

RESOLUTION 2026-18

**A RESOLUTION TO ADJUST THE CITY OF HARLOWTON WATER AND SEWER RATES AND CHARGES TO
BECOME EFFECTIVE JULY 28, 2026.**

Whereas, the water rates and charges that are in effect at the present time are not adequate to provide revenues to defray the costs of operation, maintenance, and capital of the distribution Facilities and Systems for the City of Harlowton.

Whereas, the water and sewer rates were reviewed to insure that charges are reasonable and just by the City of Harlowton City Council.

Whereas, the provision of the water and sewer systems and facilities is essential to the preservation of the public health and welfare and that the new rate must, before taking effect, be approved by the council of the City of Harlowton after advertising and conducting a public hearing pursuant to the rules and regulations (MCA 7-1-4127).

Whereas, the current budgetary requirements with respect to the operation of said facilities, to address rising operational costs, infrastructure maintenance, and system improvements necessary to ensure reliable water and sewer services, require that the rates become effective on July 28, 2026, if the City Council approves the changes in rates at the July 28, 2026 Council meeting. The new rates per EDU will be

Central MT Rural Water Base Rate \$37.72

Water Base Rate \$44.68

Water Usage \$1.75/1000 gallons

Sewer Base Rate \$59.24

Sewer Usage \$1.75/2000 gallons

Solid Waste \$2.23

Meter Fee \$2.00*

*Meter Fee is to help offset the cost of replacement water meters for the residence.

Whereas, rates will be increased by Council 2-3% each year for the next two years. Increase to become effective the beginning of each fiscal year July 1, 2027 and July 1, 2028;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Harlowton City Council:

That the Harlowton City Council considers it both advisable and necessary to increase the municipal water and sewer rates for all users.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Harlowton on the 28th day of July 2026.

Jack Runner, Mayor

Anita Leach, Clerk-Treasurer