

**CITY OF GREAT FALLS, MONTANA  
AGENDA REPORT**

**AGENDA # 1  
DATE: March 18, 2003**

**ITEM** Public Hearing and Action on Resolution 9287 for Water, Sewer, and Storm Drain Rate and Fee Changes

**INITIATED BY** Fiscal Services

**ACTION REQUESTED** Conduct Public Hearing and Adopt Resolution 9287

**PRESENTED BY** Martha Cappis, Operations Supervisor

**REVIEW & APPROVED BY** Coleen Balzarini, City Controller

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**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Staff recommends the City Commission hold a public hearing and adopt Resolution 9287, establishing new Water, Sewer, and Storm Drain rates and fees effective ten days after final adoption.

**MOTIONS:**

I move the Commission adopt Resolution No. 9287

**SYNOPSIS:**

City of Great Falls staff has determined the need for increases in the rates charged for water, sewer, and storm drain. These increases are necessary to meet existing bond covenants, provide funding for necessary capital improvements, and to maintain the level of service currently provided to the citizens of our city.

**BACKGROUND:**

On, February 18, 2003, staff made a presentation to the Commission demonstrating the need for the rate increases, as well as the effect on the public, should the increases be adopted. The proposed increases are expected to increase revenues as follows: 2.0% in water, 8.1% in sewer, and 10% in storm drain.

The public has been notified of the March 18, 2003 public hearing and the proposed rates through three legal ads in the Great Falls Tribune and inserts sent in utility bills during the month of March. The public hearing provides a vehicle through which the public can express their views and concerns to the commission. Should the commission decide to adopt the resolution, the new rates would take effect ten days after such approval.