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City of Whitefish

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PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC HEARING ON RESOLUTION 19-____ TO REVISE WATER AND SEWER SERVICE RATES and POLICIES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Monday September 16, 2019 at 7:10 p.m. at the Whitefish City Hall, 418 E. Second Street, the Whitefish City Council will conduct a public hearing for the purpose of receiving public input regarding changes to the water and sewer rates and policies for the City of Whitefish. Individuals may appear in person or submit written testimony regarding the proposed changes. Written comments may be delivered or mailed to the Whitefish City Clerk, 418 E. 2nd St. PO Box 158, Whitefish, MT 59937, or emailed to mhowke@cityofwhitefish.org.

The City of Whitefish completed a Comprehensive Water and Wastewater Rate Study in 2016. Based on the recommendations of this study, and a recent evaluation conducted to update these findings, the City is proposing to increase water and sewer utility service rates, effective October 1, 2019. The proposed rate increases are necessary to cover the cost of service, and provide for necessary capital improvements.

To address costs attributable to the various sewer user types and service zones, the City's sewer rate schedule distinguishes between three different service classes (SC-1, SC-2, and SC-3), in addition to the dedicated rates associated with providing service to Grinder and STEP users. The City's Water rate schedule distinguishes between three different service areas (Inside, Pressure Zone, and Outside City limits). The proposed rate changes for all of the water and sewer categories are included in this notice. A map depicting the user categories can be found at www.cityofwhitefish.org.

Customers inside city limits with a 3/4" meter, located in service class SC-1, with usage of 6,000 gallons of water and sewer per month will see a rate increase as follows:

- **Monthly domestic water costs will increase 0.4%, or approximately \$0.24, from \$61.32 to \$61.56;**
- **Monthly sewer costs will increase 2.9%, or approximately \$1.91, from \$64.77 to \$66.88.**

Customers with a landscape/irrigation meter with usage of 10,000 gallons per month would see a rate increase as follows:

- **Monthly irrigation water costs will increase 4.3%, or approximately \$2.10, from \$48.80 to \$50.90.**

For frequently asked questions, visit our city website: www.cityofwhitefish.org. For further information, you may contact Rose Elliott at the Finance Department at (406) 863-2462 or at 418 E. 2nd St., between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday.

Publication Dates: 8/29/2019, 9/4/2019, 9/11/2019

Proposed WATER Rate Changes

Effective: 10/1/2019

User Category	Current Rates		Proposed Rates		Proposed % Increase	
	Fixed	Volumetric	Fixed	Volumetric	Fixed	Volumetric
		(Per 1000 Gallons)		(Per 1000 Gallons)		(Per 1000 Gallons)
Inside City						
Inside - 5/8"	\$ 25.70	\$ 3.92	\$ 25.70	\$ 3.96	0.0%	1.0%
Inside Low Income - 5/8"	\$ 6.40	\$ 3.92	\$ 6.40	\$ 3.96	0.0%	1.0%
Inside - 3/4"	\$ 37.80	\$ 3.92	\$ 37.80	\$ 3.96	0.0%	1.0%
Inside Low Income - 3/4"	\$ 9.50	\$ 3.92	\$ 9.50	\$ 3.96	0.0%	1.0%
Inside - 1"	\$ 53.60	\$ 3.92	\$ 53.60	\$ 3.96	0.0%	1.0%
Inside Low Income - 1"	\$ 13.40	\$ 3.92	\$ 13.40	\$ 3.96	0.0%	1.0%
Inside - 1.5"	\$ 159.80	\$ 3.92	\$ 159.80	\$ 3.96	0.0%	1.0%
Inside Low Income - 1.5"	\$ 39.95	\$ 3.92	\$ 40.00	\$ 3.96	0.1%	1.0%
Inside - 2"	\$ 263.90	\$ 3.92	\$ 263.90	\$ 3.96	0.0%	1.0%
Inside - 3"	\$ 325.50	\$ 3.92	\$ 325.50	\$ 3.96	0.0%	1.0%
Inside - 4"	\$ 537.60	\$ 3.92	\$ 537.60	\$ 3.96	0.0%	1.0%
Pressure Zone						
PZ - 5/8"	\$ 32.20	\$ 5.77	\$ 32.20	\$ 5.83	0.0%	1.0%
PZ Low Income - 5/8"	\$ 8.10	\$ 5.77	\$ 8.10	\$ 5.83	0.0%	1.0%
PZ - 3/4"	\$ 48.30	\$ 5.77	\$ 48.30	\$ 5.83	0.0%	1.0%
PZ Low Income 3/4"	\$ 12.10	\$ 5.77	\$ 12.10	\$ 5.83	0.0%	1.0%
PZ - 1"	\$ 69.80	\$ 5.77	\$ 69.80	\$ 5.83	0.0%	1.0%
PZ Low Income - 1"	\$ 17.50	\$ 5.77	\$ 17.50	\$ 5.83	0.0%	1.0%
Outside City						
Outside - 5/8"	\$ 32.90	\$ 5.76	\$ 32.90	\$ 5.82	0.0%	1.0%
Outside Low Income - 5/8"	\$ 8.20	\$ 5.76	\$ 8.20	\$ 5.82	0.0%	1.0%
Outside - 3/4"	\$ 47.60	\$ 5.76	\$ 47.60	\$ 5.82	0.0%	1.0%
Outside Low Income - 3/4"	\$ 11.90	\$ 5.76	\$ 11.90	\$ 5.82	0.0%	1.0%
Outside - 1"	\$ 70.70	\$ 5.76	\$ 70.70	\$ 5.82	0.0%	1.0%
Outside Low Income - 1"	\$ 17.70	\$ 5.76	\$ 17.70	\$ 5.82	0.0%	1.0%
Outside - 1.5"	\$ 185.80	\$ 5.76	\$ 185.80	\$ 5.82	0.0%	1.0%
Outside - 2"	\$ 307.70	\$ 5.76	\$ 307.70	\$ 5.82	0.0%	1.0%
Irrigation						
Inside - 5/8"	\$ 12.80	3.21	\$ 12.80	3.34	0.0%	4.0%
PZ - 5/8"	\$ 18.60	6.13	\$ 18.60	6.38	0.0%	4.1%
Outside - 5/8"	\$ 16.30	5.65	\$ 16.30	5.88	0.0%	4.1%
Inside - 3/4"	\$ 16.70	3.21	\$ 17.50	3.34	4.8%	4.0%
PZ - 3/4"	\$ 24.30	6.13	\$ 25.40	6.38	4.5%	4.1%
Outside - 3/4"	\$ 21.30	5.65	\$ 22.20	5.88	4.2%	4.1%
Inside - 1"	\$ 26.10	3.21	\$ 27.20	3.34	4.2%	4.0%
PZ - 1"	\$ 36.60	6.13	\$ 39.50	6.38	7.9%	4.1%
Outside - 1"	\$ 33.20	5.65	\$ 34.70	5.88	4.5%	4.1%
Inside - 1.5"	\$ 65.10	3.21	\$ 65.10	3.34	0.0%	4.0%
Inside - 2"	\$ 110.10	3.21	\$ 110.10	3.34	0.0%	4.0%
Inside - 4"	\$ 251.60	3.21	\$ 272.20	3.34	8.2%	4.0%

Proposed SEWER Rate Changes

Effective: 10/1/2019

User Category	Current Rates		Proposed Rates		Proposed % Increase	
	Fixed	Volumetric	Fixed	Volumetric	Fixed	Volumetric
		(Per 1000 Gallons)		(Per 1000 Gallons)		(Per 1000 Gallons)
Inside City						
Inside SC-1	\$ 23.13	\$ 6.94	\$ 23.36	\$ 7.22	1.0%	4.0%
Inside Low Income SC-1	\$ 5.78	\$ 6.94	\$ 5.84	\$ 7.22	1.0%	4.0%
Inside SC-2	\$ 40.45	\$ 8.87	\$ 40.85	\$ 9.05	1.0%	2.0%
Inside Low Income SC-2	\$ 10.14	\$ 8.87	\$ 10.24	\$ 9.05	1.0%	2.0%
Inside SC-3	\$ 47.17	\$ 12.00	\$ 47.64	\$ 12.60	1.0%	5.0%
Inside Low Income SC-3	\$ 11.78	\$ 12.00	\$ 11.90	\$ 12.60	1.0%	5.0%
Grinder	\$ 58.95	\$ 16.97	\$ 59.54	\$ 16.97	1.0%	0.0%
Grinder Low Income	\$ 14.74	\$ 16.97	\$ 14.89	\$ 16.97	1.0%	0.0%
Pack Rat (STEP)	\$ 61.26	\$ 21.36	\$ 61.87	\$ 22.21	1.0%	4.0%
Pack Rat (STEP) Low Income	\$ 15.33	\$ 21.36	\$ 15.48	\$ 22.21	1.0%	4.0%
Outside City						
Outside SC-1	\$ 27.02	\$ 10.68	\$ 27.29	\$ 11.11	1.0%	4.0%
Outside SC-2	\$ 45.32	\$ 12.24	\$ 45.77	\$ 12.48	1.0%	2.0%
Outside SC-3	\$ 51.99	\$ 14.28	\$ 52.51	\$ 14.99	1.0%	5.0%
Resthaven	\$ 65.77	\$ 27.54	\$ 66.43	\$ 28.64	1.0%	4.0%
Big Mountain	\$ 79.31	\$ 12.02	\$ 80.10	\$ 12.50	1.0%	4.0%

Inside = Inside City Limits

Outside = Outside City Limits

SC-1: areas in which wastewater is pumped one time to reach the wastewater plant.

SC-2: areas in which wastewater is pumped two times to reach the wastewater plant.

SC-3: areas in which wastewater is pumped a minimum of two times, and sometimes three times (depending upon location) to reach the wastewater plant.

STEP: septic-tank-effluent-pump system

PZ = Pressure Zone

Irrigation Averaging = Max Usage of 12,000 per Month

