

RESOLUTION NO. 134

RESOLUTION TO AMEND APPENDIX "A" IN ORDINANCE 2025-01 TO MATCH BOARD APPROVED INCREASES FOR WATER RATES FOR BIGFORK COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the District hired Raftelis Financial Consultants, Inc. and held a public hearing on May 29th to provide a detailed rate study and 5 year financial plan to ensure that an adequate level of income from water rates are maintained to finance daily operations, fund needed maintenance and improvement projects, meet debt coverage requirements, fund reserves, and ensure rates are fair and aligned with the District's goals and community values and passed by the board and made effective July 1st, 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the District (the "Board") as follows:

1. Reason for Adopted Water Rate Increase. Revenue from rates need to be sufficient to cover operating expenses, repair and replace capital, debt service coverages, and supplement growth-related capital when necessary. Current rates are not sufficient to cover annual expenses. Therefore, revenue adjustments are required to generate sufficient revenue to cover annual expenses and to build reserves over the 5-year financial plan. Equal annual revenue adjustments of 7% from FY 2026 to FY 2030 are needed to meet these requirements.
2. Amend Appendix A Monthly Base Water Rates and Charges. The District amends monthly base water rates listed in Appendix "A" of Ordinance 2025-01 as follows:

FY 2027 BASE WATER RATES		
Meter Size	Allowance (Gallons)	\$/ Per Month
¾"	0	\$34.12
1"	0	\$85.58
1 ½"	0	\$171.33
2"	0	\$274.32
3"	0	\$553.45
4"	0	\$857.70
6"	0	\$1,715.63

3. Amend Appendix "A" Water Volume Charges. The District amends monthly water volume rates and charges listed in Appendix A of Ordinance 2025-01 as follows:

FY 2027 VOLUME WATER RATES		
Meter Size	Threshold (Gallons)	\$/ Per Thousand Gallons
¾"	5,000	\$1.34
¾"	15,000	\$1.68
¾"	35,000	\$2.52
¾"	>35,000	\$3.77
1"	15,000	\$1.34
1"	60,000	\$1.68
1"	170,000	\$2.52
1"	>170,000	\$3.77
1.5"	25,000	\$1.34
1.5"	75,000	\$1.68
1.5"	200,000	\$2.52
1.5"	>200,000	\$3.77
2"	40,000	\$1.34
2"	90,000	\$1.68
2"	240,000	\$2.52
2"	>240,000	\$3.77
3"	50,000	\$1.34
3"	100,000	\$1.68
3"	250,000	\$2.52
3"	>250,000	\$3.77
4"	80,000	\$1.34
4"	175,000	\$1.68
4"	440,000	\$2.52
4"	>440,000	\$3.77

4. Effective Date. The above-referenced adopted rates will go into effect July 1st, 2026. These rate increases are scheduled for yearly review and hearings FY 2026 through FY 2030, according to Section 7-13-2301, per MCA the board will review the rates and charges annually.
5. Public Hearing. A public hearing on adopting the above-mentioned rate increases was held on May 29th, 2026, at 1:00pm in Bigfork, MT at 108 Harbor Heights Blvd and approved by the board to be effective July 1st, 2026.
6. Contact. Tyler Hantz, District Manager, may be contacted for more information about the rates or the hearing at (406) 837-4566.

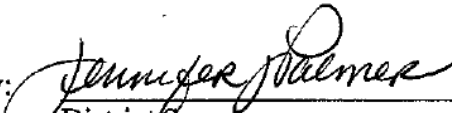
Passed and approved by the Board of Directors this 10th day of June 2026.

ATTEST:

BIGFORK COUNTY WATER AND SEWER
DISTRICT



President

By: 

District Secretary

RESOLUTION NO. 135

RESOLUTION TO AMEND APPENDIX "A" IN ORDINANCE 2025-02 TO MATCH BOARD APPROVED INCREASES FOR SEWER RATES FOR BIGFORK COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the District hired Raftelis Financial Consultants, Inc. and held a public hearing on May 29th, 2026 to provide a detailed rate study and 5 year financial plan to ensure that an adequate level of income from sewer rates are maintained to finance daily operations, fund needed maintenance and improvement projects, meet debt coverage requirements, fund reserves, and ensure rates are fair and aligned with the District's goals and community values and passed by the board and made effective July 1st, 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the District (the "Board") as follows:

1. Reason for Adopted Sewer Rate Increase. Revenue from rates need to be sufficient to cover operating expenses, repair and replace capital, debt service coverages, and supplement growth-related capital when necessary. Current rates are not sufficient to cover annual expenses. Therefore, revenue adjustments are required to generate sufficient revenue to cover annual expenses and to build reserves over the 5-year financial plan. Equal annual revenue adjustments of 16% from FY 2026 to FY 2030 are needed to meet these requirements.
2. Amend Appendix "A" Monthly Base Sewer Rates and Charges. The District amends monthly base sewer rates listed in Appendix "A" of Ordinance 2025-02 as follows:

FY 2027 BASE SEWER RATES		
Meter Size	Allowance (GALLONS)	\$/ Per Month
¾"	5,000	\$68.10
1"	13,000	\$170.91
1 ½"	25,000	\$342.15
2"	40,000	\$547.71
3"/Flathead Lake Lodge Rate	75,000	\$1,027.24
4"	125,000	\$1,712.47
6"	250,000	\$3,425.14
FLAT	NA	\$68.10
Sewer Volume- \$/Kgal Usage Allowance- \$3.17 per thousand gallons		

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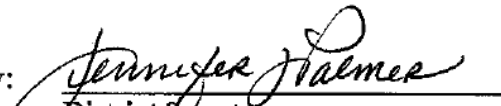
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