

RESOLUTION NO.193

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.

WHEREAS, under Section 75-6-326, Montana Code Annotated, A public hearing is not required for a cumulative rate increase of less than or equal to 5% within a 12-month period if the board provides notification of the increase to persons within the district on whom the rate will be imposed at least 10 days prior to the passage or enactment of the ordinance or resolution implementing the increase.

WHEREAS, Notice of utility increase was sent to all active account holders of September 16, 2024.

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 October 1, 2024.

Section 2: Water Rate Increase. Effective as of October 1, 2024, the base rate per Equivalent Dwelling Unit (EDU) for residential and non-residential water service will be increased as follows:

On October 1, 2024, the base EDU rate will increase from \$47.25 to \$49.61. and will still include the first 1,000 gallons of usage. Additional usage above 1,000 gallons will increase \$4.72/1,000 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 October 1, 2024 the base EDU rate will increase from \$45.00 to \$47.25 and will be a flat rate.

Section 4: Garbage Rate Increase: Effective as of October 1, 2024, the rates per Equivalent Dwelling Unit (EDU) for residential and non-residential garbage service will be increased as follows:

On October 1, 2024 the EDU rate will increase from \$25.00 to \$26.25 for Residential Garbage. The rate per Camper/RV in a designated RV Park will be \$26.25. The rates for Business Garbage will be as

follows: Tier 1 will be \$39.37, Tier 2 will be \$78.75, Tier 3 will be \$124.68. The rate will increase from \$300.00 to \$315.00 for Rural Garbage. The rate will increase from \$12.50 to \$13.12 per pick-up load.

Passed and Approved this 7th day of October, 2024.



Gary Thielen, Mayor

ATTEST:



Ashley Martin, Clerk/Treasurer