

EXHIBIT A

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON INCREASING WATER RATES FOR THE BIGFORK COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Directors of the Bigfork County Water and Sewer District, Flathead County, Montana, (the "District") will meet on the 29th day of May, 2025, at 1:00 p.m., at 108 Harbor Heights Blvd in Bigfork, Montana, for the purpose of holding a public hearing on increasing water rates for the District. The District Board proposes to increase the current monthly water rate by 7% per meter size and increase sewer rates by 16% per meter size effective July 1, 2025, and to increase the monthly water and sewer rates to follow a 5-year rate increase schedule. The FY 2026 Rate increases are posted below:

Proposed Monthly Base Water Charges.

FY 2026 BASE WATER CHARGES (PROPOSED)		
Meter Size	Allowance (Gallons)	\$/ Per Month
¾"	0	\$31.89
1"	0	\$79.98
1 ½"	0	\$160.12
2"	0	\$256.37
3"	0	\$517.24
4"	0	\$801.59
6"	0	\$1,603.39

Proposed Monthly Water Volume Charges.

FY 2026 VOLUME WATER CHARGES (PROPOSED)		
Meter Size	Threshold (Gallons)	\$/ Per Thousand Gallons
¾"	5,000	\$1.25
¾"	15,000	\$1.57
¾"	35,000	\$2.35
¾"	>35,000	\$3.52
1"	15,000	\$1.25
1"	60,000	\$1.57
1"	170,000	\$2.35
1"	>170,000	\$3.52
1.5"	25,000	\$1.25
1.5"	75,000	\$1.57
1.5"	200,000	\$2.35
1.5"	>200,000	\$3.52
2"	40,000	\$1.25
2"	90,000	\$1.57
2"	240,000	\$2.35
2"	>240,000	\$3.52
3"	50,000	\$1.25
3"	100,000	\$1.57
3"	250,000	\$2.35
3"	>250,000	\$3.52
4"	80,000	\$1.25
4"	175,000	\$1.57
4"	440,000	\$2.35
4"	>440,000	\$3.52

Proposed Monthly Base Sewer Charges.

FY 2026 SEWER CHARGES (PROPOSED)		
Meter Size	Allowance(GALLONS)	\$/ Per Month
¾"	5,000	\$58.70
1"	13,000	\$147.33
1 ½"	25,000	\$294.95
2"	40,000	\$472.16
3"/Flathead Lake Lodge Rate	75,000	\$885.55
4"	125,000	\$1,476.26
6"	250,000	\$2,952.70
FLAT	NA	\$58.70
Sewer Volume - \$/Kgal Usage Above Allowance: \$2.73/Kgal		

Other Charges.

Water Late Fees proposed to increase from \$2.50 per month to \$12.50 per month.

Sewer Late Fees proposed to increase from \$2.50 per month to \$12.50 per month.

Proposed Water and Sewer service turn-on/turn-off cost of \$25.00.

Proposed Check for Leak/Data log fee of \$25.00.

Proposed Transfer of Service fee of \$25.00.

Proposed Door tag fee for non-payment of \$5.00.

Proposed Plant Investment Fess.

FY 2026 WATER PLANT INVESTMENT FEES (PROPOSED)		
Meter Size	Edu Ratio	Plant Investment Fee
¾"	1.00	\$7,368
1"	1.79	\$13,189
1 ½"	4.00	\$29,472
2"	7.14	\$52,608
3"	16.00	\$117,888
4"	28.57	\$210,504
5"	44.64	\$328,908
6"	64.29	\$473,689
7"	87.11	\$641,826
8"	133.78	\$985,691
9"	144.00	\$1,060,992
10"	177.78	\$1,309,883


FY 2026 SEWER PLANT INVESTMENT FEES (PROPOSED)		
Meter Size	Edu Ratio	Plant Investment Fee
¾"	1.00	\$14,729
1"	1.79	\$26,365
1 ½"	4.00	\$58,916
2"	7.14	\$105,165
3"	16.00	\$235,664
4"	28.57	\$420,808
5"	44.64	\$657,503
6"	64.29	\$946,927
7"	87.11	\$1,283,043
8"	133.78	\$1,970,446
9"	144.00	\$2,120,976
10"	177.78	\$2,618,552

All persons who own property in the District and customers of the District may appear and be heard at the time and place of the hearing. For further information regarding the hearing or the proposed new rates, contact Tyler Hantz, Assistant District Manager, at P.O. BOX 1108, Bigfork, MT, 59911 or phone at (406) 837-4566.

Dated this 15th day of May, 2025.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE BIGFORK COUNTY WATER AND SEWER
DISTRICT

By:



President

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