

RESOLUTION NO. 183

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

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 Water, Sewer, and Garbage Charges. It is the intent of the Town of Plevna to implement rate increases for users of the Systems effective September 1, 2022.

Section 2: Water Rate Increase. Effective as of September 1, 2022, the base rate per Equivalent Dwelling Unit (EDU) for residential and non-residential water service will be increased as follows:

On September 1, 2022, the base EDU rate will increase from \$35.00 to \$47.25. 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: Sewer Rate Increase. Effective September 1, 2022, the base rate per Equivalent Dwelling Unit (EDU) for residential and non-residential sewer service will be increased as follows:

On September 1, 2022, the base EDU rate will increase from \$25.00 to \$45.00 and will be a flat rate.

Section 4: Garbage Rate Increase: Effective as of September 1, 2022, the rates per Equivalent Dwelling Unit (EDU) for residential and non-residential garbage service will be increased as follows:

On September 1, 2022, the EDU rate will increase from \$20.00 to \$25.00 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 \$37.50, Tier 2 will be \$75.00, Tier 3 will be \$118.75. The rate will increase from \$240 to \$300 for Rural Garbage.

Section 5: Public Hearing: A Public Hearing on the rate increase was held August 29, 2022 at the Plevna Community Center, 211 North Main St in Plevna, MT at 7:00 p.m

Section 6: Notice. The Town Clerk/Treasurer published a copy of Notice of Public Hearing in the Fallon County Times, a newspaper of general circulation in the Town, and 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.

Passed and Approved this 12th day of September 2022.



Gary Thielen, Mayor

ATTEST:



Jolene Boespflug, Clerk/Treasurer