

RESOLUTIONS OF THE CITY OF HELENA, MONTANA

RESOLUTION NO. 20773

A RESOLUTION SETTING RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL WASTEWATER BASE AND USAGE RATES

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, to meet bonded debt coverage, and to cover the requirements of MCA § 7-13-4307; and

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.

WHEREAS, a public hearing on this resolution was held by the City Commission on September 12, 2022, in the Commission Chambers

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at 316 North Park Avenue in Helena, Montana, at 6:00 P.M. and via Zoom Meeting at webinar ID: <https://zoom.us/j/93497508424>.

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

Section 1. To defray the cost of operation of the City's wastewater system, the City Commission hereby establishes the wastewater system use rates as follows:

SERVICE	CURRENT	PROPOSED
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)

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Section 2. The rates are effective July 1, 2022 and remain effective until such time the City Commission deems the rates and charges insufficient to cover the requirements of MCA 7-13-4307.

Section 3. If a property is not chargeable for the assessment described above by reason of state or federal law, said property shall be exempt from the assessment.



CLERK OF THE COMMISSION


MAYOR