

City OF MILLS

RESOLUTION 2022-9

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING AN INCREASE IN WATER, SEWER AND SANITATION RATES FOR THE NEXT TWON YEARS TO MEET THE FISCAL OBLIGATIONS OF THIS ENTERPRISE.

WHEREAS, Ordinance 603 of the City of Mills authorizes the City Council to establish water rates of the City by Resolution adopted by the City Council, and:

WHEREAS, Ordinance 604 of the City of Mills authorizes the City Council to establish sewer and sanitation rates of the City by Resolution adopted by the City Council, and:

WHEREAS, the governing body of the City of Mills, Wyoming has considered the results of a water feasibility study and additional expenses necessary for infrastructure repair and determined the water, sewer and sanitation rates should be increased , and:

WHEREAS, the City Of Mills has reviewed the actual costs of the labor, equipment and operation of Public water, sewer and sanitation system, and:

WHEREAS, the City of Mills is responding to the request of users over several years to bill such services monthly and not quarterly, and:

WHEREAS, the City of Mills has had the radio read meter system operational for most of the last year, and:

WHEREAS, the City of Mills will require a small increase for water services, 11% for sewer and 8% Sanitation services above the current rates to meet the fiscal obligations of the City, and :

WHEREAS, the City of Mills will require an administration fee to cover cost associated with the monthly billing, and:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MILLS to set the rates for water, sewer and sanitation as stated in the chart on this resolution and adopt the policy changes in said Resolution, effective March 1st, 2022.

- **Rates For New Service:**

Service initiation Fee: To excluded same owner and same address for shut off request: \$20.00

Basic Commercial Deposit: \$100.00

Basic Residential Deposit: \$100.00

- **Reconnection Fees:**

(Service terminated for non-payment)

Meter Sent for Turn Off: \$20.00

Meter Locked or Removed: \$100.00

- **Administration Fee (Monthly):**

Residential: \$4.00

Commercial: \$6.00

The City of Mills will raise sewer rates by 11% to begin 2022 and by 11% again to start 2023.

- **Residential Sewer:**

- Flat Rate

- Current: \$20.07 monthly (per unit)
- Starting March 1, 2022: \$22.28 monthly (per unit)
- Starting January 1, 2023: \$24.73 monthly (per unit)

- **Out of City Residential Sewer:**

- Flat Rate

- Current: \$30.11 monthly (per unit)
- Starting March 1, 2022: \$33.42 monthly (per unit)
- Starting January 1, 2023: \$37.10 monthly (per unit)

- **Commercial Sewer:**

- Minimum Charge

- Current: \$26.62 per month
- Starting March 1, 2022: \$29.55 per month
- Starting January 1, 2023: \$32.80 per month

- Volume Rate (Over 3000 gal.)

- Current: \$2.16 per thousand gallons
- Starting March 1, 2022: \$2.40 per thousand gallons
- Starting January 1, 2023: \$2.66 per thousand gallons

- **Out of City Commercial Sewer:**

◦ Minimum Charge

- Current: \$39.93 per month
- Starting March 1, 2022: \$44.32 per month
- Starting January 1, 2023: \$49.20 per month

◦ Volume Rate (Over 3000 gal.)

- Current: \$3.24 per thousand gallons
- Starting March 1, 2022: \$3.60 per thousand gallons
- Starting January 1, 2023: \$4.00 per thousand gallons

• **Residential & Commercial Water:**

◦ Minimum Charge

- Current: \$8.98 per month
- Starting March 1, 2022: \$9.00 per month
- Starting January 1, 2023: \$9.45 per month

◦ Volume Rate (Over 1500 gal.)

- Current: \$3.00 per thousand gallons
- Starting March 1, 2022: \$3.75 per thousand gallons
- Starting January 1, 2023: \$4.00 per thousand gallons

• **Out of City Residential & Commercial Water:**

◦ Minimum Charge

- Current: \$13.47 per month
- Starting March 1, 2022: \$13.5 per month
- Starting January 1, 2023: \$14.18 per month

◦ Volume Rate (Over 1500 gal.)

- Current: \$4.50 per thousand gallons
- Starting March 1, 2022: \$5.63 per thousand gallons
- Starting January 1, 2023: \$6.00 per thousand gallons

• **Monthly Residential Trash Collection Fee:**

◦ Flat Rate

- Current: \$18.19 monthly (per unit)
- Starting March 1, 2022: \$22.00 monthly (per unit)
- Starting January 1, 2023: \$23.50 monthly (per unit)

Description	Rate
Additional 96 Gallon Toter - Monthly (per unit charge) Effective March 1, 2022	\$10.00
Additional 96 Gallon Toter - Monthly (per unit charge) Effective January 1, 2023	\$12.00
Additional Requested Pickup Service per 96 gallon Toter	\$15.00
Special Permit Service (Door to Truck to Door Service) – Monthly Fee	\$5.00
Habitual Late Set Out Penalty Fee – per incident	\$15.00
Extremely Dense or Heavy Waste per 96 gallon Toter	Double Fee

• **Monthly Commercial Trash Collection Fee: 8%**

The following are monthly rates for sanitation

# of pickups	95 gal.	300 gal.	2 yard	3 yard	4 yard
1	\$22.00	\$60.72	\$60.72	\$83.34	\$107.38
2			\$121.44	\$166.70	\$214.76
3			\$182.16	\$250.02	\$322.14
4			\$242.88	\$333.36	\$429.52
5			\$303.60	\$416.70	\$536.90

*If commercial customer does not own container, a 10% increase is applied to the rate.

Multiple-Dwelling Units

- The monthly water/sewer usage charge for a multiple-dwelling unit that is separately metered shall be calculated by applying the rates established for single-family residences.
- The monthly water usage charge for a multiple-dwelling unit complex that is master metered shall be calculated by dividing the total water/sewer usage by the total number of dwelling units and applying the rates established for single-family residences. The monthly water usage charge for such multiple-dwelling unit complex shall be determined by multiplying the charge per dwelling unit by the total number of dwelling units. The number of dwelling units for mobile home and travel trailer parks shall be determined by calculating the number of available spaces.

Combination Residential and Commercial / Industrial Users

- Combination residential and commercial / industrial users whose primary activity is not commercial / industrial related will be classified as multiple-dwelling units and will be charged using the multiple-dwelling unit formula at 100% of the minimum single-family residence monthly usage and rate.
- Combination residential and commercial / industrial users whose primary activity is commercial / industrial in nature are charged the appropriate commercial-industrial rates.

Separate metered fire line

- All customers with a *separate fire line and meter* installed, will be billed a minimum monthly charge of \$7.50 unless there is consumption, and then the appropriate metered rate class charges (commercial) will apply above the minimum.

Construction Water Usage

- Upon receipt of service the City will provide a hydrant meter for the purposes of measuring the construction water usage. Usage will be billed at the rate of \$35.00 per month minimum for the first 2,000 gallons, and \$5.00 per 1,000 gallons thereafter. The user will be responsible for lost or broken equipment.

Bulk Water Usage

- The taking of bulk water is allowed only from a designated hydrant during normal business hours, unless an application for after-hours delivery is filed by the customer and approved. Bulk water customers will be responsible for paying overtime charges incurred at \$20/hr. with a minimum charge of one hour, if applicable, in addition to the rate of \$35.00 for the first 2,000 gallons, and \$5.00 per 1,000 gallons thereafter.

Outside Town Limits Users

- All users of City water service outside City limits will be charged 1 ½ times the amount of the applicable minimum charge and 1 ½ times the amount of all applicable charges for water used above the minimum charge.

Sewer Users Not Receiving Town Water

- Single-family residences will be charged for sewer using the applicable rates regardless of how many gallons actually may be used.
- Multiple-dwelling units will be charged for sewer using the applicable rates per unit, regardless of how many gallons actually may be use, or, at the option of the owner, based on metered water supply.
- Commercial / industrial users and combination residential and commercial / industrial users are charged on a per-home equivalent.

Garbage Collection

Rollout Carts for Household Waste

- Carts should be at the curb before 7:00 a.m., with the front of the cart facing the street, and 3 feet of distance between the carts themselves and any other objects such as mailboxes, vehicles, fences, etc. to facilitate automated pickup.
- **Missed Collection:** If your garbage was not picked up on your regular collection day due to the driver missing it or you forgot to set it out, please call the Mills City Hall within two business days to remedy the issue. If you forget to put your trash out the fee will be on a case by case basis and set by resolution.
- **Severe Weather:** When collection is delayed by severe weather, Mills will make every effort to pick up your garbage before your next collection day. This means evening and/or weekend collection may become necessary so please make sure to leave your garbage at the curb to give us every opportunity to empty your cart. If your garbage is not able to be picked up, we will collect double the volume on your next regularly scheduled collection day at no additional charge.

Questions?

Contact Mills City Hall at (307) 234-6679 for assistance.

Cart Assistance

If you, or someone you know, is physically unable to move their carts to the curb for pickup, you may be eligible for the City's cart assistance program. To participate in the program, there cannot be anyone at the location physically capable of moving the cart. Interested individuals should *contact City Hall*, at (307) 234-6679 for more information, and to register for assistance.

Cart Repair

Broken carts must be reported so they can be placed on a list for servicing! To request your broken garbage be repaired, please *contact City Hall*, at (307) 234-6679 who will then schedule the carts for service.

Reminder: All bills are due the 30th of each month. Any utility bill not paid in full by the 15th of the following month, will be assessed \$20.00 for late / or reconnect fee to your account, unless a payment arrangement is made with the City. If the fee is assessed the account balance must be paid in full before water is restored. Payment arrangements must be made prior to the 15th of the following month. Payments must be received no later than 4:30 PM for same day turn on. If received after 4:30 PM turn on will be the next business day.

*If commercial customer does not own container, a 10% increase will be applied to the base rate.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED on this _____ day of _____, 2022.

Seth Coleman, Mayor

Sara McCarthy, Council

Darla R. Ives, Council

James Hollander, Council

Bradley Neumiller, Council

ATTESTED:

Christine Trumbull, City Clerk