91	1.91	7.56	8.62	14.61	14.61	19.26	55.79	78.58	143.98	216.74	306.47	452.25
<b>2017 Black Eagle</b>	1.89	1.89		2 - 8" meters @ 216.74										
<b>2018 Black Eagle</b>	1.97	1.97	1.97											
<b>2017 Malmstrom AFB</b>	2.10	2.10		1 - 8" plus 1 - 10" meter 216.74 plus 306.47										
<b>2018 Malmstrom AFB</b>	2.21	2.21	2.21	1 - 8" plus 1 - 10" meter 216.74 plus 306.47										
<b>2017 Raw Water</b>	0.31	0.31												
<b>2018 Raw Water</b>	0.33	0.33	0.33											

Fire Hydrant

<b>2017 Monthly</b>	2.70	3.08	8.56	8.56	11.83	37.51	56.02	116.52
<b>2018 Monthly</b>	2.70	3.39	8.56	8.56	12.54	37.51	56.02	116.52
<b>2017 Annual</b>	32.30	37.03	102.70	102.70	142.00	450.08	672.27	1,398.20
<b>2018 Annual</b>	32.40	40.68	102.70	102.70	150.48	450.08	672.27	1,398.20

Fire Lines

<b>2017 Monthly</b>	na	na	na	na	2.88	4.38	6.77	12.04	16.31	na	41.99
<b>2018 Monthly</b>	na	na	na	na	1.80	4.38	7.24	21.07	44.85	na	130.17
<b>2017 Annual</b>	na	na	na	na	34.58	52.53	81.24	144.48	195.76	na	503.85
<b>2018 Annual</b>	na	na	na	na	21.60	52.53	86.88	252.84	538.20	na	1,562.04

**SEWER**

**2017 3.00%**  
**2018**

<b>2017 Regular Commercial</b>	2.64	2.64		8.67
<b>2018 Regular Commercial</b>	2.72	2.72	2.72	8.84
<b>2017 Black Eagle</b>	2.64	2.64		8.67
<b>2018 Black Eagle</b>	2.72	2.72	2.72	8.84
<b>2017 Malmstrom AFB</b>	2.30	2.30		8.67
<b>2018 Malmstrom AFB</b>	2.39	2.39	2.39	8.84
<b>2017 MaltEurop</b>	1.84	1.84		7.87
<b>2018 MaltEurop</b>	1.90	1.90	1.90	8.03

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Current Fees vs. Proposed Fees

	WATER		SEWER	
	2017 2018	10.00%	2017 2018	3.00%
<b>PRE-TREATMENT SEWER CHARGES</b>				
	2017	3.00%		
	2018			
			Quantity Charges CCF / Mo.	Not Meter Based
			0.70	0.70
				0.00
	2017 Regular Charges		1.29	1.29
	2018 Regular Charges		1.35	1.35
				8.67
				8.84
	2017 BOD > 0 mg/L		per pound	0.545
	2018 BOD > 0 mg/L		per pound	0.332
	2017 TSS > 0 mg/L		per pound	0.373
	2018 TSS > 0 mg/L		per pound	0.490
<b>SEWER EXTRA STRENGTH CHARGES</b>				
	2017	3.00%		
	2018			
	BOD > 200 mg/L			
	2017 Regular Commercial		per pound	0.545
	2018 Regular Commercial		per pound	0.332
	inc Malmstrom AFB & Black Eagle			
	2017 MaltEurop		per pound	0.332
	2018 MaltEurop		per pound	0.332
	TSS > 250 mg/L			
	2017 Regular Commercial		per pound	0.373
	2018 Regular Commercial		per pound	0.490
	inc Malmstrom AFB & Black Eagle			
	2017 MaltEurop		per pound	0.313
	2018 MaltEurop		per pound	0.490

	Water Service Line Size (inches)							
	(3/4") 0.75	1.00	1.50	2.00	4.00	6.00	8.00	12.00
<b>CONNECTION FEES</b>								
<b>WATER</b>								
	2017	\$504	\$559	\$680	\$736	\$1,420	\$2,201	\$3,680
	2018	\$519	\$576	\$700	\$758	\$1,463	\$2,267	\$3,790
								\$7,597

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

**SEWER**

Single Family Residential

2017	\$ 262
2018	\$ 270

Commercial & Multi Family Units

2017	\$ 282	\$ 489	\$ 960	\$ 2,015	\$ 6,919	\$ 9,998	\$ 15,338	\$ 29,508
2018	\$ 270	\$ 504	\$ 989	\$ 2,075	\$ 7,126	\$ 10,298	\$ 15,798	\$ 30,393

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") 0.75	1.00	1.50	2.00	4.00	6.00	8.00	12.00
<b>TAPPING FEES (Water)</b>								
	Fee for any new or replacement tap being made on a water main.							
1 to 5 taps	Fee per Tap:							
	2017	\$ 540	\$ 567	\$ 855	\$ 1,078	\$ 509	\$ 531	\$ 553
	2018	\$ 556	\$ 584	\$ 880	\$ 1,111	\$ 524	\$ 547	\$ 569
								\$ 613
6 or more taps	Fee per Tap:							
	2017	\$ 483	\$ 529	\$ 855	\$ 1,078	N/A	N/A	N/A
	2018	\$ 497	\$ 545	\$ 880	\$ 1,111	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			
2017	\$ 75	2017	\$ 100	REOCCURRENCE FOR NON-PAY	2017	\$ 150	2017	\$ 200
2018	\$ 75	2018	\$ 100	REOCCURRENCE FOR NON-PAY	2018	\$ 150	2018	\$ 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
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
2018	\$ 22.00	\$ 28.50	\$ 12.00	\$ 12.00	\$ 24.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 14.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 22.00	\$ 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
2017	\$ 128.00	\$ 207.00	\$ 265.00	\$ 265.00	\$ 78.00
2018	\$ 132.00	\$ 213.00	\$ 273.00	\$ 273.00	\$ 80.00

**Hauled Waste Disposal Fees**

0 to 100 Gallons

2017	No Charge	discharged directly from the recreational vehicle and must not exceed 100 gallons
2018	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
		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
		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.
2018	\$ 36.50	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

**2017**      **10.00%**  
**2018**      **10.00%**

<b>A</b>	<b>Single Family Res.</b>	<b>Sq Ft Cap</b>	<b>15,000</b>
	<b>2017</b> Base	1.7567443080	Per Sq Ft 0.0005270233
	<b>2018</b> Base	1.9324187388	Per Sq Ft 0.0005797256
<b>B</b>	<b>Multiple Residential</b>	<b>Sq Ft Cap</b>	<b>0</b>
	<b>2017</b> Base	1.7567443080	Per Sq Ft 0.0006587791
	<b>2018</b> Base	1.9324187388	Per Sq Ft 0.0007246570
<b>C</b>	<b>Commercial</b>	<b>Sq Ft Cap</b>	<b>0</b>
	<b>2017</b> Base	1.7567443080	Per Sq Ft 0.0008564129
	<b>2018</b> Base	1.9324187388	Per Sq Ft 0.0009420542
<b>D</b>	<b>Heavy Commercial</b>	<b>Sq Ft Cap</b>	<b>0</b>
	<b>2017</b> Base	1.7567443080	Per Sq Ft 0.0011858024
	<b>2018</b> Base	1.9324187388	Per Sq Ft 0.0013043826
<b>E</b>	<b>Unimproved Areas</b>	<b>Sq Ft Cap</b>	<b>10,000</b>
	<b>2017</b> Base	1.7567443080	Per Sq Ft 0.0001317558
	<b>2018</b> Base	1.9324187388	Per Sq Ft 0.0001449314