

# RESOLUTIONS OF THE CITY OF HELENA, MONTANA

## RESOLUTION NO. 20174

### A RESOLUTION OF INTENTION TO INCREASE RATES FOR ALL CUSTOMERS OF THE CITY OF HELENA WASTEWATER 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 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, rate increases are necessary to adjust for inflation, 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; and

**WHEREAS**, 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 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>   |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Wastewater Base            | \$ 5.08 phpm <sup>1</sup> | \$ 5.23 phpm <sup>1</sup> |
| Wastewater Usage           | \$ 2.26/unit <sup>2</sup> | \$ 2.33/unit <sup>2</sup> |
| Wastewater Surcharge Base  | \$ 1.50 phpm <sup>1</sup> | \$ 1.55 phpm <sup>1</sup> |
| Wastewater Surcharge Usage | \$ 0.42/unit <sup>2</sup> | \$ 0.43/unit <sup>2</sup> |

<sup>1</sup>per hookup per month

<sup>2</sup>units are measured in HCF (100 cubic feet or approximately 748 gallons)

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**Section 2.** A public hearing on this resolution of intention will be held on the 24th day of August, 2015, 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.

**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  
13<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JULY, 2015.**

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

**ATTEST:**

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