

RESOLUTION NO. 165

A RESOLUTION OF INTENTION OF THE TOWN OF PLEVNA, MONTANA, TO INCREASE THE RATES FOR USERS OF THE MUNICIPAL WATER, WASTEWATER, AND GARBAGE SYSTEMS

WHEREAS, it is necessary to increase the rates and charges for the services provided by the Systems in order to collect sufficient revenues to pay costs associated with the operation, maintenance, and improvements to the Systems; and

WHEREAS, to be eligible for key State of Montana infrastructure grant programs, a target rate must be met and Plevna’s current target rate is \$93.44; and

WHEREAS, under Section 69-7-101, Montana Code Annotated, the Town 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 municipal utility systems. Rates, charges, and classifications must be reasonable and just.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Council (the “Council”) of the Town of Plevna as follows:

Section 1: Intent to Increase Utility Deposit, Water, Sewer, and Garbage Charges. It is the intent of the Town of Plevna to implement rate increases for users of the Systems effective November 1, 2019; effective November 1, 2020; and effective November 1, 2021, as set forth herein.

Section 2: Water Rate Increase. Effective as of November 1, 2019, the base rate per Equivalent Dwelling Unit (EDU) for residential and non-residential water service will be increased as follows:

On November 1, 2019, the base EDU rate will increase from \$25.00 to \$35.00 and will still include the first 1,000 gallons of usage. Additional usage above 1,000 gallons will remain at \$4.50/1,000 gallons.

Effective as of November 1, 2020, the rate per EDU for residential and non-residential water service will be increased from \$35.00 to \$45.00 and will still include the first 1,000 gallons of usage. Additional usage above 1,000 gallons will remain at \$4.50/1,000 gallons.

Effective as of November 1, 2021, the rate per EDU for residential and non-residential water service will be increased from \$45.00 to \$55.00 and will still include the first 1,000 gallons of usage. Additional usage above 1,000 gallons will remain at \$4.50/1,000 gallons.

Section 3: Chart of Water Rate Increases.

WATER

<u>Current Base</u>	<u>November 2019</u>	<u>November 2020</u>	<u>November 2021</u>
\$25.00	\$35.00	\$45.00	\$55.00

Section 4: Sewer Rate Increase. Effective November 1, 2019, the base rate per Equivalent Dwelling Unit (EDU) for residential and non-residential sewer service will be increased as follows:

On November 1, 2019, the base EDU rate will increase from \$20.00 to \$25.00 and will still include the first 1,000 gallons of usage. Additional usage above 1,000 gallons will remain at \$2.50/1,000 gallons.

Effective as of November 1, 2020, the rate per EDU will increase from \$25.00 to \$30.00 and will still include the first 1,000 gallons of usage. Additional usage above 1,000 gallons will remain at \$2.50/1,000 gallons.

Effective as of November 1, 2021, the rate per EDU will increase from \$30.00 to \$35.00 and will still include the first 1,000 gallons of usage. Additional usage above 1,000 gallons will remain at \$2.50/1,000 gallons.

Section 5: Chart of Sewer Rate Increases.

SEWER

<u>Current Base</u>	<u>November 2019</u>	<u>November 2020</u>	<u>November 2021</u>
\$20.00	\$25.00	\$30.00	\$35.00

Section 6: Garbage Rate Increase: Effective as of November 1, 2019, the rates per Equivalent Dwelling Unit (EDU) for residential and non-residential garbage service will be increased as follows:

On November 1, 2019, the EDU rate will increase from \$12.50 to \$15.00 for Residential Garbage. The rate per Camper/RV in a designated RV Park will be \$25.00. The rates for Business Garbage will be as follows: Tier 1 will be \$30.00, Tier 2 will be \$60.00, Tier 3 will be \$90.00. The rate will increase from \$150 to \$300 for Rural Garbage.

Effective November 1, 2020, the EDU rate will increase from \$15.00 to \$17.50 for Residential Garbage. The rate per Camper/RV in a designated RV Park will be \$30.00. The rates for Business Garbage will be as follows: Tier 1 will be \$35.00, Tier 2 will be \$65.00, Tier 3 will be \$95.00. The rate will increase from \$300 to \$360 for Rural Garbage.

Effective November 1, 2021, the EDU rate will increase from \$17.50 to \$20.00 for Residential Garbage. The rate per Camper/RV in a designated RV Park will be \$35.00. The rates for Business Garbage will be as follows: Tier 1 will be \$40.00, Tier 2 will be \$70.00, Tier 3 will be \$100.00. The rate will increase from \$360 to \$420 for Rural Garbage.

Section 7: Chart of Garbage Rate Increases.

GARBAGE

Residential:	<u>Current Rate</u>	<u>November 2019</u>	<u>November 2020</u>	<u>November 2021</u>
	\$12.50	\$15.00	\$17.50	\$20.00

Camper/RV:	<u>Current Rate</u>	<u>November 2019</u>	<u>November 2020</u>	<u>November 2021</u>
	---	\$25.00	\$30.00	\$35.00

Business:	<u>Current Rate</u>	<u>November 2019</u>	<u>November 2020</u>	<u>November 2021</u>
Tier 1	\$31.25	\$30.00	\$35.00	\$40.00
Tier 2	--	\$60.00	\$65.00	\$70.00
Tier 3	---	\$90.00	\$95.00	\$100.00

Rural:	<u>Current Rate/Year</u>	<u>November 2019</u>	<u>November 2020</u>	<u>November 2021</u>
	\$150/yr.	\$300/yr.	\$360/yr.	\$420/yr.

Section 8: User Utility Deposit Rate Increase. Effective as of November 1, 2019, the rate per Equivalent Dwelling Unit (EDU) will be increased from \$20.00 to \$60.00.

Section 9: Public Hearing. A Public hearing on the rate increases will be held on October 15, 2019, commencing at 7:00 p.m. at the Plevna Community Center, 211 North Main Street in Plevna, MT.


Section 10: Notice. The Town Clerk/Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to publish, or cause to be published, a copy of Notice of Public Hearing in the Fallon County Times, a newspaper of general circulation in the Town, and to mail or cause to be mailed a copy of said notice to all persons served by the utility as least 7 days and not more than 30 days prior to the public hearing. The mailed notice must contain an estimate of the amount the customer's average bill will increase. The Town Clerk/Treasurer is also authorized and directed to mail first class, postage prepaid, notice of all hearings to the Montana Consumer Counsel.

Passed and Approved this 20th day of September 2019.



William E. Benner, Mayor

ATTEST:



Krista Nemitz, Clerk/Treasurer