

RESOLUTION 03-17980

A RESOLUTION SPECIFYING COST-OF-SERVICE 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 Integrated Utilities Group, Inc. to prepare wastewater rate cost-of-service schedules for the municipal wastewater 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 wastewater system; and

WHEREAS, the *WASTEWATER COST-OF-SERVICE ANALYSES, CITY OF BILLINGS, MONTANA*, dated February 4, 2003, 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 wastewater system facilities for the providing of wastewater service to the inhabitants of the City of Billings, Montana, during the period beginning June 1, 2003, and ending June 30, 2008; 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 wastewater utility and to change wastewater 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 wastewater 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 following schedule of rates, fees, and charges are found to be just, reasonable, and necessary for the continued sound operation of the 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 wastewater utility, effective June 1, 2003, July 1, 2004, July 1, 2005, July 1, 2006, and July 1, 2007.

Schedule I

Customer Class	Monthly Volume Charge				
	Effective Date				
	06/01/03	07/01/04	07/01/05	07/01/06	07/01/07
<i>Dollars per Ccf</i>					

Customer Within the City

Residential	\$1.15	\$1.24	\$1.33	\$1.40	\$1.47
Commercial--Domestic Strength	1.15	1.24	1.33	1.40	1.47
Commercial--High Strength	1.56	1.67	1.79	1.88	1.98

Customer Outside the City

Residential	\$1.26	\$1.36	\$1.46	\$1.54	\$1.62
Commercial--Domestic Strength	1.26	1.36	1.46	1.54	1.62
Commercial--High Strength	1.71	1.84	1.97	2.07	2.18

- Residential & Commercial—Domestic Strength – Customers with a BOD & TSS below 300 mg/l
- Commercial—High Strength – Customers with a BOD or TSS between 300 & 2000 mg/l

For the purpose of computing rates, fees, and charges for premises now or hereafter connected with the municipal wastewater system for sanitary wastewater disposal service, the public utilities department shall use the tables set forth below, which is based on the total consumption of water used monthly. Residences of one, two or three families and public building (government owned buildings) shall be billed on an average monthly water consumption basis, to be computed by taking the total number of cubic feet of water used monthly at the respective premises according to the meter readings of the months of December, January, February and March, and dividing such total by four. The average charge so computed shall be used as the basis for the bill computation, and in each succeeding month to and including the following April.

Schedule IA					
Minimum Monthly Wastewater Charges					
Meter Size	Effective Date				
	06/01/03	07/01/04	07/01/05	07/01/06	07/01/07
Inside City					
3/4-Inch	\$5.00	\$5.23	\$5.47	\$5.67	\$5.88
1-Inch	5.54	5.81	6.09	6.32	6.56
1 1/4-Inch	6.12	6.43	6.76	7.01	7.28
1 1/2-Inch	6.27	6.59	6.92	7.19	7.46

2-Inch	8.28	8.73	9.21	9.57	9.95
3-Inch	23.05	24.50	26.05	27.15	28.30
4-Inch	28.52	30.34	32.29	33.66	35.09
6-Inch	41.28	43.97	46.84	48.85	50.94
8-Inch	55.87	59.55	63.47	66.20	69.06
10-Inch	85.61	91.31	97.39	101.60	106.00

Outside City

3/4-Inch	\$5.50	\$5.75	\$6.02	\$6.24	\$6.46
1-Inch	6.10	6.39	6.70	6.95	7.21
1 1/4-Inch	6.74	7.07	7.43	7.71	8.01
1 1/2-Inch	6.90	7.25	7.62	7.91	8.21
2-Inch	9.11	9.60	10.13	10.53	10.95
3-Inch	25.35	26.95	28.66	29.86	31.13
4-Inch	31.37	33.38	35.52	37.02	38.60
6-Inch	45.41	48.37	51.53	53.73	56.04
8-Inch	61.46	65.51	69.82	72.82	75.96
10-Inch	94.18	100.44	107.12	111.75	116.60

**Schedule II
Extra Strength Surcharges**

Unit Charges	Effective Date				
	06/01/03	07/01/04	07/01/05	07/01/06	07/01/07
BOD (\$/lbs)	\$0.2490	\$0.2650	\$0.2820	\$0.2958	\$0.3102
TSS (\$/lbs)	\$0.2481	\$0.2639	\$0.2809	\$0.2946	\$0.3089

**Schedule III
Special Fees & Charges**

Septage Disposal Fee	Effective Date				
	06/01/03	07/01/04	07/01/05	07/01/06	07/01/07
\$/1,000 Gallons	\$22.37	\$23.80	\$25.33	\$26.56	\$27.86

2. That the City Council has directed that Year 1 of the rate schedules be adopted as indicated in the above referenced tables and that all rate schedules be reviewed in one (1) year, prior to any further implementation.

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 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 May, 2003.

APPROVED:

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK