RESOLUTION NO. 18-42

A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Whitefish, Montana, revising water and wastewater service rates and policies.

WHEREAS, § 69-7-101, MCA, grants the governing body of a municipality the power and authority to regulate, establish, and change, as it considers proper, rates, charges, and classifications imposed for utility services to its inhabitants and other persons served by municipal utility systems; and

WHEREAS, § 7-13-4304(4), MCA, requires that the water and sewer rates and charges established by a municipality be as nearly as possible equitable in proportion to the services and benefits rendered; and

WHEREAS, § 7-13-4307, MCA, requires that the rates and charges established by the governing body of a municipality for the services and facilities afforded by its sewer and water system be sufficient in each year to provide income and revenues adequate for the payment of the reasonable expense of operation and maintenance and the expenditures for depreciation and replacement of its system, as determined by the governing body; and

WHEREAS, § 7-13-4308, MCA, allows the governing body of a municipality to change and readjust from time to time its water and sewer rates and charges provided the aggregate of such rates and charges are sufficient to meet the requirements of § 7-13-4307, MCA; and

WHEREAS, the City of Whitefish recently completed a Comprehensive Water and Wastewater Rate Study involving a detailed Cost of Service Analysis (COSA) for each utility; and

WHEREAS, the rate study recommended to increase water and wastewater utility service rates as follows to cover the expense of operation and maintenance, and provide for necessary capital improvements:

Proposed WASTEWATER Rate Changes

Effective: 10/1/2018

User Category	Current Rates		Proposed Rates		Proposed % Increase	
	Fixed	Volumetric (per 1,000 gal)	Fixed	Volumetric (per 1,000 gal)	Fixed	Volumetric (per 1,000 gal)
Inside City						
Inside SC-1	$22.46	$5.55	$23.13	$6.94	2.98%	25.05%
Inside Low Income SC-1	$5.61	$5.55	$5.78	$6.94	3.03%	25.05%
Inside SC-2	$39.27	$7.92	$40.45	$8.87	3.00%	11.99%
Inside Low Income SC-2	$9.84	$7.92	$10.14	$8.87	3.05%	11.99%
Inside SC-3	$45.80	$10.91	$47.17	$12.00	2.99%	9.99%
Inside Low Income SC-3	$11.44	$10.91	$11.78	$12.00	2.97%	9.99%
Grinder	$57.23	$15.71	$58.95	$16.97	3.01%	8.02%
Grinder Low Income	$14.31	$15.71	$14.74	$16.97	3.00%	8.02%
Pack Rat (STEP)	$59.48	$20.15	$61.26	$21.36	2.99%	6.00%
Pack Rat (STEP) Low Income	$14.87	$20.15	$15.33	$21.36	3.09%	6.00%
Outside City						
Outside SC-1	$26.23	$8.54	$27.02	$10.68	3.01%	25.06%
Outside SC-2	$44.00	$10.93	$45.32	$12.24	3.00%	11.99%
Outside SC-3	$49.01	$12.98	$51.99	$14.28	6.08%	10.02%
Resthaven	$63.85	$25.98	$65.77	$27.54	3.01%	6.00%
Big Mountain	$77.00	$10.93	$79.31	$12.02	3.00%	9.97%

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Inside City						
Inside - 5/8"	$25.40	$3.92	$25.70	$3.92	1.18%	0.00%
Inside Low Income - 5/8"	$6.40	$3.92	$6.40	$3.92	0.00%	0.00%
Inside - 3/4"	$37.40	$3.92	$37.80	$3.92	1.07%	0.00%
Inside Low Income - 3/4"	$9.40	$3.92	$9.50	$3.92	1.06%	0.00%
Inside - 1"	$53.10	$3.92	$53.60	$3.92	0.94%	0.00%
Inside Low Income - 1"	$13.30	$3.92	$13.40	$3.92	0.75%	0.00%
Inside - 1.5"	$159.80	$3.92	$159.80	$3.92	0.00%	0.00%
Inside Low Income - 1.5"	$39.95	$3.92	$39.95	$3.92	0.00%	0.00%
Inside - 2"	$263.90	$3.92	$263.90	$3.92	0.00%	0.00%
Inside - 3"	$322.30	$3.92	$325.50	$3.92	0.99%	0.00%
Inside - 4"	$532.30	$3.92	$537.60	$3.92	1.00%	0.00%
Pressure Zone						
PZ - 5/8"	$31.30	$5.49	$32.20	$5.77	2.88%	5.10%
PZ Low Income - 5/8"	$7.80	$5.49	$8.10	$5.77	3.85%	5.10%
PZ - 3/4"	$46.90	$5.49	$48.30	$5.77	2.99%	5.10%
PZ Low Income - 3/4"	$11.70	$5.49	$12.10	$5.77	3.42%	5.10%
PZ - 1"	$67.80	$5.49	$69.80	$5.77	2.95%	5.10%
PZ Low Income - 1"	$17.00	$5.49	$17.50	$5.77	2.94%	5.10%
Outside City						
Outside - 5/8"	$32.60	$5.76	$32.90	$5.76	0.92%	0.00%
Outside Low Income- 5/8"	$8.20	$5.76	$8.20	$5.76	0.00%	0.00%
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Outside - 1"	$70.00	$5.76	$70.70	$5.76	1.00%	0.00%
Outside Low Income- 1"	$17.50	$5.76	$17.70	$5.76	1.14%	0.00%
Outside - 1.5"	$185.80	$5.76	$185.80	$5.76	0.00%	0.00%
Outside - 2"	$307.70	$5.76	$307.70	$5.76	0.00%	0.00%
Irrigation						
Inside - 5/8"	$12.50	$3.03	$12.80	$3.21	2.40%	5.94%
PZ - 5/8"	$18.20	$5.33	$18.60	$6.13	2.20%	15.01%
Outside - 5/8"	$15.96	$5.33	$16.30	$5.65	2.13%	6.00%
Inside - 3/4"	$16.20	$3.03	$16.70	$3.21	3.09%	5.94%
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PZ - 1"	$35.50	$5.33	$36.60	$6.13	3.10%	15.01%
Outside - 1"	$33.20	$5.33	$33.20	$5.65	0.00%	6.00%
Inside - 1.5"	$65.10	$3.03	$65.10	$3.21	0.00%	5.94%
PZ - 1.5"	$65.10	$5.33	$65.10	$6.13	0.00%	15.01%
Inside - 2"	$110.10	$3.03	$110.10	$3.21	0.00%	5.94%
Inside - 4"	$239.60	$3.03	$251.60	$3.21	5.01%	5.94%

; and

WHEREAS, as required by § 69-7-111, MCA, public notice of the City's proposed revisions to water and wastewater service rates and policies was published on September 12, September 19 and September 26, 2018, proper notice was mailed to persons served by the City at least seven (7) days and not more than thirty (30) days prior to the hearing, and the Montana Consumer Counsel was given proper notice of the hearing, and

WHEREAS, at a lawfully noticed public hearing on October 1, 2018, after receiving public comment and reviewing a staff report recommending changes, and having considered the expense of operation and maintenance as well as the need for capital improvements, the City Council reviewed the recommended increases in City water and wastewater rates and found them to be reasonable, necessary, and as nearly as possible equitable in proportion to the services and benefits rendered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Whitefish, Montana, as follows:

Section 1: The rates for City water and wastewater services are amended and established as follows:

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Section 2: Accordingly, the *Rules and Regulations for the City of Whitefish Water, Wastewater, and Garbage Utility* adopted on December 5, 2011, by Resolution No. 11-60 and amended January 22, 2013 (Resolution No. 13-01), May 6, 2013 (Resolution No. 13-05), and October 6, 2014 (Resolution No. 14-47), are hereby amended with the above established rates.

Section 3: This Resolution shall take effect on October 1, 2018.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHITEFISH, MONTANA, ON THIS 1ST DAY OF OCTOBER 2018.

John M. Muhlfeld, Mayor

ATTEST:

Michelle Howke, City Clerk