

# RESOLUTIONS OF THE CITY OF HELENA, MONTANA

## RESOLUTION NO. 20530

### A RESOLUTION OF INTENTION TO INCREASE RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL WASTEWATER BASE AND USAGE RATES FOR FISCAL YEARS 2020 AND 2021

**WHEREAS,** wastewater system users have previously been charged a base rate, a per unit usage rate, and a base and per unit usage surcharge for use of the wastewater collection system as required by §6-3-2 of the Helena City Code;

**WHEREAS,** there is no current need for a base and per unit usage surcharge for use of the wastewater collection system;

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

**WHEREAS,** commercial users generate a larger demand for wastewater treatment services than residential users and therefore should pay a higher rate for wastewater treatment services than residential users; and

**WHEREAS,** it appears to be in the best interests of the City of Helena and the inhabitants thereof that the base rate and per unit usage rate imposed upon wastewater customers be increased.

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

**Section 1.** It is the intention of the Helena City

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Commission to consider an increase in the residential and commercial wastewater base and usage rates imposed upon all wastewater customers.

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

SERVICE	CURRENT FY19	PROPOSED FY2020	PROPOSED FY2021
<b>Residential Rates:</b>			
Wastewater Base	\$6.55 phpm <sup>1</sup>	\$9.00 phpm <sup>1</sup>	\$9.73 phpm <sup>1</sup>
Wastewater Usage	\$2.45/unit <sup>2</sup>	\$3.09/unit <sup>2</sup>	\$3.34/unit <sup>2</sup>
Wastewater Surcharge Base	\$1.93 phpm <sup>1</sup>	\$0	\$0
Wastewater Surcharge Usage	\$0.46/unit <sup>2</sup>	\$0	\$0
<b>Commercial Rates:</b>			
Wastewater Base	\$6.55 phpm <sup>1</sup>	\$9.00 phpm <sup>1</sup>	\$9.73 phpm <sup>1</sup>
Wastewater Usage	\$3.30/unit <sup>2</sup>	\$4.15/unit <sup>2</sup>	\$4.49/unit <sup>2</sup>
Wastewater Surcharge Base	\$1.93 phpm <sup>1</sup>	\$0	\$0
Wastewater Surcharge Usage	\$0.61/unit <sup>2</sup>	\$0	\$0

<sup>1</sup>per connection per month

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

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**Section 3.** It is further the intention of the Helena City Commission to repeal any and all previous resolutions establishing rates for customers of the City of Helena wastewater system.

**Section 4.** A public hearing on this Resolution of Intention will be held on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2019, 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 5.** 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.

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PASSED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HELENA, MONTANA,  
THIS 24<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JUNE, 2019.

/S/ WILMOT COLLINS  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

/S/ DEBBIE HAVENS  
CLERK OF THE COMMISSION