

RESOLUTION NO. 10537

**A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL
WATER, SEWER, AND STORM DRAIN UTILITY SERVICE RATES
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024**

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 7, 2024, 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 7th day of May, 2024.

Cory Reeves, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lisa Kunz, City Clerk

(SEAL OF CITY)

APPROVED FOR LEGAL CONTENT:

David Dennis, City Attorney

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Residential Water

Water charges include a service charge based on meter size and a consumption charge and is billed monthly.

Meter Size		3/4"	1"	1.5"	2"	3"	4"	6"	8"	10"	12"
2023	Regular Residential	8.57	10.15	16.07	22.03	69.34	95.08	163.13	238.41	337.12	497.48
2024	Regular Residential	9.85	11.68	18.48	25.34	79.75	109.35	187.60	274.18	387.68	572.10
2023	Low Income Residential	7.71	9.13	14.45	19.81	62.39	85.60	146.83	214.57	303.42	447.73
2024	Low Income Residential	8.87	10.50	16.62	22.78	71.75	98.44	168.85	246.75	348.94	514.89

Consumption Rate Per 100 cf	1st	Over
	600 cf	600 cf

2023	Regular Residential	1.94	3.25
2024	Regular Residential	2.23	3.73
2023	Low Income Residential	1.75	2.93
2024	Low Income Residential	2.01	3.36

Residential Fire Hydrant

The fire hydrant fee is based on the size of the water meter and is billed monthly.

Meter Size		3/4"	1"	1.5"	2"	3"	4"	6"
2023	Monthly	2.97	4.10	9.42	14.62	41.26	61.62	128.17
2024	Monthly	3.42	4.72	10.83	16.81	47.45	70.87	147.40

Residential Sewer

Sewer charges include a service charge (not based on meter size) and a consumption charge and is billed monthly.

Service Charge

2023	Regular Residential	9.92
2024	Regular Residential	10.91
2023	Low Income Residential	8.91
2024	Low Income Residential	9.80

Consumption Rate Per 100 cf	1st	Over
	600 cf	600 cf

2023	Regular Residential	2.73	2.73
2024	Regular Residential	3.00	3.00
2023	Low Income Residential	2.45	2.45
2024	Low Income Residential	2.70	2.70

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Commercial Water

Water charges include a service charge based on meter size and a consumption charge and is billed monthly.

Meter Size		3/4"	1"	1.5"	2"	3"	4"	6"	8"	10"	12"
2023	Regular Commercial	8.57	10.15	16.07	22.03	69.34	95.08	163.13	238.41	337.12	497.48
2024	Regular Commercial	9.85	11.68	18.48	25.34	79.75	109.35	187.60	274.18	387.68	572.10

Consumption Rate Per 100 cf		1st 600 cf	Over 600 cf
2023	Regular Commercial	2.21	2.21
2024	Regular Commercial	2.54	2.54

2023	Black Eagle	2.24	2.24	2 - 8" meters @ 238.41	
2024	Black Eagle	2.58	2.58	2 - 8" meters @ 274.18	

2023	Malmstrom AFB	2.55	2.55	1 - 8" plus 1 - 10" meter 238.41 plus 337.12	
2024	Malmstrom AFB	2.93	2.93	1 - 8" plus 1 - 10" meter 274.18 plus 387.68	

2023	Raw Water	0.39	0.39		
2024	Raw Water	0.44	0.44		

Commercial Fire Hydrant

The fire hydrant fee is based on the size of the water meter and is billed monthly.

Meter Size		3/4"	1"	1.5"	2"	3"	4"	6"
2023	Monthly	2.97	4.10	9.42	14.62	41.26	61.62	128.17
2024	Monthly	3.42	4.72	10.83	16.81	47.45	70.87	147.40

Commercial Fire Line

Meter Size		3/4"	1"	1.5"	2"	3"	4"	6"	8"	10"	12"	16"
2023	Monthly	na	na	na	1.98	4.82	8.37	24.33	51.81	na	150.35	320.39
2024	Monthly	na	na	na	2.28	5.54	9.63	27.98	59.58	na	172.90	368.45

Commercial Sewer

Sewer charges include a service charge (not based on meter size) and a consumption charge and is billed monthly.

		Service Charge				Service Charge	
2023	Regular Commercial, Black Eagle, Malmstrom AFB	9.92		2023	MaltEurop	9.01	
2024	Regular Commercial, Black Eagle, Malmstrom AFB	10.91		2024	MaltEurop	9.91	

Consumption Rate Per 100 cf		1st 600 cf	Over 600 cf
2023	Regular Commercial	3.08	3.08
2024	Regular Commercial	3.39	3.39

2023	Black Eagle	3.20	3.20
2024	Black Eagle	3.52	3.52

2023	Malmstrom AFB	2.74	2.74
2024	Malmstrom AFB	3.01	3.01

Consumption Rate Per 100 cf		1st 600 cf	Over 600 cf
2023	MaltEurop	2.15	2.15
2024	MaltEurop	2.36	2.36

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PRE-TREATMENT SEWER CHARGES

	Quantity Charges CCF / Mo.	Service Charge Not Meter Based
2023 Regular Charges	1.56	9.92
2024 Regular Charges	1.72	10.91
2023 BOD > 0 mg/L	per pound	0.373
2024 BOD > 0 mg/L	per pound	0.410
2023 TSS > 0 mg/L	per pound	0.550
2024 TSS > 0 mg/L	per pound	0.605

SEWER EXTRA STRENGTH CHARGES

BOD > 200 mg/L		
2023 Regular Commercial	per pound	0.373
2024 Regular Commercial inc Malmstrom AFB, Black Eagle, & MaltEurop	per pound	0.410
TSS > 250 mg/L		
2023 Regular Commercial	per pound	0.550
2024 Regular Commercial inc Malmstrom AFB, Black Eagle, & MaltEurop	per pound	0.605

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
2023	\$150	\$242	\$309	\$309	\$91	
2024	\$165	\$266	\$340	\$340	\$100	

Hauled Waste Disposal Fees

0 to 100 Gallons

2023	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.
2024	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.
2023	\$49.23	Per 1,000 gallons, or portion thereof, for hauled waste. A minimum charge for 1000 gallons will be levied for each load delivered.
2024	\$54.15	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.

Returned Payment Fee \$30 (includes returned checks and returned electronic payments).

Delinquent Penalty 1.5% after 30 days.

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CONNECTION FEES
WATER

		Water Service Line Size (inches)							
		3/4"	1"	1.5"	2"	4"	6"	8"	12"
2023		\$599	\$665	\$809	\$875	\$1,690	\$2,618	\$4,377	\$8,775
2024		\$689	\$765	\$930	\$1,007	\$1,943	\$3,011	\$5,034	\$10,091

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

SEWER

Single Family Residential

2023	\$303
2024	\$333

Commercial & Multi Family Units

		Water Service Line Size (inches)							
		3/4"	1"	1.5"	2"	4"	6"	8"	12"
2023		\$303	\$565	\$1,110	\$2,328	\$7,996	\$11,555	\$17,725	\$34,101
2024		\$333	\$622	\$1,221	\$2,561	\$8,795	\$12,710	\$19,497	\$37,511

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.

TAPPING FEES (Water)

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

		Water Service Line Size (inches)							
		3/4"	1"	1.5"	2"	4"	6"	8"	12"
Fee per Tap:	2023	\$685	\$775	\$1,260	\$1,740	\$605	\$631	\$658	\$708
1 to 5 taps	2024	\$788	\$891	\$1,449	\$2,001	\$696	\$726	\$756	\$814
Fee per Tap:	2023	\$600	\$700	\$1,260	\$1,740				
6 or more taps	2024	\$690	\$805	\$1,449	\$2,001				

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.

WATER TREATMENT PLANT (WTP)

Laboratory Fees (no change)

	Akalinity	Hardness	pH	Total Coliform & E. coli. P/A	Turbidity	HPC	Ammonia, Free	Chlorine, Free Residual	Chlorine, Total Residual	Non-Compliance TOC Test	Trip Fee (contractors that schedule testing and aren't ready when lab techs show up to sample)
2023	\$24.20	\$31.35	\$13.20	\$26.40	\$15.40	\$49.50	\$22.28	\$13.75	\$15.40	\$33.00	\$27.50
2024	\$24.20	\$31.35	\$13.20	\$26.40	\$15.40	\$49.50	\$22.28	\$13.75	\$15.40	\$33.00	\$27.50

TURN ON/OFF

First Offense:	2023	\$75	After Hours, First Offense:	2023	\$100
	2024	\$75		2024	\$100
Reoccurrence for Non-Pay:	2023	\$150	After Hours, Reoccurrence for Non-Pay:	2023	\$200
	2024	\$150		2024	\$200

2023 - Shut off fees for disconnection will be charged if the account is not paid in full by 5 pm on the day prior to shut off, regardless of whether or not the services are disconnected.
2024 - Shut off fees for disconnection will be charged if the account is not paid in full by 4 pm on the day prior to shut off, regardless of whether or not the services are disconnected.

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Storm Drain

Storm Drain charges include a base charge and a per square foot charge determined by land use designation.

	Service Charge
2023	2.2319436433
2024	2.5667351898

A Single Family Residential Sq Ft Cap 15,000

2023	Per Sq Ft	0.0006695831
2024	Per Sq Ft	0.0007700206

B Multiple Residential Sq Ft Cap 0

2023	Per Sq Ft	0.0008369789
2024	Per Sq Ft	0.0009625257

C Commercial Sq Ft Cap 0

2023	Per Sq Ft	0.0010880726
2024	Per Sq Ft	0.0012512835

D Heavy Commercial Sq Ft Cap 0

2023	Per Sq Ft	0.0015065620
2024	Per Sq Ft	0.0017325463

E Unimproved Areas Sq Ft Cap 10,000

2023	Per Sq Ft	0.0001673958
2024	Per Sq Ft	0.0001925051