

RESOLUTION NO. 04-18092

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LEVYING OF A 3% CONVENIENCE FEE FOR WATER/WASTEWATER CREDIT/DEBIT/CHARGE CARD TRANSACTIONS

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it desirable to allow customers to pay water and wastewater charges by credit, debit or charge card transactions; and

WHEREAS, the City of Billings is authorized to assess customers a convenience fee for credit/debit/charge card transactions in accordance with Section 7-6-617, Montana Codes Annotated; and

WHEREAS, the existing municipal water/wastewater rates, fees and charges are inadequate to provide revenues with which to pay such convenience fees in addition to all other utility operating costs; and

WHEREAS, under Title 69, Chapter 7 of the Montana Codes Annotated, and under the terms of City Resolution Number 13585, dated July 20, 1981, 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. All rates shall be effective March 18, 2004.

**SCHEDULE V
WATER-SPECIAL FEES AND CHARGES**

<u>Item</u>	<u>Fee/Charge(\$)</u>
(17) Credit/Debit/Charge Card Convenience Fee (%/transaction)	3.00

**SCHEDULE III
WASTEWATER-SPECIAL FEES AND CHARGES**

<u>Item</u>	<u>Fee/Charge(\$)</u>
9. Credit/Debit/Charge Card Convenience Fee (%/transaction)	3.00

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 with the City Clerk.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Billings, Montana on the 23rd day of February, 2004.



APPROVED:

Charles F. Tooley
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MAYOR

ATTEST:

Susan Shuhler
Susan Shuhler DEPUTY CITY CLERK