

RESOLUTION NO. 10574

**A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL
WATER, SEWER, AND STORM DRAIN UTILITY SERVICE RATES
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025**

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 6, 2025, 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 6th day of May, 2025.

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"
2024	Regular Residential	9.85	11.68	18.48	25.34	79.75	109.35	187.60	274.18	387.68	572.10
2025	Regular Residential	10.84	12.85	20.33	27.87	87.73	120.29	206.36	301.60	426.45	629.31
2024	Low Income Residential	8.87	10.50	16.62	22.78	71.75	98.44	168.85	246.75	348.94	514.89
2025	Low Income Residential	9.76	11.55	18.28	25.06	78.93	108.28	185.74	271.43	383.83	566.38

Consumption Rate Per 100 cf		1st 600 cf	Over 600 cf
2024	Regular Residential	2.23	3.73
2025	Regular Residential	2.45	4.10
2024	Low Income Residential	2.01	3.36
2025	Low Income Residential	2.21	3.70

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"
2024	Monthly	3.42	4.72	10.83	16.81	47.45	70.87	147.40
2025	Monthly	3.76	5.19	11.91	18.49	52.20	77.96	162.14

Residential Sewer

Sewer charges include a service charge (not based on meter size) and a consumption charge (based on winter water usage from December - March) and is billed monthly.

Service Charge		
2024	Regular Residential	10.91
2025	Regular Residential	12.00
2024	Low Income Residential	9.80
2025	Low Income Residential	10.78

Consumption Rate Per 100 cf		1st 600 cf	Over 600 cf
2024	Regular Residential	3.00	3.00
2025	Regular Residential	3.30	3.30
2024	Low Income Residential	2.70	2.70
2025	Low Income Residential	2.97	2.97

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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"
2024 Regular Commercial	9.85	11.68	18.48	25.34	79.75	109.35	187.60	274.18	387.68	572.10
2025 Regular Commercial	10.84	12.85	20.33	27.87	87.73	120.29	206.36	301.60	426.45	629.31

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

2024 Regular Commercial	2.54	2.54
2025 Regular Commercial	2.80	2.80

2024 Black Eagle	2.58	2.58
2025 Black Eagle	2.84	2.84

2 - 8" meters @ 274.18
2 - 8" meters @ 301.60

2024 Malmstrom AFB	2.93	2.93
2025 Malmstrom AFB	3.22	3.22

1 - 8" plus 1 - 10" meter	274.18	plus	387.68
1 - 8" plus 1 - 10" meter	301.60	plus	426.45

2024 Raw Water	0.44	0.44
2025 Raw Water	0.48	0.48

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"
2024 Monthly	3.42	4.72	10.83	16.81	47.45	70.87	147.40
2025 Monthly	3.76	5.19	11.91	18.49	52.20	77.96	162.14

Commercial Fire Line

Meter Size	3/4"	1"	1.5"	2"	3"	4"	6"	8"	10"	12"	16"
2024 Monthly	na	na	na	2.28	5.54	9.63	27.98	59.58	na	172.90	368.45
2025 Monthly	na	na	na	2.50	6.09	10.59	30.78	65.54	na	190.19	405.30

Commercial Sewer

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

2024 Regular Commercial, Black Eagle, Malmstrom AFB	10.91	2024 MaltEurop	9.91
2025 Regular Commercial, Black Eagle, Malmstrom AFB	12.00	2025 MaltEurop	10.90

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

2024 Regular Commercial	3.39	3.39
2025 Regular Commercial	3.73	3.73

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

2024 MaltEurop	2.36	2.36
2025 MaltEurop	2.60	2.60

2024 Black Eagle	3.52	3.52
2025 Black Eagle	3.87	3.87

2024 Malmstrom AFB	3.01	3.01
2025 Malmstrom AFB	3.31	3.31

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PRE-TREATMENT SEWER CHARGES

	Quantity Charges CCF / Mo.		Service Charge Not Meter Based
2024 Regular Charges	1.72	1.72	10.91
2025 Regular Charges	1.89	1.89	12.00
2024 BOD > 0 mg/L	per pound		0.410
2025 BOD > 0 mg/L	per pound		0.451
2024 TSS > 0 mg/L	per pound		0.605
2025 TSS > 0 mg/L	per pound		0.666

SEWER EXTRA STRENGTH CHARGES

BOD > 200 mg/L			
2024 Regular Commercial	per pound		0.410
2025 Regular Commercial inc Malmstrom AFB, Black Eagle, & MaltEurop	per pound		0.451
TSS > 250 mg/L			
2024 Regular Commercial	per pound		0.605
2025 Regular Commercial inc Malmstrom AFB, Black Eagle, & MaltEurop	per pound		0.666

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	
2024	\$165	\$266	\$340	\$340	\$100
2025	\$181	\$293	\$374	\$374	\$110

per 100,000 GPD, or portion thereof

Hauled Waste Disposal Fees

0 to 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.
2025	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	\$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.
2025		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"
2024		\$689	\$765	\$930	\$1,007	\$1,943	\$3,011	\$5,034	\$10,091
2025		\$758	\$842	\$1,023	\$1,107	\$2,137	\$3,312	\$5,537	\$11,100

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

SEWER

Single Family Residential

2024	\$333
2025	\$366

Commercial & Multi Family Units

		Water Service Line Size (inches)							
		3/4"	1"	1.5"	2"	4"	6"	8"	12"
2024		\$333	\$622	\$1,221	\$2,561	\$8,795	\$12,710	\$19,497	\$37,511
2025		\$366	\$684	\$1,343	\$2,817	\$9,675	\$13,981	\$21,447	\$41,262

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:	2024	\$788	\$891	\$1,449	\$2,001	\$696	\$726	\$756	\$814
1 to 5 taps	2025	\$867	\$980	\$1,594	\$2,201	\$766	\$799	\$832	\$896
Fee per Tap:	2024	\$690	\$805	\$1,449	\$2,001				
6 or more taps	2025	\$759	\$886	\$1,594	\$2,201				

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	pH	Total Coliform & E. coli P/A	Turbidity	HPC	Chlorine, Free Residual	Chlorine, Total Residual	TOC Test	TC	DOC	Trip Fee (contractors that schedule testing and aren't ready when lab techs show up to sample)
2024		\$24.20	\$13.20	\$26.40	\$15.40	\$49.50	\$13.75	\$15.40	\$33.00	N/A	N/A	\$27.50
2025		\$30.00	\$15.00	\$30.00	\$20.00	\$60.00	\$35.00	\$35.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$55.00	\$100.00

TURN ON/OFF

First Offense:	2024	\$75	After Hours, First Offense:	2024	\$100
	2025	\$75		2025	\$100
Reoccurrence for Non-Pay:	2024	\$150	After Hours, Reoccurrence for Non-Pay:	2024	\$200
	2025	\$150		2025	\$200

2024 - 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.
2025 - 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			
2024	2.5667351898		
2025	2.8234087088		
A Single Family Residential			
		Sq Ft Cap	15,000
2024	Per Sq Ft 0.0007700206		
2025	Per Sq Ft 0.0008470226		
B Multiple Residential			
		Sq Ft Cap	0
2024	Per Sq Ft 0.0009625257		
2025	Per Sq Ft 0.0010587783		
C Commercial			
		Sq Ft Cap	0
2024	Per Sq Ft 0.0012512835		
2025	Per Sq Ft 0.0013764119		
D Heavy Commercial			
		Sq Ft Cap	0
2024	Per Sq Ft 0.0017325463		
2025	Per Sq Ft 0.0019058009		
E Unimproved Areas			
		Sq Ft Cap	10,000
2024	Per Sq Ft 0.0001925051		
2025	Per Sq Ft 0.0002117557		