

RESOLUTIONS OF THE CITY OF HELENA, MONTANA

RESOLUTION NO. 20665

A RESOLUTION OF INTENTION TO SET RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL WASTEWATER BASE AND USAGE RATES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022

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, for cost of service, to provide for necessary capital improvements, and to 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 set.

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

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to set 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 FY2021	PROPOSED FY2022
Residential Rates:		
Wastewater Base	\$9.73 phpm ¹	\$9.73 phpm ¹
Wastewater Usage	\$3.34/unit ²	\$3.34/unit ²
Wastewater Surcharge Base	\$0	\$0
Wastewater Surcharge Usage	\$0	\$0
Commercial Rates:		
Wastewater Base	\$9.73 phpm ¹	\$9.73 phpm ¹
Wastewater Usage	\$4.49/unit ²	\$4.49/unit ²
Wastewater Surcharge Base	\$0	\$0
Wastewater Surcharge Usage	\$0	\$0

¹per connection per month

²units are measured in HCF (100 cubic feet or approximately 748 gallons)

Section 3. The Helena City Commission will hold a public hearing on this matter on June 28, 2021, in the Commission Chambers at 316 North Park Avenue in Helena, Montana, at 6:00 P.M. and via Zoom Meeting at webinar ID: <https://zoom.us/j/96971903791> at which

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time all interested parties may appear and express their views of approval or disapproval on the proposed rates.

Section 4. 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
7th DAY OF JUNE, 2021.**

**/S/ WILMOT COLLINS
MAYOR**

ATTEST:

**/S/ DANNAI CLAYBORN
CLERK OF THE COMMISSION**