

A RESOLUTION SPECIFYING WASTEWATER RATE SCHEDULE ADJUSTMENTS ENACTED PURSUANT TO TITLE 69, CHAPTER 7, MONTANA CODE ANNOTATED.

WHEREAS, a "Report on Wastewater Utility Revenue Requirements for Billings, Montana, 1997", 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 wastewater system facilities for the providing of wastewater service to the inhabitants of the City of Billings, Montana, during the period beginning July 1, 1997, and ending June 30, 2002; 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 wastewater 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 No. 13585, the City of Billings is authorized to regulate the City's municipal wastewater utility and to change wastewater 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 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 revenue requirements and the schedule of rates, and charges proposed in the report prepared by HDR Engineering, Inc. and entitled "*Report on Wastewater Utility Revenue Requirements for Billings, Montana, 1997*", are found to be just, reasonable, and necessary for the continued sound operation of the wastewater utility and that the adjust rates set forth in Alternative No. 3, **Table 5-1** (See Exhibit "A" attached) of the report as well as the revised Minimum Monthly Charge and Inside-City and Outside-City surcharges set forth in **Table 5-2** (See Exhibit "B" attached) of the report are approved and adopted and published as the rates, fees, and charges of the City of Billings, Montana wastewater utility, effective July 1, 1997.
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 (10) days after such are so filed.
3. That the Public Utilities Department is directed to file a copy of the revised wastewater rate schedule with the Public Services Commission within ten (10) days after filing of this Resolution with the City Clerk.

PASSED by the affirmative vote of the City Council of the City of Billings, Montana, on this **24th** day of **March, 1997**.

THE CITY OF BILLINGS:



BY: Charles F. Tooley
Charles F. Tooley, MAYOR

RESOLUTION NO. 97- 17a05

ATTEST:

BY: Marita Herold
Marita Herold, CMC CITY CLERK

_____ Filed in the office of the City Clerk this 24th day of March, 1997.

Marita Herold
CITY CLERK

TABLE 5-1
Wastewater Rate Alternatives

| Year | Current | 1996-97 | 1997-98 | 1998-99 | 1999-2000 | 2000-01 | 2001-02 |
|--------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-----------|---------|---------|
| Domestic customers | 5.95 | 11.70 | 4.37 | 4.37 | 4.37 | 4.37 | 4.37 |
| Domestic customers | 0.79 | 1.02 | 1.02 | 1.02 | 1.02 | 1.02 | 1.02 |
| Domestic customers | 5.95 | 4.37 | 4.37 | 4.37 | 4.37 | 4.37 | 4.37 |
| Domestic customers | 11.70 | 10.12 | 10.12 | 10.12 | 10.12 | 10.12 | 10.12 |
| Domestic customers | 0.79 | 0.95 | 0.95 | 0.95 | 1.07 | 1.07 | 1.07 |
| Domestic customers | 5.95 | 4.37 | 4.37 | 4.37 | 4.37 | 4.37 | 4.37 |
| Domestic customers | 11.70 | 10.12 | 10.12 | 10.12 | 10.12 | 10.12 | 10.12 |
| Domestic customers | 0.79 | 0.94 | 0.94 | 0.98 | 1.02 | 1.06 | 1.10 |

-In Rate Increases in 1997-98 and 1999-2000

Phase-In Rate Increases
Domestic customers
Domestic customers

-In Rate Increases in 1997-98
Domestic customers
Domestic customers

Rate Increase in 1997-98
Domestic customers
Domestic customers