

# YELLOWSTONE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Resolution No. 25- 96

## Resolution to Change Fee Schedule for Fuego Fire Service Area

WHEREAS, Section 7-33-2401 of the Montana Code Annotated gives a board of county commissioners the authority to create a fire service area. Section 7-33-2404 of the Montana Code Annotated gives a board the authority to establish a fee schedule to fund the operation of the area. The Montana Code Annotated does not explicitly provide the process a board should use to change a fee schedule for an area. To allow for public participation in government, a board should provide the public with notice of its intent to change the fee schedule and provide the public with the opportunity to address the board about a change in the fee schedule. To change a fee schedule, a board should pass a resolution of intent, set a public hearing, provide notice of the public hearing, receive written comments prior to the hearing, hold a public hearing, receive written and oral comments at the hearing, consider the information provided and pass a resolution.

WHEREAS, the Yellowstone County Board of County Commissioners created the Fuego Fire Service Area that provides fire protection to land north of the City of Billings.

WHEREAS, the Yellowstone County Board of County Commissioners would like to change the fee schedule for structures for the Fuego Fire Service Area due to anticipated budget shortfalls of approximately \$22,300 under the current fee schedule for 2026. Attached is a copy of the Fuego Fire Service Area Board of Trustee's resolution showing the current and proposed fee schedule, with an increase from \$350 to \$500 for residential structures, and from \$500 to \$750 for commercial structures.

WHEREAS, on July 29, 2025, the Yellowstone County Board of County Commissioners passed a resolution of intent to change the fee schedule for the Fuego Fire Service Area and set a public hearing on the change for August 12, 2021. On August 1, 2025 and August 8, 2025, the Yellowstone County Clerk and Recorder published notice of the public hearing in the *Yellowstone County News*. On August 12, 2025, the Board held a public hearing. The Board heard comments at the hearing. The Board considered the comments. The Board decided it would be in the best interest of the public to change the fee schedule.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

The Yellowstone County Board of County Commissioners changes the fee schedule for the Fuego Fire Service Area. The Board adopts the proposed fee schedule attached to the resolution as the fee schedule for the Area. The fee schedule shall continue until changed by the Board.

Passed and Adopted on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of August 2025.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
YELLOWSTONE COUNTY, MONTANA

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Mark Morse, Chair

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Michael J. Waters, Member

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Chris White, Member

ATTEST:

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Jeff Martin, Clerk and Recorder