

RESOLUTIONS OF THE CITY OF HELENA, MONTANA

RESOLUTION NO. 20453

A RESOLUTION OF INTENTION TO INCREASE 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;

WHEREAS, the Helena City Commission last adjusted water rates in November of 2017;

WHEREAS, rate adjustments are necessary to adjust for inflation of costs of service, provide for necessary capital improvements, and meet bonded debt coverage;

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, a tiered rate structure is desired to encourage conservation of water while providing necessary funding for operational and capital costs.

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 up to a 10% increase in the residential and commercial water base rates and up to a 2.12% increase in the commercial water consumption rate, up to a 4.84% the 9-15 units

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residential water consumption rate, up to a 4.76% in the 15+ units residential water consumption rate, and up to a 13.56% increase in the non-metered residential water consumption rate.

Section 2. The proposed rates are shown in the following table:

	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Monthly Meter Base Rate ¹:		
<u>Meter Size</u>		
¾"	\$ 7.50	\$ 8.25
1"	\$ 12.50	\$ 13.70
1½"	\$ 25.00	\$ 27.40
2"	\$ 40.00	\$ 43.80
3"	\$ 75.20	\$ 82.30
4"	\$ 125.50	\$ 137.40
6"	\$ 251.00	\$ 274.80
8"	\$ 451.80	\$ 494.60
12"	\$ 564.70	\$ 618.20

Per Unit Consumption Rate ²:

<u>Type</u>		
Commercial	\$ 3.30	\$ 3.37
Multi-family	\$ 2.90	\$ 2.90
Residential (0 - 8 units)	\$ 2.90	\$ 2.90
Residential (9 - 15 units)	\$ 3.10	\$ 3.25
Residential (15+ units)	\$ 3.15	\$ 3.30
Non-metered residential (11 units)	\$ 2.95	\$ 3.35

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 27th day of August, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. in the Commission Chambers at the City-County Building, 316 North Park

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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
16th DAY OF JULY, 2018.**

/S/ WILMOT J. COLLINS
MAYOR

ATTEST:

/S/ DEBBIE HAVENS
CLERK OF THE COMMISSION