

RESOLUTION NO. 166

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF PLEVNA, MONTANA, TO ADOPT AN INCREASE IN 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.

WHEREAS, the Town Council has considered, among other factors, the public’s comments, the necessity of obtaining grant and loan funding, and has determined that the Town must amend its fee schedule.

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

Section 1: Increase Utility Deposit, Water, Sewer, and Garbage Charges. The Town of Plevna will implement rate increases for users of the Systems effective January 13, 2020, as set forth herein.

Section 2: Water Rate Increase. Effective as of January 13, 2020, the base rate per Equivalent Dwelling Unit (EDU) for residential and non-residential water service will be increased as follows: On January 13, 2020, 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.

Section 3: Chart of Water Rate Increases.

WATER

<u>Current Base</u>	<u>January 2020</u>
\$25.00	\$35.00

Section 4: Sewer Rate Increase. Effective January 13, 2020, the base rate per Equivalent Dwelling Unit (EDU) for residential and non-residential sewer service will be increased as follows: On January 13, 2020, 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.

Section 5: Chart of Sewer Rate Increases.

SEWER

<u>Current Base</u>	<u>January 2020</u>
\$20.00	\$25.00

Section 6: Garbage Rate Increase: Effective as of January 13, 2020, the rates per Equivalent Dwelling Unit (EDU) for residential and non-residential garbage service will be increased as follows:

On January 13, 2020, the EDU rate will increase from \$12.50 to \$20.00 for Residential Garbage. The rate will increase from \$150 to \$240 for Rural Garbage. 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 \$95.00. Furthermore, a Tier 1 Business will deposit garbage 1-2 times per week, a Tier 2 Business will deposit garbage 2-3 times per week, and a Tier 3 Business will deposit garbage 3+ times per week.

Section 7: Chart of Garbage Rate Increases.

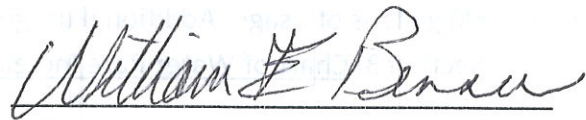
GARBAGE

<u>Residential:</u>	<u>Current Rate</u>	<u>January 2020</u>
	\$12.50	\$20.00
<u>Business:</u>	<u>Current Rate</u>	<u>January 2020</u>
Tier 1	\$31.25	\$30.00
Tier 2	---	\$60.00
Tier 3	---	\$95.00
<u>Rural:</u>	<u>Current Rate/Year</u>	<u>January 2020</u>
	\$150/yr.	\$240/yr.

Section 8: User Utility Deposit Rate Increase. Effective as of January 13, 2020, the rate per Equivalent Dwelling Unit (EDU) will be increased from \$20.00 to \$60.00.

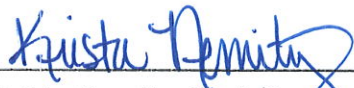
NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Town of Plevna, State of Montana, that the water, sewer, garbage, and utility deposit rate fee schedules, as stated above, are hereby approved and adopted by the Town of Plevna.

Passed and Approved this 13th day of January 2020.



William E. Benner, Mayor

ATTEST:



Krista Nemitz, Clerk/Treasurer