

NOTICE OF RATE INCREASE AND PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on April 11, 2022, the Town Council (the “Council”) of the Town of Culbertson, Montana (the “Town”), adopted a Resolution of Intention of the Town of Culbertson, Montana to Increase Rates for the Users of the Water Systems.

The Town has determined that it is necessary to increase the rates of its municipal water system (the “System”) to collect sufficient revenues to pay costs associated with the operation and maintenance of the System, and establish appropriate reserves.

The Town currently charges users of the System a monthly rate and charge for water service based on an equivalent dwelling unit (“EDU”) methodology. The Council charges users of the System a monthly flat rate of \$28.00 per EDU (the “Base Rate Charge”), as follows:

<u>Diameter</u>	<u>Cost per EDU</u>	<u>Multiplier</u>	<u>Base Rate Charge</u>
³ / ₄ ” & 1”	\$28.00	1.00	\$ 28.00
1 ¹ / ₂ ”	\$28.00	4.00	112.00
2”	\$28.00	7.14	199.92
3”	\$28.00	16.00	448.00
4”	\$28.00	28.57	799.96

In addition to the Base Rate, the Town also charges users of the System with water a usage charge of \$2.14 per 1,000 gallons of water used per month (the “Usage Charge”)

All users are charged the sum of the Base Rate Charge plus the Usage Charge (such sum, the “Monthly Charge”).

Effective as of the with the June 2022 billing water billing, the Town proposes to increase the Base Rate Charge from \$28.00 to \$31.00 per EDU as follows:

<u>Diameter</u>	<u>Cost per EDU</u>	<u>Multiplier</u>	<u>Base Rate Charge</u>
³ / ₄ ” & 1”	\$31.00	1.00	\$ 31.00
1 ¹ / ₂ ”	\$31.00	4.00	124.00
2”	\$31.00	7.14	221.34
3”	\$31.00	16.00	496.00
4”	\$31.00	28.57	885.67

The Town proposes to increase the Usage Charge from \$2.14 per 1,000 gallons to \$2.71 per 1,000 gallons of water or portion thereof used per user per month.

Commencing with the June 2022 billing, the Town proposes to charge all users connected to the System the sum of the proposed Base Rate Charge plus the Usage Charge.

The Debt Service charge to inactive EDU’s will remain at \$2.76 per EDU per month based on the meter size.

For a customer with a water meter and a 1” service connection using 4,000 gallons of water per month, the proposed Monthly Charge ($\$31.00 + \$10.84 = \$41.84$) represents an increase of approximately 14.44% over the current Monthly Charge ($\$28.00 + \$8.58 = \$36.56$)

A public hearing on the rate increases for the System will be held on May 9, 2022, commencing at 6:30 p.m., in the Townhall located at 210 Broadway Avenue in Culbertson, Montana.

Further information about the proposed rate increase may be obtained by contacting Tiffani Jasper, Town Clerk/Treasurer, at Townhall, 210 Broadway Avenue, Culbertson, MT or by telephone at (406) 787-5271.

Done by Order of the Council of the Town of Culbertson, Montana this 11th day of April , 2022.

/s/ Tiffani Jasper
Town Clerk/Treasurer

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