

**RESOLUTION NO. 10316**

**A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL  
WATER, SEWER, AND STORM DRAIN UTILITY SERVICE RATES  
EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 1, 2019**

**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, October 1, 2019, 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 1<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2019.

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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 R. Sexe, City Attorney



**CITY OF GREAT FALLS, MONTANA**  
**Resolution 10316, Appendix A**  
**Current Fees vs. Proposed Fees**  
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	Quantity Charges CCF / Mo.		Not Meter Based
	2017	2018	
<b>PRE-TREATMENT SEWER CHARGES</b>			
2017 Regular Charges	0.70	0.70	0.00
2018 Regular Charges	1.29	1.29	8.67
2019 Regular Charges	1.35	1.35	8.84
	1.42	1.42	9.02
2017 BOD > 0 mg/L	per pound		0.545
2018 BOD > 0 mg/L	per pound		0.332
2019 BOD > 0 mg/L	per pound		0.339
2017 TSS > 0 mg/L	per pound		0.373
2018 TSS > 0 mg/L	per pound		0.490
2019 TSS > 0 mg/L	per pound		0.500

<b>SEWER EXTRA STRENGTH CHARGES</b>			
<b>BOD &gt; 200 mg/L</b>			
2017 Regular Commercial	per pound		0.545
2018 Regular Commercial	per pound		0.332
2019 Regular Commercial inc Malmstrom AFB & Black Eagle	per pound		0.339
2017 MaltEurop	per pound		0.332
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<b>TSS &gt; 250 mg/L</b>			
2017 Regular Commercial	per pound		0.373
2018 Regular Commercial	per pound		0.490
2019 Regular Commercial inc Malmstrom AFB & Black Eagle	per pound		0.500
2017 MaltEurop	per pound		0.313
2018 MaltEurop	per pound		0.490
2019 MaltEurop	per pound		0.500

	Water Service Line Size (inches)						
	(3/4")	1.00	1.50	2.00	4.00	6.00	8.00
<b>CONNECTION FEES WATER</b>							
2017	\$504	\$559	\$680	\$736	\$1,420	\$2,201	\$3,680
2018	\$519	\$576	\$700	\$758	\$1,463	\$2,267	\$3,790
2019	\$545	\$605	\$735	\$796	\$1,536	\$2,380	\$3,979

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

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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
<b>TAPPING FEES (Water)</b>							
1 to 5 taps	Fee for any new or replacement tap being made on a water main.						
2017	\$ 440	\$ 567	\$ 855	\$ 1,078	\$ 509	\$ 531	\$ 553
2018	\$ 556	\$ 584	\$ 880	\$ 1,111	\$ 524	\$ 547	\$ 569
2019	\$ 584	\$ 613	\$ 924	\$ 1,166	\$ 550	\$ 574	\$ 598
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
2019	\$ 522	\$ 572	\$ 924	\$ 1,166	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			After Hours		
	2017	2018	2019	2017	2018	2019
\$ 75	\$ 75	\$ 100	\$ 100	REOCCURRENCE FOR NON-PAY	\$ 150	\$ 200
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<b>WATER TREATMENT PLANT (WTP)</b>														
<b>Laboratory Fees</b>														
	Akalinity	Hardness	pH	Specific Conductance	Total Coliform & E. coli, P/A	Total Coliform MPN	Turbidity	HPC	Ammonia, Total as N	Ammonia, Free	Chlorine, Free Residual	Chlorine, Total Residual	Non-Compliance TOC Test	Trip Fee (considers that schedule testing and aren't ready when the lab people show up to sample)
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	*	\$ 24.00	*	\$ 14.00	\$ 45.00	*	\$ 20.25	\$ 12.50	\$ 14.00		
2019	\$ 22.00	\$ 28.50	\$ 12.00	N/A	\$ 24.00	N/A	\$ 14.00	\$ 45.00	N/A	\$ 20.25	\$ 12.50	\$ 14.00	30.00	25.00

\* Tests no longer performed at the Water Treatment Plant.

<b>WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT (WWTP)</b>						
<b>Industrial Discharge Permit Application Fees</b>						
(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
2017	\$ 128	\$ 207	\$ 265	\$ 265	\$ 78	
2018	\$ 132	\$ 213	\$ 273	\$ 273	\$ 80	3.00%
2019	\$ 136	\$ 220	\$ 281	\$ 281	\$ 83	3% increase

<b>Hauled Waste Disposal Fees</b>			
0 to 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	
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	
2019	No Charge	Disposal of wastes from holding tanks of privately owned recreational vehicles must be discharged directly from the recreational tanks of vehicle and must not exceed 100 gallons	
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.	
2019	\$ 44.75	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.

# CITY OF GREAT FALLS, MONTANA

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### Current Rates vs. Proposed Rates

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#### STORM DRAIN

<b>2017</b>	<b>10.00%</b>
<b>2018</b>	<b>10.00%</b>
<b>2019</b>	<b>5.00%</b>

		Sq Ft Cap	
<b>A</b>	<b>Single Family Res.</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>2019</b>	Base	2.0290396757	Per Sq Ft 0.0006087119
<b>B</b>	<b>Multiple Residential</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>2019</b>	Base	2.0290396757	Per Sq Ft 0.0007608899
<b>C</b>	<b>Commercial</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>2019</b>	Base	2.0290396757	Per Sq Ft 0.0009891569
<b>D</b>	<b>Heavy Commercial</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>2019</b>	Base	2.0290396757	Per Sq Ft 0.0013696018
<b>E</b>	<b>Unimproved Areas</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
<b>2019</b>	Base	2.0290396757	Per Sq Ft 0.0001521780