

RESOLUTION NO. 96-17094

A RESOLUTION SPECIFYING COST-OF-SERVICE, WATER RATE
SCHEDULE ADJUSTMENTS ENACTED PURSUANT TO TITLE 69,
CHAPTER 7, MONTANA CODE ANNOTATED.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Billings, Montana, retained HDR Engineering, 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 March 13, 1996, prepared by HDR Engineering, 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 1, 1996, and ending June 30, 2001; and

WHEREAS, the rates, fees, and charges in effect at the present time are not adequate to provide revenues with which to accomplish the extension, expansion, repair, and improvement of such water system facilities, defray increased costs of operation and maintenance of existing and proposed facilities, pay all principal and interest on outstanding revenue bonds, and provide the reserves authorized or mandated by law; 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 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 the revenue requirements proposed in Exhibit "A" entitled, WATER RATE COST-OF-SERVICE STUDY, BILLINGS, MONTANA, 1996, annexed hereto and by this reference incorporated herein, are found to be just, reasonable, and necessary for the continued sound operation of the water utility.
2. That the adjusted rates, fees, and charges set forth in Revised Table 6-3, Alternative Cost-of-Service Rate Schedule (No Volume in Minimum Monthly Charge), also annexed hereto and by this reference incorporated herein, are approved and adopted and published as the rates, fees, and charges of the City of Billings, Montana water utility, effective July 1, 1996.
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 days after such are so filed.
4. That the Public Utilities Department is directed to file a copy of the revised water rate schedule with the Public Service Commission within ten days after filing of this Resolution by the City Clerk.

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PASSED by the affirmative vote of the City Council of the City of Billings, Montana, on the 13th day of May, 1996.

THE CITY OF BILLINGS:


Charles F. Tooley MAYOR

ATTEST:

Marita Herold CITY CLERK
Marita Herold, CMC

Filed in the Office of the City Clerk this 13th day of May, 1996.

Marita Herold CITY CLERK
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Revised Table 6-3
Alternative Cost-of-Service Rate Schedule⁽¹⁾
No Volume in Minimum Monthly Charge

Monthly Volume Charge (\$/Ccf)	Inside City		Outside City	
	Seasonal/ Temporary	All Other	Resale	All Other
First 6000 Cubic Feet	1.26	1.05	1.03	1.14
All Over 6000 Cubic Feet	1.26	0.77	1.03	0.88
Minimum Monthly Charge (\$)	Inside City		Outside City	
3/4 Inch Meter and Less	4.96		5.21	
1-Inch Meter	6.50		6.92	
1-1/4 Inch Meter	8.44		9.07	
1-1/2 Inch Meter	10.38		11.22	
2 Inch Meter	15.02		16.37	
3 Inch Meter	29.74		32.68	
4 Inch Meter	49.11		54.14	
6 Inch Meter	99.45		109.93	
8 Inch Meter	142.05		157.14	
10 Inch Meter	227.26		251.57	

Note:

1. Total monthly bill is the sum of the minimum monthly charge plus the monthly volume charge based on actual usage.

April 3, 1996