

**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.

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Cory Reeves, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Lisa Kunz, City Clerk

(SEAL OF CITY)

APPROVED FOR LEGAL CONTENT:

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David Dennis, City Attorney

**CITY OF GREAT FALLS, MONTANA**

**Resolution 10537, Appendix A**

**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	Over 600 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>																		
	<b>2024</b>	<b>15.00%</b>																
<b>2023</b>	Regular Residential	1.94	1.94	3.25	8.57	10.15	16.07	16.07	22.03	69.34	95.08	163.13	238.41	337.12	497.48	na		
<b>2024</b>	Regular Residential	2.23	2.23	3.73	9.85	11.68	18.48	18.48	25.34	79.75	109.35	187.60	274.18	387.68	572.10	na		
<b>2023</b>	Low Income Residential	1.75	1.75	2.93	7.71	9.13	14.45	14.45	19.81	62.39	85.60	146.83	214.57	303.42	447.73	na		
<b>2024</b>	Low Income Residential	2.01	2.01	3.36	8.87	10.50	16.62	16.62	22.78	71.75	98.44	168.85	246.75	348.94	514.89	na		
		(90 % of Regular Residential)																
Fire Hydrant																		
<b>2023</b>	Monthly	2.97 4.10 9.42 9.42 14.62 41.26 61.62 128.17																
<b>2024</b>	Monthly	3.42 4.72 10.83 10.83 16.81 47.45 70.87 147.40																
<b>2023</b>	Annual	35.64 49.24 112.97 112.97 175.43 495.09 739.50 1,529.22																
<b>2024</b>	Annual	40.99 56.62 129.92 129.92 201.74 569.35 850.42 1,758.60																
<b>SEWER</b>																		
	<b>2024</b>	<b>10.00%</b>																
<b>2023</b>	Regular Residential	2.73	2.73	2.73	9.92													
<b>2024</b>	Regular Residential	3.00	3.00	3.00	10.91													
<b>2023</b>	Low Income Residential	2.45	2.45	2.45	8.91													
<b>2024</b>	Low Income Residential	2.70	2.70	2.70	9.80													
		(90 % of Regular Residential)																
<b>COMMERCIAL WATER</b>																		
	<b>2024</b>	<b>15.00%</b>																
<b>2023</b>	Regular Commercial	2.21	2.21	2.21	8.57	10.15	16.07	16.07	22.03	69.34	95.08	163.13	238.41	337.12	497.48	na		
<b>2024</b>	Regular Commercial	2.54	2.54	2.54	9.85	11.68	18.48	18.48	25.34	79.75	109.35	187.60	274.18	387.68	572.10	na		
<b>2023</b>	Black Eagle	2.24	2.24	2.24														
<b>2024</b>	Black Eagle	2.58	2.58	2.58	2 - 8" meters @ 238.41 2 - 8" meters @ 274.18													
<b>2023</b>	Malmstrom AFB	2.55	2.55	2.55														
<b>2024</b>	Malmstrom AFB	2.93	2.93	2.93	1 - 8" plus 1 - 10" meter 238.41 plus 337.12 1 - 8" plus 1 - 10" meter 274.18 plus 387.68													
<b>2023</b>	Raw Water	0.39	0.39	0.39														
<b>2024</b>	Raw Water	0.44	0.44	0.44														
Fire Hydrant																		
<b>2023</b>	Monthly	2.97 4.10 9.42 9.42 14.62 41.26 61.62 128.17																
<b>2024</b>	Monthly	3.42 4.72 10.83 10.83 16.81 47.45 70.87 147.40																
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<b>2024</b>	Annual	40.99 56.62 129.92 129.92 201.74 569.35 850.42 1,758.60																
Fire Lines																		
<b>2023</b>	Monthly	na	na	na	na	1.98	4.82	8.37	24.33	51.81	na	150.35	320.39					
<b>2024</b>	Monthly	na	na	na	na	2.28	5.54	9.63	27.98	59.58	na	172.90	368.45					
<b>2023</b>	Annual	na	na	na	na	23.76	57.78	100.45	291.98	621.72	na	1,804.18	3,844.68					
<b>2024</b>	Annual	na	na	na	na	27.32	66.45	115.52	335.78	714.98	na	2,074.80	4,421.38					
<b>SEWER</b>																		
	<b>2024</b>	<b>10.00%</b>																
<b>2023</b>	Regular Commercial	3.08	3.08	3.08	9.92													
<b>2024</b>	Regular Commercial	3.39	3.39	3.39	10.91													
<b>2023</b>	Black Eagle	3.20	3.20	3.20	9.92													
<b>2024</b>	Black Eagle	3.52	3.52	3.52	10.91													
<b>2023</b>	Malmstrom AFB	2.74	2.74	2.74	9.92													
<b>2024</b>	Malmstrom AFB	3.01	3.01	3.01	10.91													
<b>2023</b>	MaltEurop	2.15	2.15	2.15	9.01													
<b>2024</b>	MaltEurop	2.36	2.36	2.36	9.91													

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**Current Fees vs. Proposed Fees**  
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**WATER**                      **SEWER**  
 2024    15.00%                      2024    10.00%

**PRE-TREATMENT SEWER CHARGES**

2023 Regular Charges  
 2024 Regular Charges  
  
 2023 BOD > 0 mg/L  
 2024 BOD > 0 mg/L  
  
 2023 TSS > 0 mg/L  
 2024 TSS > 0 mg/L

Quantity Charges CCF / Mo.		Not Meter Based
1.56	1.56	9.92
1.72	1.72	10.91
per pound		0.373
per pound		0.410
per pound		0.550
per pound		0.605

**SEWER EXTRA STRENGTH CHARGES**

**BOD > 200 mg/L**

2023 Regular Commercial  
 2024 Regular Commercial  
           inc Malmstrom AFB & Black Eagle  
  
 2023 MaltEurop  
 2024 MaltEurop

per pound	0.373
per pound	0.410
per pound	0.373
per pound	0.410

**TSS > 250 mg/L**

2023 Regular Commercial  
 2024 Regular Commercial  
           inc Malmstrom AFB & Black Eagle  
  
 2023 MaltEurop  
 2024 MaltEurop

per pound	0.550
per pound	0.605
per pound	0.550
per pound	0.605

**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>								
2023	\$599	\$665	\$909	\$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 same as sewer increase 10%  
 2024 \$ 333 same as sewer increase 10%

Commercial & Multi Family Units

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.

	(3/4")	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.00	4.00	6.00	8.00	12.00
2023	\$ 685	\$ 775	\$ 1,260	\$ 1,740	\$ 605	\$ 631	\$ 658	\$ 708	
2024	\$ 788	\$ 891	\$ 1,449	\$ 2,001	\$ 696	\$ 726	\$ 756	\$ 814	
<b>6 or more taps</b>	Fee per Tap:								
2023	\$ 600	\$ 700	\$ 1,260	\$ 1,740	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
2024	\$ 690	\$ 805	\$ 1,449	\$ 2,001	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**

After Hours

After Hours

Flat fee of:

2023	\$ 75	2023	\$ 100	REOCCURRENCE FOR NON-PAY	2023	\$ 150	2023	\$ 200
2024	\$ 75	2024	\$ 100	REOCCURRENCE FOR NON-PAY	2024	\$ 150	2024	\$ 200

**WATER TREATMENT PLANT (WTP)**

Laboratory Fees (no change)

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

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

**WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT (WWTP)**

Industrial Discharge Permit Application Fees (Based upon Wastewater Discharge Quantity)

Gallons per Day (GPD)

	10,001 to 25,000		25,001 to 100,000		Over 100,000		+PLUS	per 100,000 GPD, or portion thereof
	0 to 10,000	10,001 to 25,000	25,001 to 100,000	Over 100,000	Over 100,000	+PLUS		
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.

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.

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**STORM DRAIN**

**2023 10.00%**

**2024 15.00%**

		Sq Ft Cap	
<b>A</b>	<b>Single Family Res.</b>	<b>15,000</b>	
<b>2023</b>	Base	2.2319436433	Per Sq Ft 0.0006695831
<b>2024</b>	Base	2.5667351898	Per Sq Ft 0.0007700206
<b>B</b>	<b>Multiple Residential</b>	<b>0</b>	
<b>2023</b>	Base	2.2319436433	Per Sq Ft 0.0008369789
<b>2024</b>	Base	2.5667351898	Per Sq Ft 0.0009625257
<b>C</b>	<b>Commercial</b>	<b>0</b>	
<b>2023</b>	Base	2.2319436433	Per Sq Ft 0.0010880726
<b>2024</b>	Base	2.5667351898	Per Sq Ft 0.0012512835
<b>D</b>	<b>Heavy Commercial</b>	<b>0</b>	
<b>2023</b>	Base	2.2319436433	Per Sq Ft 0.0015065620
<b>2024</b>	Base	2.5667351898	Per Sq Ft 0.0017325463
<b>E</b>	<b>Unimproved Areas</b>	<b>10,000</b>	
<b>2023</b>	Base	2.2319436433	Per Sq Ft 0.0001673958
<b>2024</b>	Base	2.5667351898	Per Sq Ft 0.0001925051