

# RESOLUTIONS OF THE CITY OF HELENA, MONTANA

## RESOLUTION NO. 19939

### A RESOLUTION OF INTENTION TO INCREASE WATER 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 raised water rates in November of 2011; and

**WHEREAS**, rate increases 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 that the rates imposed upon water customers be increased; and

**WHEREAS**, It is the intention of the Helena City Commission to consider increasing water base and usage rates imposed upon all water customers by an amount up to 3.0% for each rate.

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

**Section 1.** The new proposed rates, reflecting a maximum increase of up to 3.0% are shown below:

<u>Service</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed Maximum</u>
Water Base – Single Family	\$2.34 pmpm	\$2.41 pmpm <sup>1</sup>
Water Base – Multi-Family, Commercial, & Irrigation	\$3.78 pmpm	\$3.89 pmpm <sup>1</sup>
Water Usage	\$2.64/unit <sup>2</sup>	\$2.72/unit <sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup>per meter per month

<sup>2</sup>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 20th day of August, 2012, 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 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  
9th DAY OF JULY, 2012.**

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

**ATTEST:**

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