

RESOLUTION 04-18067

RESOLUTION SPECIFYING WATER AND WASTEWATER RATE SCHEDULE ADJUSTMENTS ENACTED PURSUANT TO TITLE 69, CHAPTER 7, MONTANA CODE ANNOTATED

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Billings, Montana retained Financial Consulting Services Group, Inc. (FCS Group) to review the current levels of water and wastewater system development fees and construction fees; and

WHEREAS, the report dated October 1, 2003 and titled "City of Billings, Montana Water & Wastewater Utilities System Development Fee & Construction Fee Study – Final Recommendations" prepared by FCS Group recommends adjustment of the system development fees and construction fees to provide for an equitable recovery of water and wastewater system costs; and

WHEREAS, under Title 69, Chapter 7 of the Montana Codes Annotated, and under the terms of City Resolution Number 13585, the City of Billings is authorized to regulate the City's municipal water and wastewater utility and to change 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 water and wastewater system and to provide adequate and equitable 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 the following schedules of rates, fees and charges are found to be just, reasonable, and necessary for the continued sound operation of the water and wastewater 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 and wastewater utility, effective February 1, 2004, February 1, 2005, February 1, 2006 and February 1, 2007.

**SCHEDULE VI
WATER SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT FEES ⁽¹⁾**

Water Meter Size	Effective Date			
	2/1/04 (\$)	2/1/05 (\$)	2/1/06 (\$)	2/1/07 (\$)
¾"	1,175	1,477	1,779	2,080
1"	2,938	3,695	4,448	5,200
1½"	5,875	7,385	8,895	10,400
2"	9,400	11,816	14,230	16,640
3"	18,800	23,632	28,465	33,280
4"	29,375	36,925	44,475	52,000
6"	58,750	73,850	88,950	104,000
8"	94,000	118,160	142,320	166,400
10"	135,125	169,855	204,585	239,200
12"	264,375	332,325	400,275	468,000

(1) Applicable to inside-city applicants only.

Special Terms and Conditions: See Resolution No. 85-14873.

SCHEDULE VII
WATER – INTERIOR AND LOCAL MAINS CONSTRUCTION FEE
 (Effective February 1, 2004)

Interior Main Construction Fee (\$/front foot)\$54.85

Local Main Construction Fee (\$/square foot)\$0.0598

The Interior Main Construction Fee will be calculated by using the total lot frontage abutting public rights-of-way containing public water mains. The frontage of irregularly shaped lots may be adjusted to determine an equitable value.

SCHEDULE VI
WASTEWATER SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT FEES ⁽¹⁾

Water Meter Size	Effective Date			
	2/1/04 (\$)	2/1/05 (\$)	2/1/06 (\$)	2/1/07 (\$)
3/4"	880	967	1,054	1,142
1"	2,200	2,418	2,635	2,855
1 1/2"	4,400	4,835	5,270	5,710
2"	7,040	7,736	8,432	9,136
3"	14,080	15,472	16,864	18,272
4"	22,000	24,175	26,350	28,550
6"	44,000	48,350	52,700	57,100
8"	70,400	77,360	84,320	91,360
10"	101,200	111,205	121,210	131,330
12"	198,000	217,575	237,150	256,950

(1) Applicable to inside-city applicants only.

SCHEDULE VII
WASTEWATER – INTERIOR AND LOCAL MAINS CONSTRUCTION FEE
 (Effective February 1, 2004)

Interior Main Construction Fee (\$/front foot)\$53.85

Local Main Construction Fee (\$/square foot)\$0.1221

The Interior Main Construction Fee will be calculated by using the total lot frontage abutting public rights-of-way containing public sewer lines. The frontage of irregularly shaped lots may be adjusted to determine an equitable value.

2. 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 days after such are so filed.
3. That the Public Works Department is directed to file a copy of the revised water and wastewater rate schedules with the Public Service Commission within ten days after filing of this Resolution by the City Clerk.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Billings, Montana on the 12th day of January, 2004.



APPROVED:

Charles F. Tooley
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MAYOR

ATTEST:

Marita Herold
Marita Herold, CMC/AAE CITY CLERK
Deputy City Clerk