

CERTIFICATE AS TO RESOLUTION AND ADOPTING VOTE

I, the undersigned, being the duly qualified and acting recording officer of the City of Hardin, Montana (the "City"), hereby certify that the attached resolution is a true copy of Resolution No. 2402 entitled: "RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HARDIN, MONTANA INCREASING RATES FOR THE USERS OF THE SEWER SYSTEM" (the "Resolution"), on file in the original records of the City in my legal custody; that the Resolution was duly adopted by the City Council of the City at a meeting on May 6, 2025; that the meeting was duly held by the City Council and was attended throughout by a quorum, pursuant to call and notice of such meeting given as required by law; and that the Resolution has not as of the date hereof been amended or repealed.

I further certify that, upon vote being taken on the Resolution at said meeting, the following Council Members voted in favor thereof: Clayton Greer, Jeremy Krebs, Rock Massine, Chris Sharpe, Antonio Espinoza; voted against the same: Steve Hopes; abstained from voting thereon: NONE; or were absent: NONE.

WITNESS my hand officially this 6th day of May, 2025.

Andrew Lehn
Finance Officer/City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 2402

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HARDIN, MONTANA
INCREASING RATES FOR THE USERS OF THE SEWER
SYSTEM

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the City of Hardin, Montana (the "City"), operates a municipal sewer system (the "System"); and

WHEREAS, the City has determined it is in the best interest of the City to undertake various improvements to the System, including major additions and upgrades to the City's sewer treatment system and related improvements and costs (the "Wastewater Treatment Plant Project"); and

WHEREAS, the City presently has sewer system revenue bonds outstanding and will need to issue additional series of sewer system revenue bonds to finance the completion of the Wastewater Treatment Plant Project; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the City to collect sufficient revenues to pay the costs associated with the operation and maintenance of the System, to pay and provide for the sewer system revenue bonds, and to establish appropriate reserves; and

WHEREAS, the City has determined that the current rates of the System do not produce sufficient revenues; and

WHEREAS, under Section 69-7-101, M.C.A., the City has 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 the System. Rates, charges, and classifications must be reasonable and just; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 69-7-111, M.C.A., the City Council shall order a public hearing prior to the passage or enactment of an ordinance or resolution imposing, establishing, changing or increasing rates, fees, or charges for services or facilities; and

WHEREAS, a notice of public hearing was mailed to all customers of the System, notifying them that pursuant to Resolution No. 2398, adopted by the City Council of the City on April 1, 2025, it was the intention of the City to increase rates for users of the System, and notice of public hearing was published as required by Section 69-7-111, Montana Code Annotated. A public hearing was held on May 6, 2025, commencing at 6:30 p.m. at Hardin City Hall, 406 N. Cheyenne, in Hardin, Montana, for the purpose of hearing comments from the public on the sewer rate increase; and

WHEREAS, all persons appearing were given an opportunity to speak at the public hearing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council (the "Council") of the City as follows:

Section 1. Current Rates.

1.1. Residential Rate. The City charges residential users of the System a flat rate of \$44.67 per month per connection (the "Residential Rate").

1.2. Commercial Charge.

(a) The City charges commercial users of the System a base rate of \$44.67 per month per connection (the "Commercial Base Rate"), which includes the use of 7,200 gallons of water per month.

(b) In addition, the City charges commercial users of the System a monthly usage fee of \$3.8544 per 1,000 gallons of water or portion thereof used per connection per month over the 7,200 gallons included in the Commercial Base Rate (the "Commercial Usage Fee").

(c) The monthly commercial charge (the "Commercial Charge") is equal to the Commercial Base Rate plus the Commercial Usage Fee.

Section 2. New Rates.

2.1 New Residential Rate. Effective as of the June 2025 billing, the Residential Rate will be \$83.00 per month per connection.

2.2. New Commercial Rate.

(a) Effective as of the June 2025 billing, the Commercial Rate will be \$83.00 per month per connection.

(b) The Commercial Usage Fee will be \$6.00 per 1,000 gallons of water or portion thereof used per connection per month over the 7,200 gallons included in the Commercial Base Rate.

(c) The Commercial Charge is equal to the Commercial Base Rate plus the Commercial Usage Fee.

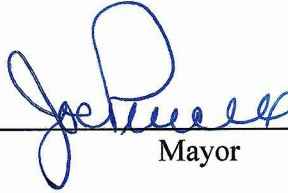
Section 3. Determination of Annual Budget for System. Each year the City Council shall determine the amount of money needed to pay the costs of the System including but not limited to: (a) the payment of the reasonable expense of operation and maintenance of the System; (b) administration of the System; (c) the payment of principal and interest on any bonded or other indebtedness of the System; and (d) the establishment or maintenance of any required reserves, including reserves needed for expenditures for depreciation and replacement of facilities, as may be determined necessary from time to time by the City Council or as covenanted in the ordinance or resolution authorizing any outstanding bonds of the System.

Based on the annual needs of the System, the City Council will establish monthly charges for the use and availability of the System.

Section 4. Future Rate Adjustments. Subsequent adjustments to the sewer rates will be made by resolution of the Council duly adopted as provided by law.


Section 5. Effective Date of Resolution. This resolution shall be immediately filed with the Finance Officer/City Clerk and shall become effective 10 days after filing with the Finance Officer/City Clerk.

Passed and approved this 6th day of May, 2025.



Mayor

ATTEST:



Finance Officer/City Clerk

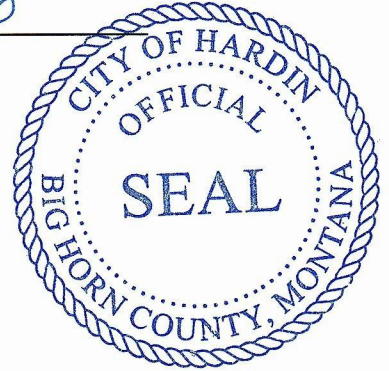


Exhibit 1

**CITY OF HARDIN
Water and Sewer Systems 2024-2025**

Service Type	Rate Code Description	Proposed Monthly Rate	Rate Over minimum	Minimum amount
SEWER	RESIDENTIAL	83.00	0.0000	
SEWER	COMMERCIAL	83.00	6.0000	7200 gallons
SEWER	SUMP PUMP	12.00		
WATER	3/4" METER	22.00	2.7500	3000 gallons
WATER	1.0" METER	36.31	2.7500	3000 gallons
WATER	1 1/2 " METER	44.31	2.7500	3000 gallons
WATER	2" METER	62.96	2.7500	3000 gallons
WATER	3" METER	90.66	2.7500	3000 gallons
WATER	4" METER	94.76	2.7500	3000 gallons
WATER	6" METER	112.72	2.7500	3000 gallons
WATER	H1 (Hydrants)	0.80	-	each
WATER	Bulk Water - price per 1000 gallons	10.00		

Late fee 10.00 for Water and Sewer
 Penalty 1.5% for Water and Sewer
 Reconnect fee ALL accounts \$50.00

Water and Sewer Systems 2023-2024

Service Type	Rate Code Description	Current Monthly Rate	Rate Over minimum	Minimum amount
SEWER	RESIDENTIAL	44.67	0.0000	
SEWER	COMMERCIAL	44.67	3.8544	7200 gallons
SEWER	SUMP PUMP	6.80		
WATER	3/4" METER	20.33	2.6932	3000 gallons
WATER	1.0" METER	33.55	2.6932	3000 gallons
WATER	1 1/2 " METER	40.95	2.6932	3000 gallons
WATER	2" METER	58.18	2.6932	3000 gallons
WATER	3" METER	83.78	2.6932	3000 gallons
WATER	4" METER	87.57	2.6932	3000 gallons
WATER	6" METER	104.16	2.6932	3000 gallons
WATER	H1 (Hydrants)	0.80	-	each
WATER	Bulk Water - price per 1000 gallons	8.00		

Late fee 10.00 for Water and Sewer
 Penalty 1.5% for Water and Sewer
 Reconnect fee ALL accounts \$50.00