RESOLUTION NO. 15-43

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHITEFISH, MONTANA, SPECIFYING WATER AND WASTEWATER SERVICES INFLATIONARY RATE INCREASES BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2015.

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, after a lawfully noticed public hearing was on October 7, 2013, City Resolution No. 13-29 was passed restating the requirement that City water and wastewater rates shall be automatically increased each year based on the increase, if any, in the Consumer Price Index; 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, during the September 21, 2015 Regular Meeting, the City Council discussed whether to implement the 2015 automatic annual inflationary rate increase of 4.6% 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, after reviewing staff reports, and having considered the current economy, cash balances, and forecasted expenses, the Whitefish City Council determined the municipal water rate increase would be 1.3%, and the wastewater rate increase would be 2.3%, rather than the Consumer Price Index inflationary increase rate of 4.6%; 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, 2015; and

WHEREAS, beginning October 1, 2016, 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: Based on the public hearing held on October 7, 2013, 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, 2015.

Section 2: In addition to the rate increase reflected on the attached Exhibit, on October 1 of every year, beginning October 1, 2016, 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 5TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2015.

John M. Muhlfeld, Mayor

ATTEST:

Necile Lorang, City Clerk

Water & Sewer Rates

(Effective 10/1/2015)

WATER	Proposed		Current	
Rate Code Description	Base	Usage	Base	Usage
Inside City				
IN .625"	$24.85	$3.92	$24.53	$3.87
IN .625" Low Income/Senior	$6.21	$3.92	$6.13	$3.87
IN .750"	$36.68	$3.92	$36.21	$3.87
IN .750" Low Income/Senior	$9.17	$3.92	$9.05	$3.87
IN 1"	$52.06	$3.92	$51.39	$3.87
IN 1" Low Income/Senior	$13.02	$3.92	$12.85	$3.87
IN 1.5"	$159.74	$3.92	$157.69	$3.87
IN 1.5" Low Income/Senior	$39.94	$3.92	$39.43	$3.87
IN 2"	$263.88	$3.92	$260.49	$3.87
IN 3"	$315.93	$3.92	$311.88	$3.87
IN 4"	$521.83	$3.92	$515.13	$3.87
Pressurized Zone				
PZI .625"	$28.39	$4.98	$28.03	$4.92
PZI .625" Low Income/Senior	$7.10	$4.98	$7.01	$4.92
PZI .750"	$42.60	$4.98	$42.05	$4.92
PZI .750" Low Income/Senior	$10.66	$4.98	$10.52	$4.92
PZI 1"	$61.53	$4.98	$60.74	$4.92
PZI 1" Low Income/Senior	$15.39	$4.98	$15.19	$4.92
PZI 1.5"	$171.57	$4.98	$169.37	$4.92
PZI 1.5" Low Income/Senior	$42.89	$4.98	$42.34	$4.92
Outside City				
OUT .625"	$31.95	$5.76	$31.54	$5.69
OUT .625" Low Income/Senior	$7.99	$5.76	$7.89	$5.69
OUT .750"	$46.15	$5.76	$45.56	$5.69
OUT .750" Low Income/Senior	$11.53	$5.76	$11.38	$5.69
OUT 1"	$68.63	$5.76	$67.75	$5.69
OUT 1" Low Income/Senior	$17.15	$5.76	$16.93	$5.69
OUT 1.5"	$185.77	$5.76	$183.39	$5.69
OUT 2"	$307.65	$5.76	$303.70	$5.69
Sprinkler				
.625" IN	$10.66	$2.48	$10.52	$2.45
.625" OUT	$14.20	$4.38	$14.02	$4.32
.625" PZ	$14.20	$3.56	$14.02	$3.51
.750" IN	$15.39	$2.48	$15.19	$2.45
.750" OUT	$20.12	$4.38	$19.86	$4.32
.750" PZ	$21.29	$3.56	$21.02	$3.51
1" IN	$26.03	$2.48	$25.70	$2.45
1" OUT	$33.13	$4.38	$32.70	$4.32
1" PZ	$35.50	$3.56	$35.04	$3.51
1.5" IN	$65.08	$2.48	$64.24	$2.45
1.5" OUT	$84.01	$4.38	$82.93	$4.32
1.5" PZ	$65.08	$3.56	$64.24	$3.51
2" IN	$110.04	$2.48	$108.63	$2.45
2" OUT	$140.82	$4.38	$139.01	$4.32
2" PZ	$110.04	$3.56	$108.63	$3.51
4" IN	$221.27	$2.48	$218.43	$2.45
SPRINKLER MAX (12,000 gallons per month)		$2.48		$2.45

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(Effective 10/1/2015)

SEWER

Rate Code Description	Proposed Base	Proposed Usage	Current Base	Current Usage
Inside City				
SC-1 IN	$20.96	$3.52	$20.69	$3.47
SC-1 IN Low Income/Senior	$5.24	$3.52	$5.17	$3.47
LAUNDRY	$20.96	$3.52	$20.69	$3.47
SC-2 IN	$36.66	$6.25	$36.19	$6.17
SC-2 IN Low Income/Senior	$9.18	$6.25	$9.06	$6.17
SC-3 IN	$42.75	$8.77	$42.20	$8.66
SC-3 IN Low Income/Senior	$10.69	$8.77	$10.55	$8.66
GRINDERS	$53.42	$13.34	$52.73	$13.17
GRINDERS Low Inc/Sr	$13.36	$13.34	$13.19	$13.17
STEP PACK RAT	$55.52	$16.49	$54.81	$16.28
STEP PKRAT Low Inc/Sr	$13.89	$16.49	$13.71	$16.28
Outside City				
SC-1 OUT	$24.48	$5.41	$24.17	$5.34
SC-2 OUT	$41.08	$8.62	$40.55	$8.51
SC-3 OUT	$47.11	$10.43	$46.51	$10.30
STEP REST HAVEN	$59.59	$21.26	$58.83	$20.99
BIG MOUNTAIN	$71.87	$8.62	$70.95	$8.51

Service Class (SC) is determined by number of lift stations and/or complexity of system.