

RESOLUTION NO. 2450

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 September 1, 2026 at 5:45 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 aforementioned 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 October 2026 billing 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 1st day of September, 2026.

YEA VOTES 5

NAY VOTES 0

CITY OF HARDIN

BY: Riley C. Ramsey
Mayor

ATTEST: Andrew Leh
City Clerk



CITY OF HARDIN
Water and Sewer Systems 2026-2027

Service Type	Rate Code Description	Proposed Monthly Rate	First Rate Over Minimum	Second Rate over Minimum	Third Rate over Minimum	Minimum amount
SEWER	RESIDENTIAL	83.00	0.0000			
SEWER	COMMERCIAL	83.00	6.0000	6.0000		7200 gallons
SEWER	SUMP PUMP	12.00				
			3000-8000	8000-25000	25000+	
WATER	3/4" METER	23.00	3.0000	3.5000	3.7500	3000 gallons
WATER	1.0" METER	38.41	3.0000	3.5000	3.7500	3000 gallons
WATER	1 1/2 " METER	55.59	3.0000	3.5000	3.7500	3000 gallons
WATER	2" METER	78.98	3.0000	3.5000	3.7500	3000 gallons
WATER	3" METER	113.74	3.0000	3.5000	3.7500	3000 gallons
WATER	4" METER	118.89	3.0000	3.5000	3.7500	3000 gallons
WATER	6" METER	141.40	3.0000	3.5000	3.7500	3000 gallons
WATER	H1 (Hydrants)	1.00	-			each
WATER	Bulk Water - price per 1000 gallons	10.00				

Water and Sewer Systems 2025-2026

Service Type	Rate Code Description	Current Monthly Rate	Rate Over minimum	Minimum amount
SEWER	RESIDENTIAL	83.00	0.0000	
SEWER	COMMERCIAL	83.00	6.0000	7200 gallons
SEWER	SUMP PUMP	12.00		
WATER	3/4" METER	22.00	2.7500	3000 gallons
WATER	1.0" METER	36.31	2.7500	3000 gallons
WATER	1 1/2 " METER	44.31	2.7500	3000 gallons
WATER	2" METER	62.96	2.7500	3000 gallons
WATER	3" METER	90.66	2.7500	3000 gallons
WATER	4" METER	94.76	2.7500	3000 gallons
WATER	6" METER	112.72	2.7500	3000 gallons
WATER	H1 (Hydrants)	0.80	-	each
WATER	Bulk Water - price per 1000 gallons	10.00		

Late fee 10.00 for Water and Sewer
Penalty 1.5% for Water and Sewer
Reconnect fee ALL accounts \$50.00

