

## **Public Hearing to Establish Utility Rates**



**PUBLIC NOTICE  
PUBLIC HEARING ON RESOLUTION 10012  
TO ESTABLISH WATER, SEWER, AND STORM DRAIN  
UTILITY SERVICE RATES**

The City of Great Falls is proposing to raise water and sewer utility service rates, effective May 1, 2013. The increases are necessary to meet bonded debt coverage, to keep up with inflation, to cover the cost of service, and provide for necessary capital improvements.

Residential customers typically have a 1" meter and use 1,250 cubic feet of water per month with a winter average of 650 cubic feet per month on sewer with a lot size of 7,500 square feet. A typical residential customer would see rate increases as follows:

- A water bill will increase 5% or approximately \$1.36, from \$27.23 to \$28.59 per month;
- A sewer bill will increase 10% or approximately \$2.08, from \$20.82 to \$22.90 per month; and
- A storm drain bill will not increase, remaining at \$4.27.

These monthly bills include base service charges of \$5.93 for water, \$2.27 for fire hydrant, \$7.93 for sewer, and \$1.32 for storm drain.

The metered water rates will increase:

From \$1.03 to \$1.08 per hundred cubic feet for the first 300 cubic feet per month, and from \$1.72 to \$1.81 per hundred cubic feet for all water over 300 cubic feet per month.

The sewer rates will increase:

From \$1.55 to \$1.70 per hundred cubic feet for the first 300 cubic feet per month, and from \$2.56 to \$2.82 per hundred cubic feet for anything over 300 cubic feet per month.

The storm drain rates will not increase.

Commercial customers will see rate increases of 5% for all water services and 10% for sanitary sewer services.

The public hearing will be held on April 16, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Civic Center Commission Chambers, 2 Park Drive. Please mail any comments to City Clerk, City of Great Falls, PO Box 5021, Great Falls, MT 59403

For further information, contact a Utilities Customer Service Representative at 727-7660


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