**CITY OF THOMPSON FALLS**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR**

**CONSIDERING AN INCREASE IN WATER & SEWER RATES**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN CITY HALL, 108 FULTON STREET, THOMPSON FALLS, MONTANA ON **TUESDAY**, **MAY 1, 2018 AT 7:00 P.M.** FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING AN INCREASE IN THE RESIDENTIAL WATER & SEWER RATE, COMMERCIAL WATER & SEWER RATE.

AT THIS HEARING, AN EXPLANATION OF THE NEED FOR THIS INCREASE WILL BE PRESENTED AND WATER & SEWER CUSTOMERS WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO ENTER ORAL OR WRITTEN TESTIMONY FOR THE RECORD WHICH WILL BE CONSIDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL BEFORE A FINAL DECISION IS MADE.

AN ESTIMATE OF THE WATER & SEWER RATES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

**WATER**

RESIDENTIAL

Current monthly base rate is $38.85, with 8,000 gallons per month included.

 Increase monthly base rate to $40.00, with 0 gallons per month included.

 Charge $1.50 for each 1,000 gallons used.

COMMERCIAL

Current monthly base rate is $38.85, with 8,000 gallons per month included.

 Increase monthly base rate to $40.00, with 0 gallons per month included.

 Charge $1.50 for each 1,000 gallons used.

VACATION

 Current vacation rate is $21.90 per month.

 Change to no vacation rate available – pay standard monthly base rate.

The minimum monthly charge is determined by multiplying the monthly base rate by the EDU Multiplier associated with the water meter size (the same multiplier as currently used for sewer) as follows:

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| Meter Size | Multiplier |
| 3/4" | 1 |
| 1" | 1.79 |
| 1 1/2" | 4 |
| 2" | 7.14 |
| 3" | 16 |
| 4" | 28.57 |

**SEWER**

RESIDENTIAL - ¾ INCH WATER LINE

Current base rate is $38.00, with 4,000 gallons per month included.

 Increase base rate to $40.00, with 0 gallons per month included.

 Charge $4.10 for each 1,000 gallons used.

COMMERCIAL - ¾ INCH WATER LINE

Current base rate is $45.00, with 4,000 gallons per month.

 Base rate to $45.00, with 0 gallons per month.

 Charge $4.10 for each 1,000 gallons used.

The minimum monthly charge is determined by multiplying the base rate by the EDU Multiplier associated with the water line size as described above for water and as currently referenced in the City Sewer Regulations. As described in the City Sewer Regulations the minimum monthly base charge is based on an average usage from November to May.

RENTAL UNITS SEWER CHARGE

Current base rate - A residential connection with additional separate rental(s) shall be charged the base rate of $38.00 per month for the first user and $38.00 per month for each additional rental unit with 4,000 gallons per month for each unit.

Proposed Increase - A residential connection with additional separate rental(s) shall be charged the base rate of $38.00 per month for the first user and $38.00 per month for each additional rental unit with 0 gallons per month for each unit. Charge $4.10 for each 1,000 gallons used

April 9, 2018, the City Council of the City of Thompson Falls, Montana, passed the Intention to Increase Water Rates for the Users of the Municipal Water and Sewer System. Effective June, 2018 billing.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT CITY CLERK/TREASURER CHELSEA PETERSON AT THE CITY HALL, 108 FULTON STREET, PO BOX 99, THOMPSON FALLS, MONTANA, TELEPHONE 827-3557 BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 9:00 AM AND 5:00 PM MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY.

Chelsea Peterson, MMCT

City Clerk/Treasurer

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