

**RESOLUTION NO. 11- 50**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHITEFISH, MONTANA, SPECIFYING WATER AND WASTEWATER SERVICES INFLATIONARY RATE INCREASES BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2011.**

WHEREAS, as established by Resolution Nos. 06-51 and 07-12, on October 1 of every year, the City water and wastewater rates and charges are to be automatically increased, based on the increase, if any, in the U.S. Department of Labor's Water, Sewer and Trash Collection Services Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers for the twelve-month period ending the preceding December 31; and

WHEREAS, during the September 6, 2011 Work Session, the City Council discussed whether to implement the 2011 automatic annual inflationary rate increase of 5.7% for water and wastewater services in order to generate adequate funds to operate the utilities and charge each customer class their fair share of the costs; and

WHEREAS, under Title 69, Chapter 7 of the Montana Code Annotated, and under the terms of City Resolution Nos. 06-51 and 07-21, the City of Whitefish is authorized to regulate the City's municipal water and wastewater rates and charges and to change such rates and charges as may be deemed by the City Council to be reasonable and just; and

WHEREAS, at a lawfully noticed hearing on September 19, 2011, after receiving public comment and reviewing staff reports, and having considered the current economy, the study of the cost of water and wastewater services, and forecasted expenses, the Whitefish City Council determined the municipal water rate increase would be 2%, and the wastewater rate increase would be 5%, rather than the Consumer Price Index inflationary increase rate of 5.7%; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Whitefish has determined that it will be in the best interests of the City of Whitefish, its inhabitants, and all other parties served by the City's water and wastewater services to adjust the rates and charges for water and wastewater services to the lower increases for one year beginning October 1, 2011; and

WHEREAS, beginning October 1, 2012, and continuing thereafter, the City water and wastewater services rates and charges will be automatically increased, based on the increase, if any, in the U.S. Department of Labor's Water, Sewer and Trash Collection Services Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers for the twelve-month period ending the preceding December 31, as provided by Resolution Nos. 06-51 and 07-12.

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

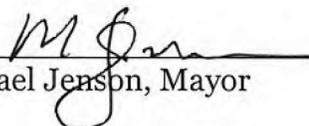
Section 1: Those rates and charges as reflected on Exhibit "A," attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, are hereby adopted and approved by the City Council of the City of Whitefish and shall be implemented for water and wastewater services billed after October 1, 2011.

Section 2: In addition to the rate increase reflected on the attached Exhibit, on October 1 of every year, beginning October 1, 2012, and continuing thereafter indefinitely, the City water and wastewater services rates and charges will be automatically increased, based on the increase, if any, in the U.S. Department of Labor's Water, Sewer and Trash Collection Services Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers for the twelve-month period ending the preceding December 31, all as provided by Resolution Nos. 06-51 and 07-12. The City Council will be notified of the amount of the increase based on the Consumer Price Index.

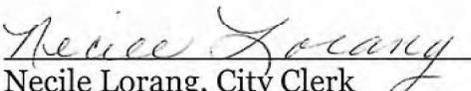
Section 3: This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the City Council, and signing by the Mayor thereof.

Section 4: Once this Resolution becomes final, the City Public Works Department is authorized and directed to implement the adjustments reflected in the attached Exhibit, and the automatic increase described in Section 2 above.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHITEFISH, MONTANA, ON THIS 19th DAY OF September, 2011.

  
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Michael Jenson, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Necile Lorang, City Clerk

## Exhibit "A"

Rate Description	Current		Proposed	
	Base	Usage	Base	Usage
<b>WATER</b>			2%	
<b>Inside City</b>				
IN .625"	\$21.00	\$3.31	\$21.42	\$3.38
IN .625" Low Income/Senior	\$5.25	\$3.31	\$5.36	\$3.38
IN .750"	\$31.00	\$3.31	\$31.62	\$3.38
IN .750" Low Income/Senior	\$7.75	\$3.31	\$7.91	\$3.38
IN 1"	\$44.00	\$3.31	\$44.88	\$3.38
IN 1" Low Income/Senior	\$11.00	\$3.31	\$11.22	\$3.38
IN 1.5"	\$135.00	\$3.31	\$137.70	\$3.38
IN 1.5" Low Income/Senior	\$33.75	\$3.31	\$34.43	\$3.38
IN 2"	\$223.00	\$3.31	\$227.46	\$3.38
IN 3"	\$267.00	\$3.31	\$272.34	\$3.38
IN 4"	\$441.00	\$3.31	\$449.82	\$3.38
<b>Pressurized Zone</b>				
PZI .625"	\$24.00	\$4.21	\$24.48	\$4.29
PZI .625" Low Income/Senior	\$6.00	\$4.21	\$6.12	\$4.29
PZI .750"	\$36.00	\$4.21	\$36.72	\$4.29
PZI .750" Low Income/Senior	\$9.00	\$4.21	\$9.18	\$4.29
PZI 1"	\$52.00	\$4.21	\$53.04	\$4.29
PZI 1" Low Income/Senior	\$13.00	\$4.21	\$13.26	\$4.29
PZI 1.5"	\$145.00	\$4.21	\$147.90	\$4.29
PZI 1.5" Low Income/Senior	\$36.25	\$4.21	\$36.98	\$4.29
<b>Outside City</b>				
OUT .625"	\$27.00	\$4.87	\$27.54	\$4.97
OUT .625" Low Income/Senior	\$6.75	\$4.87	\$6.89	\$4.97
OUT .750"	\$39.00	\$4.87	\$39.78	\$4.97
OUT .750" Low Income/Senior	\$9.75	\$4.87	\$9.95	\$4.97
OUT 1"	\$58.00	\$4.87	\$59.16	\$4.97
OUT 1" Low Income/Senior	\$14.50	\$4.87	\$14.79	\$4.97
OUT 1.5"	\$157.00	\$4.87	\$160.14	\$4.97
OUT 2"	\$260.00	\$4.87	\$265.20	\$4.97
<b>SPRINKLER</b>			2%	
.625" IN	\$9.00	\$2.10	\$9.18	\$2.14
.625" OUT	\$12.00	\$3.70	\$12.24	\$3.77
.625" PZ	\$12.00	\$3.00	\$12.24	\$3.06
.750" IN	\$13.00	\$2.10	\$13.26	\$2.14
.750" OUT	\$17.00	\$3.70	\$17.34	\$3.77
.750" PZ	\$18.00	\$3.00	\$18.36	\$3.06
1" IN	\$22.00	\$2.10	\$22.44	\$2.14
1" OUT	\$28.00	\$3.70	\$28.56	\$3.77
1" PZ	\$30.00	\$3.00	\$30.60	\$3.06
1.5" IN	\$55.00	\$2.10	\$56.10	\$2.14
1.5" OUT	\$71.00	\$3.70	\$72.42	\$3.77
1.5" PZ	\$55.00	\$3.00	\$56.10	\$3.06
2" IN	\$93.00	\$2.10	\$94.86	\$2.14
2" OUT	\$119.00	\$3.70	\$121.38	\$3.77
2" PZ	\$93.00	\$3.00	\$94.86	\$3.06
4" IN	\$187.00	\$2.10	\$190.74	\$2.14
SPRINKLER MAX 12.00		\$2.10	\$0.00	\$2.14

Rate Description	Current		Proposed	
	Base	Usage	Base	Usage
<b>SEWER</b>				5%
<b>Inside City</b>				
SC-1 IN	\$17.20	\$2.88	\$18.06	\$3.02
SC-1 IN Low Income/Senior	\$4.30	\$2.88	\$4.52	\$3.02
LAUNDRY	\$17.20	\$2.88	\$18.06	\$3.02
SC-2 IN	\$30.10	\$5.13	\$31.61	\$5.39
SC-2 IN Low Income/Senior	\$7.53	\$5.13	\$7.91	\$5.39
SC-3 IN	\$35.09	\$7.20	\$36.84	\$7.56
SC-3 IN Low Income/Senior	\$8.77	\$7.20	\$9.21	\$7.56
GRINDERS	\$43.86	\$10.95	\$46.05	\$11.50
GRINDERS Low Inc/Sr	\$10.97	\$10.95	\$11.52	\$11.50
STEP PACK RAT	\$45.58	\$13.54	\$47.86	\$14.22
STEP PKRAT Low Inc/Sr	\$11.40	\$13.54	\$11.97	\$14.22
<b>Outside City</b>				
SC-1 OUT	\$20.10	\$4.44	\$21.11	\$4.66
SC-2 OUT	\$33.72	\$7.08	\$35.41	\$7.43
SC-3 OUT	\$38.68	\$8.56	\$40.61	\$8.99
STEP REST HAVEN	\$48.93	\$17.46	\$51.38	\$18.33
BIG MOUNTAIN	\$59.00	\$7.08	\$61.95	\$7.43

*Service Class (SC) is determined by the number of lift stations used*