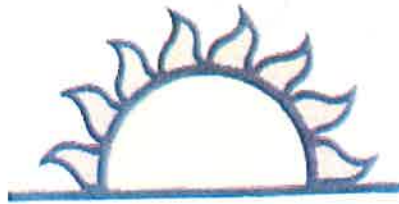


# City of Sidney

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November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Dear City of Sidney Resident,

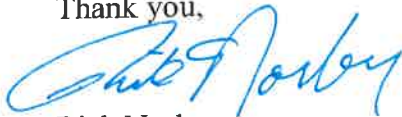
Please find enclosed notices pertaining to the proposed water and wastewater rate increases and public hearing. You are invited to an informational meeting scheduled for Thursday, November 29, 2018, from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm at the Richland County Extension Office, 1499 N Central Avenue. The informational meeting is not required by law and it precedes the public hearing to be held on December 3, 2018, which public hearing is required by law.

The City is holding the informational meeting to share information with you regarding the water and sewer rate increases and to provide you the opportunity to ask questions or pose concerns regarding the proposed water and sewer rates to our outside engineers from Interstate Engineering, City Staff, and City Elected Officials. No presentation or formal City determination will be made at the informational meeting.

You are also invited to attend the public hearing on the water and sewer rate increases, which is scheduled to commence at 6:30 pm on Monday, December 3, 2018, at the City Hall Council Chambers, 115 2<sup>nd</sup> Street SE. Following the close of that public hearing, the City Council expects to take formal action regarding the proposed rate increases.

If you have any questions and/or cannot make it to these meetings please feel free to contact City Hall.

Thank you,



Rick Norby  
Mayor



## NOTICE OF WATER RATE INCREASE AND PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on November 5, 2018, the City Council of the City of Sidney, Montana (the "City"), adopted a Resolution of Intention of the City of Sidney, Montana to Increase Rates for the Users of the Municipal Water System.

The City currently charges users of the Water System a monthly base rate charge and a monthly usage charge for the use or availability of water on all connections to the Water System (the "Monthly Water Rate Charge") as follows:

### RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL – WATER RATES

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>EDU Multiplier</u>	<u>Gallons (included in base rate)</u>	<u>Base Rate</u>	<u>Usage Charge</u>
3/4"	1	3,000	\$18.00	\$1.80/1,000 gallons over base
1"	1.79	5,370	\$32.22	\$1.80/1,000 gallons over base
1 1/2"	4	12,000	\$72.00	\$1.80/1,000 gallons over base
2"	7.14	21,420	\$128.52	\$1.80/1,000 gallons over base
3"	16	48,000	\$288.00	\$1.80/1,000 gallons over base
4"	28.57	85,710	\$514.26	\$1.80/1,000 gallons over base

In addition, the City charges users of the Water System in North Meadow the same base rates and usage charges as shown above per user per month, plus a repayment fee of \$13.70 per user per month. For a user with a 3/4" meter size, the monthly base rate, which includes the repayment fee of \$13.70 per month, is \$31.70 (the "North Meadow Water Rate").

[The City also charges a bulk water fee of \$1.00 per 100 gallons of water.]

Effective for the January 2019 usage, the City proposes that the water bill reflects an increase to the Monthly Water Rate Charge as shown below:

### PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL – WATER RATES

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>EDU Multiplier</u>	<u>Gallons (included in base rate)</u>	<u>Proposed Base Rate</u>	<u>Proposed Usage Charge</u>
3/4"	1	3,000	\$21.98	\$3.63/1,000 gallons over base
1"	1.79	5,370	\$39.34	\$3.63/1,000 gallons over base
1 1/2"	4	12,000	\$87.92	\$3.63/1,000 gallons over base
2"	7.14	21,420	\$156.94	\$3.63/1,000 gallons over base
3"	16	48,000	\$351.68	\$3.63/1,000 gallons over base
4"	28.57	85,710	\$627.97	\$3.63/1,000 gallons over base

In addition, the City proposes to increase simultaneously the North Meadow Water Rate by using the same rates and charges as shown above plus a \$13.70 per EDU per month repayment fee. For a North Meadow user with a 3/4" meter size, the monthly base rate would be \$35.68. In addition, the usage charge is proposed to be increased to \$3.63 per 1,000 gallons of water used over the gallons of water used per month in the applicable Base Rate.

The City also proposes to increase the bulk water fee by \$.21/100 gallons of water.

For a standard residential or commercial user with a 3/4"-meter using 4,000 gallons of water per month, the proposed Monthly Water Rate Charge represents an increase of approximately 29% over the current Monthly Water Rate Charge. For a user in North Meadow using 4,000 gallons of water per month, the proposed North Meadow Water Rate represents an increase of approximately 17% over the current North Meadow Water Rate.

The Council also proposes to implement an annual increase to the then-current standard Water Base Rate and the then-current North Meadow Water Rate and to add thereto a capital expenses charge over each of the next four fiscal years (beginning in fiscal year June 30, 2020). The Usage Charge would remain unchanged.

PROPOSED ANNUAL WATER RATE INCREASES  
FOR FISCAL YEARS 2020, 2021, 2022, AND 2023

	2020	2021	2022	2023
Base Rate per EDU	\$ 21.98	\$ 25.49	\$ 27.57	\$ 29.82
Capital Expenses per EDU	\$ 3.51	\$ 2.08	\$ 2.25	\$ 6.60
Total	\$ 25.49	\$ 27.57	\$ 29.82	\$ 36.42

Meter Size	EDU				
3/4"	1	\$ 25.49	\$ 27.57	\$ 29.82	\$ 36.42
1"	1.79	\$ 45.63	\$ 49.35	\$ 53.38	\$ 65.19
1 1/2"	4	\$ 101.96	\$ 110.28	\$ 119.28	\$ 145.68
2	7.14	\$ 182.00	\$ 196.86	\$ 212.92	\$ 260.04
3	16	\$ 407.85	\$ 441.13	\$ 477.14	\$ 582.72
4	28.57	\$ 728.26	\$ 787.70	\$ 851.99	\$ 1,040.52

PROPOSED ANNUAL NORTH MEADOW WATER RATE INCREASES  
FOR FISCAL YEARS 2020, 2021, 2022, AND 2023

	2020	2021	2022	2023
Base Rate per EDU	\$ 35.68	\$ 39.19	\$ 41.27	\$ 43.52
Capital Expenses per EDU	\$ 3.51	\$ 2.08	\$ 2.25	\$ 6.60
Total	\$ 39.19	\$ 41.27	\$ 43.52	\$ 50.12

Meter Size	EDU				
3/4"	1	\$ 39.19	\$ 41.27	\$ 43.52	\$ 50.12
1"	1.79	\$ 70.15	\$ 73.87	\$ 77.90	\$ 89.71
1 1/2"	4	\$ 156.76	\$ 165.08	\$ 174.08	\$ 200.48
2	7.14	\$ 279.82	\$ 294.67	\$ 310.74	\$ 357.86
3	16	\$ 627.05	\$ 660.33	\$ 696.34	\$ 801.92
4	28.57	\$ 1,119.67	\$ 1,179.11	\$ 1,243.40	\$ 1,431.93

On December 3, 2018, commencing at 6:30 p.m., at the City Hall located at 115 2<sup>nd</sup> Street SE, in Sidney, Montana, the Council will conduct a public hearing and pass upon all protests against the proposed water rate increase.

Further information about the proposed rate increase may be obtained by contacting Greg Anderson, City Utilities Manager of the City of Sidney, at (406) 433-2809.

Done by Order of the City Council of the City of Sidney, Montana, this 5th day of November, 2018.

/s/ Jessica Redfield  
City Clerk-Treasurer

Publish: November 14, November 21, and November 28, 2018  
Mail: November 14, 2018

**NOTICE OF WASTEWATER RATE INCREASE OR ADJUSTMENT AND PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on November 5, 2018, the City Council of the City of Sidney, Montana (the "City"), adopted a Resolution of Intention of the City of Sidney, Montana to Increase or Adjust Rates for the Users of the Municipal Wastewater System.

The City currently charges users of the Wastewater System a monthly base rate charge and a monthly usage charge on all connections to the Wastewater System (the "Monthly Wastewater Rate Charge") is as follows:

**RESIDENTIAL – WASTEWATER RATES**

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>EDU Multiplier</u>	<u>Gallons (included in base rate)</u>	<u>Base Rate</u>	<u>Usage Charge</u>
5/8" -3/4"	1	3,000	\$36.50	27 cents/100 gallons over base
1"	1.79	5,370	\$65.34	27 cents/100 gallons over base
1 1/2"	4	12,000	\$146.00	27 cents/100 gallons over base
2"	7.14	21,420	\$260.61	27 cents/100 gallons over base
3"	16	48,000	\$584.00	27 cents/100 gallons over base
4"	28.57	85,710	\$1,042.81	27 cents/100 gallons over base

**COMMERCIAL – WASTEWATER RATES**

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>EDU Multiplier</u>	<u>Gallons (included in base rate)</u>	<u>Base Rate</u>	<u>Usage Charge</u>
5/8" -3/4"	1	3,000	\$39.50	30 cents/100 gallons over base
1"	1.79	5,370	\$116.95	30 cents/100 gallons over base
1 1/2"	4	12,000	\$261.34	30 cents/100 gallons over base
2"	7.14	21,420	\$466.49	30 cents/100 gallons over base
3"	16	48,000	\$1,045.36	30 cents/100 gallons over base
4"	28.57	85,710	\$1,128.52	30 cents/100 gallons over base

Effective for the January 2019 usage, the City proposes that the sewer bill reflects an increase or adjustment to the Monthly Wastewater Rate Charge as shown below:

**PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL – WASTEWATER RATES**

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>EDU Multiplier</u>	<u>Gallons (included in base rate)</u>	<u>Proposed Base Rate</u>	<u>Usage Charge</u>
5/8" -3/4"	1	3,000	\$44.22	27 cents/100 gallons over base
1"	1.79	5,370	\$79.15	27 cents/100 gallons over base
1 1/2"	4	12,000	\$176.88	27 cents/100 gallons over base
2"	7.14	21,420	\$315.73	27 cents/100 gallons over base
3"	16	48,000	\$707.52	27 cents/100 gallons over base
4"	28.57	85,710	\$1,263.37	27 cents/100 gallons over base

**PROPOSED COMMERCIAL – WASTEWATER RATES**

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>EDU Multiplier</u>	<u>Gallons (included in base rate)</u>	<u>Proposed Base Rate</u>	<u>Usage Charge</u>
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5/8" -3/4"	1	3,000	\$47.22	30 cents/100 gallons over base
1"	1.79	5,370	\$84.52	30 cents/100 gallons over base
1 1/2"	4	12,000	\$188.88	30 cents/100 gallons over base
2"	7.14	21,420	\$337.15	30 cents/100 gallons over base
3"	16	48,000	\$755.52	30 cents/100 gallons over base
4"	28.57	85,710	\$1,349.08	30 cents/100 gallons over base

For a standard residential or commercial user with a 5/8" or 3/4" meter, the Proposed Base Rate would increase \$7.72 per EDU, which represents an increase of approximately 21% over the current residential Monthly Base Rate and approximately 19% over the current commercial Monthly Base Rate.

On December 3, 2018, commencing at 6:30 p.m., at the City Hall located at 115 2<sup>nd</sup> Street SE, in Sidney, Montana, the Council will conduct a public hearing and pass upon all protests against the proposed water rate increase.

Further information about the proposed rate increase may be obtained by contacting Greg Anderson, City Utilities Manager of the City of Sidney, at (406) 433-2809.

Done by Order of the City Council of the City of Sidney, Montana, this 5th day of November, 2018.

/s/ Jessica Redfield  
City Clerk-Treasurer

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## Water Rates as of January 2019

### Residential and Commercial Rates:

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>EDU Multiplier</u>	<u>Gallons (included in Base Rate)</u>	<u>Base Rate</u>	<u>Usage Charge</u>
3/4"	1	3,000	\$21.98	\$0.363/100 gallons over base
1"	1.79	5,370	\$39.34	\$0.363/100 gallons over base
1 1/2"	4	12,000	\$87.92	\$0.363/100 gallons over base
2"	7.14	21,420	\$156.94	\$0.363/100 gallons over base
3"	16	48,000	\$351.68	\$0.363/100 gallons over base
4"	28.57	85,710	\$627.97	\$0.363/100 gallons over base
Bulk Water				\$1.21/100 gallons

North Meadow is charged an additional \$13.70 per EDU per month repayment fee.

## Future Approved Water Rate Increases

	2020	2021	2022	2023
Base Rate per EDU	\$21.98	\$25.49	\$27.57	\$29.82
Capital Expenses per EDU	\$3.51	\$2.08	\$2.25	\$6.60
New 3/4" Base Rate	\$25.49	\$27.57	\$29.82	\$36.42

## Sewer Rates as of January 2019

### Residential Rates:

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>EDU Multiplier</u>	<u>Gallons (included in Base Rate)</u>	<u>Base Rate</u>	<u>Usage Charge</u>
3/4"	1	3,000	\$44.22	\$0.27/100 gallons over base
1"	1.79	5,370	\$79.15	\$0.27/100 gallons over base
1 1/2"	4	12,000	\$176.88	\$0.27/100 gallons over base
2"	7.14	21,420	\$315.73	\$0.27/100 gallons over base
3"	16	48,000	\$707.52	\$0.27/100 gallons over base
4"	28.57	85,710	\$1,263.37	\$0.27/100 gallons over base

### Commercial Rates:

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>EDU Multiplier</u>	<u>Gallons (included in Base Rate)</u>	<u>Base Rate</u>	<u>Usage Charge</u>
3/4"	1	3,000	\$47.22	\$0.30/100 gallons over base
1"	1.79	5,370	\$84.52	\$0.30/100 gallons over base
1 1/2"	4	12,000	\$188.88	\$0.30/100 gallons over base
2"	7.14	21,420	\$337.15	\$0.30/100 gallons over base
3"	16	48,000	\$755.52	\$0.30/100 gallons over base
4"	28.57	85,710	\$1,349.08	\$0.30/100 gallons over base

