

RESOLUTION NO. 20-07

A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Whitefish, Montana, revising fees charged for City utility services.

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, the City of Whitefish charges its utility customers certain fees for services; and

WHEREAS, the City has not updated certain fees charged for utility services since 2011; and

WHEREAS, in the process of drafting the updates to the Rules and Regulations for the operation of the City's water, sewer and garbage utilities, City staff reviewed the fees charged for utility services and recommended changes to ensure the fees are reasonable and related to the City's actual, current cost of providing the services, as set forth in Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, as required by § 69-7-111, MCA, public notice of the City's proposed revisions to certain fees for utility services was published on January 29, February 5 and February 12, 2020, and 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

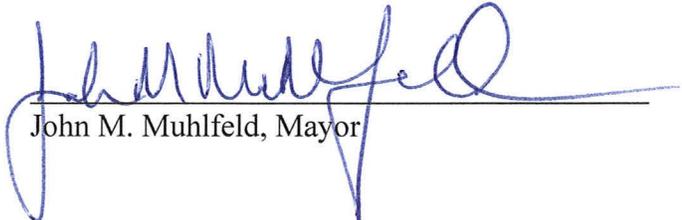
WHEREAS, at a lawfully noticed public hearing on February 18, 2020, after reviewing the written staff report, receiving an oral report, and inviting public comment, the City Council found the proposed fees set forth in Exhibit A to be reasonable and related to the actual, current cost of providing utility services.

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

Section 1: The proposed utility fees set forth in Exhibit A are hereby approved.

Section 2: This Resolution shall take effect on March 1, 2020, but only upon the condition that the City enter into a contract with Republic Services that returns billing for garbage services to the City.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHITEFISH, MONTANA, ON THIS 18TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2020.


John M. Muhlfeld, Mayor

ATTEST:


Michelle Howke, City Clerk

Exhibit A

Utility Fees	Current Rate	New Rate
<i>Delinquent Account Fees:</i>		
1st Late Fee	\$10.00	\$0.00
Door Tag Fee	\$15.00	\$25.00
Turn off Fee for Delinquent Account	\$40.00	\$50.00
<i>Other Fees:</i>		
Deposit for Service	\$150.00	\$0.00
Turn-on or Turn-off Service Fee	\$25.00	\$25.00
Call-out Fee (outside regular business hours)	\$60.00	\$100.00
Flat Rate per Utility	\$100.00	\$125.00
Return Check or ACH Fee	\$25.00	\$25.00
Meter Tampering Fee	Labor and Materials	Labor and Materials
Data Logging Fee	\$0.00	\$10.00
Customer Requested Meter Read	\$0.00	\$10.00
Inspection Fee	\$20.00	\$50.00