

RESOLUTIONS OF THE CITY OF HELENA, MONTANA

RESOLUTION NO. 20357

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 2016; 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, the Helena City Commission desires to encourage water conservation by decreasing the per unit charge for residential customers using 0-8 units of water per month; and

WHEREAS, commercial uses and residential uses that consume more than 8 units of water per month place a larger demand for waste residential uses using less than 8 units per month and therefore should pay a higher rate for water.

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 adjusting water base and usage rates imposed upon all water customers.

Section 2. The new proposed rates are shown below:

	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Monthly Meter Base Rate ¹:		
<u>Meter Size</u>		
¾"	\$ 5.00	\$ 7.50
1"	\$ 8.30	\$ 12.50
1½"	\$ 16.60	\$ 25.00
2"	\$ 26.50	\$ 40.00
3"	\$ 49.80	\$ 75.20
4"	\$ 83.10	\$ 125.50
6"	\$ 166.20	\$ 251.00
8"	\$ 299.10	\$ 451.80

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12"	\$ 373.80	\$ 564.70
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Per Unit Consumption Rate ²:

<u>Type</u>		
Commercial	\$ 3.05	\$ 3.30
Multi-family	\$ 2.95	\$ 2.90
Residential (0 - 8 units)	\$ 2.95	\$ 2.90
Residential (9 - 15 units)	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.10
Residential (15+ units)	\$ 3.10	\$ 3.15
Non-metered residential (11 units)	\$ 2.97	\$ 2.95

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 21st day of August, 2017, 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 24th DAY OF JULY, 2017.

 /S/ JAMES E. SMITH
MAYOR

ATTEST:

 /S/ DEBBIE HAVENS
CLERK OF THE COMMISSION