

RESOLUTION 05-18259

RESOLUTION SPECIFYING 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. (IUG) to prepare wastewater rate schedules for the municipal wastewater utility that would generate adequate funds to operate the utility during Fiscal Years 2006, 2007, and 2008 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 report dated April 2005 titled "Water and Wastewater Rate Analyses" prepared by IUG projects a need for extension, expansion, repair, improvement, and continued operation and maintenance of existing and proposed wastewater system facilities during the period beginning July 1, 2005 and ending June 30, 2008 and recommends adjustment of the wastewater rates to provide for an equitable recovery of wastewater costs; 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 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 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 schedules 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 July 1, 2005, July 1, 2006, and July 1, 2007.

SCHEDULE I

WASTEWATER - MONTHLY VOLUME CHARGE			
Customer Class	Effective Date		
	7/1/05	7/1/06	7/1/07
<i>Dollars per Ccf</i>	<i>(\$)</i>	<i>(\$)</i>	<i>(\$)</i>
Customer Within the City			
Residential	1.20	1.26	1.31
Commercial—Domestic Strength	1.20	1.26	1.31
Commercial—High Strength	1.63	1.71	1.78
Customer Outside the City			
Residential	1.32	1.38	1.45
Commercial—Domestic Strength	1.32	1.38	1.45
Commercial—High Strength	1.79	1.88	1.96

SCHEDULE IA**MINIMUM MONTHLY WASTEWATER CHARGES**

Meter Size	Effective Date		
	<u>7/1/05</u>	<u>7/1/06</u>	<u>7/1/07</u>
	<u>(\$)</u>	<u>(\$)</u>	<u>(\$)</u>
<i>INSIDE CITY</i>			
3/4"	5.23	5.47	5.71
1"	5.79	6.06	6.33
1 1/4"	6.40	6.69	7.00
1 1/2"	6.56	6.85	7.17
2"	8.66	9.05	9.46
3"	24.10	25.20	26.35
4"	29.82	31.18	32.60
6"	43.16	45.13	47.18
8"	58.42	61.08	63.86
10"	89.51	93.59	97.85
<i>OUTSIDE CITY</i>			
3/4"	5.75	6.01	6.29
1"	6.38	6.67	6.97
1 1/4"	7.05	7.37	7.70
1 1/2"	7.21	7.54	7.89
2"	9.53	9.96	10.41
3"	26.50	27.71	28.97
4"	32.80	34.29	35.86
6"	47.48	49.64	51.90
8"	64.26	67.19	70.25
10"	98.47	102.96	107.65

**SCHEDULE II
EXTRA STRENGTH SURCHARGE**

Unit Charges	Effective Date		
	<u>7/1/05</u>	<u>7/1/06</u>	<u>7/1/07</u>
BOD (\$/lb)	\$0.2603	\$0.2722	\$0.2846
TSS (\$/lb)	\$0.2594	\$0.2712	\$0.2836

Modify the first paragraph of Schedule II, Extra Strength Surcharge to read:

"Customers contributing wastewater with strength concentrations in excess of 2000 parts per million (ppm) of BOD or 2000 ppm of total suspended solids are subject to an Extra Strength Surcharge in addition to the regular minimum monthly and volume charges for commercial-domestic strength, computed in accordance with the following formula:"

**SCHEDULE III
SPECIAL FEES & CHARGES**

Septage Disposal Permit Fee	Effective Date		
	<u>7/1/05</u>	<u>7/1/06</u>	<u>7/1/07</u>
\$/1,000 Gallons	\$23.39	\$24.45	\$25.57

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 wastewater rate schedules with the Public Service Commission within ten days after filing of this Resolution by the City Clerk.

ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Billings, Montana on the 25th day of April, 2005.



CITY OF BILLINGS:

Charles F. Tooley,

MAYOR

ATTEST:

Marita Herold
Marita Herold, CMC/AAE CITY CLERK