

# RESOLUTIONS OF THE CITY OF HELENA, MONTANA

## RESOLUTION NO. 20389

### A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING RATES FOR COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF RESIDENTIAL GARBAGE AND REFUSE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018, AND LEVYING AND ASSESSING ALL PARCELS OF LAND RECEIVING RESIDENTIAL SOLID WASTE COLLECTION

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Helena City Code, charges shall be established for collection and disposal of residential garbage in the City of Helena on an annual basis; and

**WHEREAS**, charges are necessary for the purpose of on-going operation, maintenance, and capital purchases of equipment; and

**WHEREAS**, it appears to be in the best interests of the City of Helena, Montana, and the inhabitants thereof, that the charges for collection and disposal of residential garbage and refuse for fiscal year 2018 should include additional charges when a residential customer who is assessed the yearly residential rate exceeds the bulk solid waste allowance, or dumps any garbage not originating from the residential property; and

**WHEREAS**, a public hearing was held on this matter on August 21, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. in the Commission Chambers, City-County Admin. Building, 316 N. Park Ave., Helena, MT.

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

**Section 1.** That to defray the cost of providing collection and disposal of residential garbage and refuse, the Helena City Commission hereby levies an assessment on all properties receiving Class I and IV residential garbage and refuse collection and disposal of residential garbage and refuse for fiscal year 2018, according to the methodology and rate for each class of property described in Section 2. For new customers receiving service after July of each fiscal year, the annual assessment rate will be pro-rated on a monthly basis.

**Section 2.** The rates for the collection and disposal of residential garbage and refuse in the City of Helena for fiscal year 2018 are as follows:

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### Rates

- A. Class I- Residential structures having up to 4 units in 1 structure shall be assessed \$176.10 for each unit.
- B. Class II- Residential structures having more than 4 units in 1 structure receiving city solid waste service shall be assessed under the commercial rate matrix.
- C. Class III- Mobile home parks shall be assessed according to the following schedule:
  - i. Self-haul by the owner of mobile home park is charged the current transfer station charges established by the City Commission:
  - ii. A monthly charge to the mobile home park owner based on the number of home units in accordance with the Class II schedule and adjusted monthly for the total number of units on the property as of the 1<sup>st</sup> day of each month; or
  - iii. a monthly fee that is equivalent to commercial rate schedules for the frequency of service.
- D. Class IV- Residential Structures that qualify for the State of Montana property tax assistance program under Title 15, Chapter 6, MCA, shall be charged \$88.05.

**Section 3.** The lots or parcels of land, upon which are constructed Class I and IV residential structures receiving garbage and refuse collection assessed are those shown on the list of all lots or parcels of land maintained by the Department of Administrative Services for the City of Helena. The list includes the description of the lots or parcels of land, the name of the owner, if known, and the amount levied thereon.

**Section 4.** The charge for bulk solid waste collection (“tramp truck”) at the residential unit by the city is ten dollars (\$10.00) per collection.

**Section 5.** The bulk solid waste allowance for fiscal year 2018 is determined by multiplying 1.5 tons by the current transfer station tipping fee charges established by the Helena City Commission. The weight of self-hauled solid waste to the transfer station and the ten dollars (\$10.00) per trip for bulk solid waste collection at the residential unit is a credit against this allowance. If the annual bulk solid waste allowance is exceeded,

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the person responsible for causing the allowance to be exceeded is liable for transfer station charges for the amount that the solid waste exceeds the bulk solid waste allowance.

**Section 6.** An owner or occupant of each residential unit that is located on the property subject to the assessments established herein may receive a permit authorizing that person to charge against the bulk solid waste allowance for that residential unit the amount of garbage, generated or originating from the residential unit located on the levied property and to deposit acceptable recyclable materials at the Transfer Station and other City-approved sites.

**Section 7.** Garbage in excess of the bulk solid waste allowance, the trip allowance, or that was not generated at or originating from the assessed property, is subject to transfer station tipping fee charges established by the City Commission. Loads brought in containing only acceptable recyclable material are not charged against the bulk solid waste allowance.

**Section 8.** Replacements of residential permits are five dollars (\$5.00).

**Section 9.** The assessment of Class I and IV residential structures receiving garbage and refuse collection is payable in two (2) installments and are delinquent as stated on the property tax bills. The monies collected for said residential service charges will be paid into the City of Helena Residential Solid Waste Fund.

**PASSED AND EFFECTIVE BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HELENA,  
MONTANA, THIS 21<sup>st</sup> DAY OF AUGUST, 2017.**

**/S/ JAMES E SMITH**  
**MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

**/S/ DEBBIE HAVENS**  
**CLERK OF THE COMMISSION**