

RESOLUTIONS OF THE CITY OF HELENA, MONTANA

RESOLUTION NO. 19758

A RESOLUTION OF INTENTION TO INCREASE WASTEWATER RATES FOR ALL CUSTOMERS OF THE CITY OF HELENA WATER SYSTEM

WHEREAS, wastewater system users are charged a base rate, a per unit rate, and a surcharge for use of the wastewater collection system as required by §6-3-2 of the Helena City Code; and

WHEREAS, the Helena City Commission last raised wastewater rates in November of 2009; and

WHEREAS, rate increases are necessary to keep up with inflation, to cover the cost of service, provide for necessary capital improvements, and meet bonded debt coverage; and

WHEREAS, it appears to be in the best interests of the City of Helena and the inhabitants thereof that the rates and charges imposed upon wastewater customers be increased.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HELENA, MONTANA:

Section 1. It is the intention of the Helena City Commission to consider increasing wastewater base, usage, and surcharge rates imposed upon all wastewater customers by an amount up to 4.72% for each rate. The changes to the rates resulting from adding the maximum rate increase are shown below:

<u>Service</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Maximum</u>
Wastewater Base	\$4.26 phpm ¹	\$4.46 phpm ¹
Wastewater Usage	\$1.89/unit ²	\$1.98/unit ²
Wastewater Surcharge Base	\$1.26 phpm ¹	\$1.32 phpm ¹
Wastewater Surcharge Usage	\$0.36/unit ²	\$0.38/unit ²

¹per hookup per month

²units are measured in HCF (100 cubic feet or approximately 748 gallons)

Section 2. A public hearing on this resolution of intention will be held on the **23rd day of August, 2010, at 6:00 p.m.** in the Commission Chambers at the City-County

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Building, 316 North Park Avenue, Helena, Montana, so that all interested parties may appear and express their opinions of approval or disapproval.

Section 3. Notice of the passage of this Resolution of Intention shall be given by publishing as required in §69-7-111, MCA. The City Clerk is authorized and directed to make publication of this Resolution of Intention in the Independent Record, the official newspaper of the City of Helena.

**PASSED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HELENA, MONTANA, THIS
26th DAY OF JULY, 2010.**

**/S/ James E. Smith
MAYOR**

ATTEST:

**/S/ Debbie Havens
CLERK OF THE COMMISSION**