

**RESOLUTION 04-18133**

A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION 01-17719 ADDING A NEW SECTION 2, SPECIFYING COST-OF-SERVICE, WATER RATE SCHEDULE ADJUSTMENTS ENACTED PURSUANT TO TITLE 69, CHAPTER 7, MONTANA CODE ANNOTATED AND EXEMPTING CERTAIN CITY FUNDS FROM SAID RATE SCHEDULE.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Billings, Montana, retained Integrated Utilities Group, Inc. to prepare water rate cost-of-service schedules for the municipal water utility that would generate adequate funds to operate the utility over the next five years as well as require each customer class of the utility to pay its fair share of the cost of operating the water system; and

WHEREAS, the *WATER RATE COST-OF-SERVICE STUDY, BILLINGS, MONTANA*, dated May 2001, prepared by Integrated Utilities Group, Inc. and accepted and approved by the City Council of the City of Billings, Montana, projects a need for extension, expansion, repair, improvement, and continued operation and maintenance of existing and proposed water system facilities for the providing of water service to the inhabitants of the City of Billings, Montana, during the period beginning July 5, 2001, and ending June 30, 2006; and

WHEREAS, it is essential to provide for the timely and cost-effective repair of water service lines for fire protection in order to protect and minimize damage to the community's infrastructure, such as street, curbs, gutters, sidewalks, and drive approaches; and

WHEREAS, under Title 69, Chapter 7 of the Montana Code Annotated, and under the terms of City Resolution Number 13585, the City of Billings is authorized to regulate the City's municipal water utility and to change water rates, fees, and charges as may be deemed by the City Council to be reasonable and just; and

WHEREAS, it is essential to the public health, welfare, and safety of the inhabitants of the City of Billings and its environs to provide an adequate public water system and to provide adequate funding to meet the cost of constructing, maintaining, and operating the same;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BILLINGS, MONTANA:**

1. That a \$1.00 per month service line repair fee be added to private fireline charges and the revenue requirements and the following schedule of rates, fees, and charges are found to be just, reasonable, and necessary for the continued sound operation of the water utility and that the proposed rates, fees, and charges are approved and adopted and published as the rates, fees, and charges of the City of Billings, Montana water utility, effective July 5, 2001, July 1, 2002, July 1, 2003, July 1, 2004, and July 1, 2005.

*Schedule I*

Customer Class	Monthly Volume Charge		
	Effective Date	Effective Date	Effective Date
<i>Dollars per Ccf</i>	7/05/01	7/01/02	7/01/03
Residential	1.09	1.09	1.17
Non-Residential	0.80	0.80	0.85
Seasonal	1.38	1.38	1.46
Resale	0.80	0.80	0.85
		7/01/04	7/01/05
		1.25	1.31
		0.91	0.95
		1.55	1.63
		0.87	0.89

**Schedule II**  
**Minimum Monthly Water Charges**

Meter Size	Effective Date		
	Effective Date	Effective Date	Effective Date
Inside City	7/05/01	7/01/02	7/01/03
3/4"	4.97	\$ 4.97	\$ 5.26
1"	5.65	5.65	5.97
		\$ 5.55	\$ 5.80
		6.32	6.60

1-1/4"	6.10	6.45	6.82	7.13
1-1/2"	6.55	6.93	7.33	7.66
2"	9.04	9.57	10.13	10.59
3"	27.36	28.98	30.71	32.12
4"	30.75	32.57	34.52	36.11
6"	34.15	36.17	38.34	40.09
8"	49.98	52.94	56.12	58.70
10"	68.07	72.11	76.45	79.97

Outside City

3/4"	\$ 5.75	\$ 5.75	\$ 5.98	\$ 6.21	\$ 6.40
1"	6.58	6.58	6.84	7.09	7.30
1-1/4"	7.14	7.14	7.41	7.68	7.91
1-1/2"	7.70	7.70	7.99	8.27	8.51
2"	10.75	10.75	11.13	11.51	11.82
3"	33.25	33.25	34.32	35.33	36.17
4"	37.42	37.42	38.62	39.75	40.68
6"	41.59	41.59	42.91	44.16	45.20
8"	61.03	61.03	62.95	64.75	66.25
10"	83.26	83.26	85.85	88.28	90.30

2. That rates, fees and charges specified above shall not be paid by the City's General Fund, Public Safety Fund, Library Fund and MET Transit Fund.
3. That this Resolution is to be immediately filed in the City Clerk's Office, and that the decision adopting the adjusted rates shall be final ten (10) days after such are so filed.
4. That the Public Utilities Works Department is directed to file a copy of the revised water rate schedules with the Public Service Commission within ten (10) days after filing of this Resolution by the City Clerk.

Passed and Approved by the City Council of the City of Billings, Montana, on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2004.



APPROVED CITY OF BILLINGS:

*Charles F. Tooley*  
 Charles F. Tooley, MAYOR

ATTEST:

*Marita Herold*  
 Marita Herold, CMC, CITY CLERK

Filed in the Office of the City Clerk this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2001.