

RESOLUTIONS OF THE CITY OF HELENA, MONTANA

RESOLUTION NO. 20259

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

WHEREAS, water system users are charged a base rate and a per unit rate for water consumption as required by §6-2-8 of the Helena City Code; and

WHEREAS, the Helena City Commission last adjusted water rates in November of 2015; and

WHEREAS, rate adjustments are necessary to adjust for inflation of costs 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 to better provide a more stable funding for the City's water infrastructure and encourage water conservation; and

WHEREAS, it appears to be in the best interests of the City of Helena and the inhabitants thereof that the rate structure imposed upon water customers be revised; and

WHEREAS, It is the intention of the Helena City Commission to consider revising water base and usage rates imposed upon all water customers.

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

Section 1. The rate structure and rates are shown below:

Current Rates & Structure

	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Water Base – Single Family (all meters ¹)	\$ 2.62	See below
Water Base – Multi-Family, Commercial, & Irrigation (all meters ¹)	\$ 4.22	See below
Water Charge per unit ²	\$ 2.97	See below

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Proposed Rates & Structure

	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Residential Monthly Meter Base Charges ¹:		
<u>Meter Size</u>		
¾"	\$ 2.62	\$ 5.00
1"	\$ 2.62	\$ 8.30
1½"	\$ 2.62	\$ 16.60
2"	\$ 2.62	\$ 26.50
3"	\$ 2.62	\$ 49.80
4"	\$ 2.62	\$ 83.10
6"	\$ 2.62	\$ 166.20
8"	\$ 2.62	\$ 299.10
12"	\$ 2.62	\$ 373.80

Commercial/Multi-Family/Irrigation Monthly Meter Base Charges ¹:

<u>Meter Size</u>		
¾"	\$ 4.22	\$ 5.00
1"	\$ 4.22	\$ 8.30
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Per Unit Consumption Charges ²:

<u>Type</u>		
Commercial	\$ 2.97	\$ 3.05
Multi-family	\$ 2.97	\$ 2.95
Residential (0 - 8 units)	\$ 2.97	\$ 2.95
Residential (9 - 15 units)	\$ 2.97	\$ 3.00
Residential (15+ units)	\$ 2.97	\$ 3.10

¹ per meter per month

² units 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 22nd day of August, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. in the Commission Chambers at the City-County Building, 316 North Park Avenue, Helena, Montana, so that all interested parties may appear and express their opinions of approval or disapproval.

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Section 3. Notice of the passage of this Resolution of Intention shall be given by publication and mailing 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
11th DAY OF JULY, 2016.**

/S/ James E. Smith
MAYOR

ATTEST:

/S/ Debbie Havens
CLERK OF THE COMMISSION