

RESOLUTION NO. GHCD 2026-001

Resolution of the Gore Hill County Water District, Montana to Increase Rates for the Users of the District's Water System

WHEREAS, under Section 7-13-2301, MCA, the Board of Directors (the "Board") of the Gore Hill County Water District (the "District") is directed to fix and collect water rates and charges for the sale and distribution of the System services to all users; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 7-13-2275, MCA, (4) (a) Except as provided in subsections (5) and (6), prior to the passage or enactment of an ordinance or resolution imposing, establishing, changing, or increasing rates, fees, or charges for services or facilities, the Board shall order a public hearing. (b) Notice of the public hearing must be published as provided in 7-1-2121. (c) The notice must also be mailed to all persons who own property in the district and to all customers of the district at least 7 days and not more than 30 days prior to the public hearing. (5) A public hearing is not required for a cumulative rate increase of less than or equal to 5% within a 12-month period if the Board provides notification of the increase to persons within the district on whom the rate will be imposed at least 10 days prior to the passage or enactment of the ordinance or resolution implementing the increase.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Gore Hill County Water District Board of Directors as follows:

Section 1. Increase Water User Charges. The Board of Directors of the District does hereby implement a rate increase for users of the System as set forth herein.

Section 2 Previous Water Rates and Charges. There are currently 229 units being served by the District's system. The District charged users of the system a *flat rate* of \$62.43 (\$11.50 Administration, \$12.19 Operations & Maintenance, \$12.74 Construction, \$26.00 Bond Repayment). In addition, the District charged a *usage fee* of \$4.75 for each one thousand gallons of water used per month based on water meter measurements.

Section 3 Fixing of Rates. Effective as of Sept. 1, 2025 the *flat rate* will be changed to \$65.55 (\$12.54 Administration, \$13.23 Operations & Maintenance, \$13.78 Construction, \$26.00 Bond Repayment). The *water usage fee* is changed to \$4.99 for each one thousand gallons of water used per month based on water meter measurements. This rate increase represents an increase in the combined *Flat Rate fee* and *Water Usage Fee* of approximately 5% over the previous *Combined rate*.

Gore Hill County Water District, Cascade County, Montana

By Mary Padgett Date 8/26/25
Board President

ATTEST: Gail Sells Date 8/26/25

ATTEST: Dennis Brown Date 8-26-25

ATTEST: Guadalupe Urena Date 8/26/25

ATTEST: Kristie Blum Date 08-26-2025

CERTIFICATE AS TO RESOLUTION AND ADOPTING VOTE

I, the undersigned, being the duly qualified and acting recording officer of the Gore Hill County Water District, Montana (the "District"), hereby certify that the attached resolution is a true copy of Resolution No. GHCWD 2026-001 entitled: "Resolution of the Gore Hill County Water District, Montana to Increase Rates for the Users of the District's Water System" (the "Resolution"), on file in the original records of the District in my legal custody; the Resolution was duly adopted by the Board of Directors at a public meeting August 12, 2025 and that the meeting was duly held by the Board of Directors and was attended throughout by a quorum, pursuant to call and notice of such meeting given as required by law; and that the Resolution has not as of the date hereof been amended or repealed.

I further certify that, upon vote being taken on the Resolution at said meeting, the following Board Members

voted in favor thereof: 5

:voted against same: 0

:abstained from voting thereon: 0

:or were absent; 0

Witness my hand officially this 12 day of August 2025.

Christy Walker

District Secretary