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NOTICE

July 25, 2025

Drummond Property Owners and Residents:

Drummond Wastewater Treatment Facility Upgrade Project mandated by Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), is in the third and final stage; which began in 2005. Twenty years of progression has brought us to this final stage. The third phase project cost is \$9,500,001.21. The Town has worked diligently to secure as much grant funding and forgiveness as possible, and allowable, to fund this project; removing the greatest burden off of our residents and community. The Town contributed \$500.00 (.01%) upfront, amount secured in grants and forgiveness is \$7,747,501.21 (81.55%) leaving a sewer system loan/revenue bond amount of \$1,752,000.00 (18.44%).

What does this mean for each sewer system user?

The sewer rate increase will equal an annual unit cost of \$900; which breaks down to \$2.47 daily to utilize the Drummond Wastewater Treatment Facility.

How does my property utilize the Wastewater Treatment Facility System?

*If your property is not connected to the Drummond Sewer System, this does affect your property as a sewer fee.

However, if your property is connected to the Drummond Sewer System; anything that goes down the drain travels to the Wastewater Facility. Meaning every toilet flush, every bath/shower, each time you utilize your bathroom sink, kitchen sink, laundry machine...it all travels to the Wastewater Treatment Facility.

To learn more, or know how many units your business or household is assigned; a breakdown is available at Drummond Town Hall to review.

Contact information of Regulatory Agencies and Grant Funding Agencies will be available at Drummond Town Hall, should individuals request confirmation or validation; in regards to the Drummond Wastewater Treatment Facility Upgrade Project.

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TOWN OF DRUMMOND

NOTICE: SEWER RATE INCREASE AND PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on July 15, 2025, the Town Council (the "Council") of the Town of Drummond, Montana (the "Town"), adopted a Resolution of Intention of the Town of Drummond, Montana to Increase Rates for the Users of the Sewer System.

The Town has determined it is necessary to undertake certain improvements to its sewer system (the "System") and anticipates issuing sewer system revenue bonds to pay the costs of such improvements (the "Project"). Costs of the Project are estimated to be approximately \$9,500,001, which will be paid from (i) grant funds and loan forgiveness (\$7,747,501), (ii) sewer system revenue bonds (\$1,752,000), and (iii) Town funds (\$500). It is necessary for the Town to increase its sewer rates in order to pay and provide for the sewer system revenue bonds, to pay the costs associated with the operation and maintenance of the sewer system and to establish appropriate reserves.

The Town currently imposes a charge known as the Sewer Charge on all connections to the System based on a set number of units, with a single family residence as the basis of the unit charge. A list of the number of units assigned to each customer is on file with the Town Clerk- Treasurer. The current Sewer Charge is \$292.25 per unit per year (or \$24.35 per unit per month). There are currently a total of 282.5 units. For administrative convenience, the Sewer Charge is billed on each customer's property tax bill, except for those customers who do not receive a property tax bill from Granite County (the "Outbilled Customers"). The Town currently bills the Outbilled Customers annually on or about January 1.

Effective as of September 1, 2025, for the sewer bill first due November 30, 2025, and semiannually thereafter, the Town proposes to increase the Sewer Charge to \$900.00 per unit per year

(or \$75.00 per unit per month) to each customer connected to the System. A list of current customers of the System, the number of units assigned to each customer, and the annual Proposed Sewer Charge is on file with the Town Clerk-Treasurer.

For administrative convenience, the proposed Sewer Charge will be billed on each customer's property tax bill, except for the Outbilled Customers. The Town proposes to bill the Outbilled Customers on a semiannual basis on the first business day of November and the first business day of May, with the amount of the semiannual bill due and owing on or before November 30 with respect to the bill sent in early November and on or before May 31 with respect to the bill sent in early May.

The proposed Sewer Charge is scheduled to come into effect on **September 1, 2025**. Accordingly, for the sewer bill due November 30, 2025, such semiannual bill will be prorated to reflect only 3 months of the Proposed Sewer Charge and thereafter the Proposed Sewer Charge would be billed at the full amount.

The proposed Sewer Charge when in effect for an entire year represents an increase of approximately 208% over the current Sewer Charge.

A public hearing on the proposed rate increase will be held **Tuesday, August 19, 2025, commencing at 7:00 p.m.** at Drummond Town Hall located at 114 A Street in Drummond, Montana.

Further information about the proposed rate increase may be obtained by contacting Robin Wight, Town Clerk-Treasurer, Town of Drummond, P.O. Box 195, Drummond, MT 59832 or phone (406) 288-3231.

Done by Order of the Town Council of the Town of Drummond, Montana, the 15th day of July, 2025.

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July 25, 2025

Respectfully,
Robin Wight
Drummond Clerk/Treasurer

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