



**City of Missoula, Montana  
City Council Committee Agenda Item**

**Committee:** Public Works and Mobility

**Item:** An ordinance amending Missoula Municipal Code Chapter 13.02 entitled "Municipal Utility Rates and Charges" to repeal 13.02.090 and establish 13.02.091 to specify the responsibility of the property owner for a tenant's unpaid City of Missoula utility bills

**Date:** May 5, 2022

**Sponsor(s):** Logan McInnis

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**Ward(s) Affected:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Ward 1               | <input type="checkbox"/> Ward 4 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ward 2               | <input type="checkbox"/> Ward 5 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ward 3               | <input type="checkbox"/> Ward 6 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All Wards | <input type="checkbox"/> N/A    |

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**Action Required:**

Approve an ordinance amending Missoula Municipal Code Chapter 13.02 entitled "Municipal Utility Rates and Charges" to repeal 13.02.090 and establish 13.02.091 to specify the responsibility of the property owner for a tenant's unpaid City of Missoula utility bills.

**Recommended Motion(s):**

I move the City Council: **Motion for May 16, 2022 [First Reading and Preliminary Adoption]**  
Set a public hearing for June 6, 2022 to preliminarily adopt an ordinance amending Missoula Municipal Code Chapter 13.02 entitled "Municipal Utility Rates and Charges" to repeal 13.02.090 and establish 13.02.091 to specify the responsibility of the property owner for a tenant's unpaid City of Missoula utility bills. **Motion for June 13, 2022 [Second and Final Reading]** Adopt/deny an ordinance amending Missoula Municipal Code Chapter 13.02 entitled "Municipal Utility Rates and Charges" to repeal 13.02.090 and establish 13.02.091 to specify the responsibility of the property owner for a tenant's unpaid City of Missoula utility bills.

**Timeline:**

Committee discussion:	May 11, 2022
Council action (or sets hearing):	May 16, 2022
Public Hearing (if required):	June 6, 2022
Final Consideration	June 13, 2022
Deadline:	June 13, 2022

**Background and Alternatives Explored:**

In July 2020, the Missoula City Council adopted Ordinance 3662, effective January 2021, which amended Title 13 establishing Chapter 13.02 entitled "Municipal Utility Rates and Charges" to consolidate municipal utility rates and charges into one chapter in the Missoula Municipal Code and to enable a single monthly bill for utility rate customers.

The Public Works & Mobility Department would like the Missoula City Council to adopt an ordinance amending Missoula Municipal Code Chapter 13.02 entitled "Municipal Utility Rates and Charges" to repeal 13.02.090 and establish 13.02.091 to specify the responsibility of the property

owner for a tenant's unpaid City of Missoula utility bills. The proposed ordinance changes were drafted and approved by a City attorney.

**Financial Implications:**

N/A

**Links to external websites:**

<https://www.ci.missoula.mt.us/2716/Pay-Your-Utility-Bill>