

RESOLUTION NO. 2403

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HARDIN, MONTANA TO INCREASE RATES AND CHARGES FOR THE USERS OF THE WATER SYSTEM

WHEREAS, the City of Hardin, Montana (the "City") water system (the "System") is in need of additional revenue to cover expenses of operating;

WHEREAS, it is necessary to increase the rates and charges for the services provided by the System in order to collect sufficient revenues to pay the necessary expenses incurred in the operation and maintenance of the System;

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on May 6, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at the City Council Chambers, 401 Cheyenne Avenue, Hardin, Montana, for the purpose of hearing comments from the public on the rate increase regarding the System; and

WHEREAS, all persons appearing were given an opportunity to speak at the public hearing and based on comments received at the May 6, 2025 public hearing the City proposes to increase the water rates as shown in Section 2 below.

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

1. Existing Monthly Rate Charge. The City currently imposes a monthly rate charge on all connections to the System (the "Monthly Rate Charge"). The costs of the System covered by the Monthly Rate Charge are the amount necessary to pay the costs of operating and maintaining the Systems, to pay principal of and interest on any outstanding debt of the System, if any, and to establish and maintain any reserves. The current Monthly Rate Charge for the Systems is as shown on Exhibit 1 attached hereto and incorporated by reference as if fully set forth in this Resolution.

2. Fixing of Water System Base Rate Charge. Effective as of the June 2025 billings cycle, the Monthly Rate Charge for the System shall be raised to the amounts set forth in Exhibit 1 attached hereto and incorporated by reference as if fully set forth in this Resolution.

3. Late Fees and Penalties. Late Fees and penalties collected shall be distributed to the Water Fund.

4. Reconnect Fees. Any time a service needs to be reconnected, there will be a \$50.00 fee.

5. The Council further resolves that the employees of the City shall have the authority to make any actions necessary to effectively execute this resolution, for the resolution to have full effect, and in accordance with state and local laws

This resolution shall be immediately filed with the City Clerk and shall become effective upon the date in Section 2, above.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Hardin, Montana, and APPROVED this 6th day of May, 2025.

YEA VOTES 5

NAY VOTES 1

CITY OF HARDIN

BY: [Signature]
Mayor

ATTEST: [Signature]
City Clerk



