

YELLOWSTONE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Resolution No. 26-02

Resolution to Increase Fee for Yellowstone County Solid Waste Disposal District

WHEREAS, pursuant to Sections 7-11-1001 through 7-11-1029 of the Montana Code Annotated, a board of county commissioners has the authority to create a county solid waste disposal district. Pursuant to Section 7-11-1024(1) of the Montana Code Annotated, a board may assess a fee for a solid waste disposal district. Pursuant to Section 7-11-1025, to assess a fee a board shall pass a resolution of intent and set a public hearing on the fee. The resolution of intent shall contain a list of the parcels in the district, the names of the parcel owners and the amount of the assessment against each of the parcels. The board shall publish notice of the public hearing. The board shall accept comments on the fee, including objections to the fee. The board shall hold a public hearing and hear comments on the fee, including objections on the fee. The board shall pass a resolution to enact the fee.

WHEREAS, the Yellowstone County Board of County Commissioners has created the Yellowstone County Solid Waste Disposal District. The Yellowstone County Commission manages the District. The County Commission wants to increase the fee for the District from \$25.00 to \$35.00 per residential parcel located within the District effective as of July 1, 2026. The County Commission wants to increase the fee because of projected increases in the cost to dispose of the waste charged by the City of Billings. The Board of County Commissioners believes that the fee increase is necessary to maintain the current level of service provided by the District.

WHEREAS, on December 23, 2025, the Yellowstone County Board of County Commissioners passed a resolution of intent to increase the fee for the Yellowstone County Solid Waste Disposal District and set a public hearing on the fee increase for January 6, 2026. The Yellowstone County Clerk and Recorder provided notice of the hearing, received written objections and comments on the fee increase and provided the objections and comments to the Board before the hearing. On December 26, 2025 and January 2, 2026, the Clerk and Recorder published notice of the hearing in the *Yellowstone County News*.

WHEREAS, on January 6, 2026, the Yellowstone County Board of County Commissioners held a public hearing on the fee increase. The Board received written objections and both written and oral comments on the fee increase. The Board considered the objections and comments. The Board found that the fee increase is in the best interest of the public, is needed to cover increased costs and is needed to maintain the current level of service provided by the District.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

The Yellowstone County Board of County Commissioners increases the fee assessed by the Yellowstone County Solid Waste Disposal District on residential properties from \$25.00 to \$35.00 effective as of July 1, 2026 per parcel to continue until otherwise amended. A list of the parcels in the District, the owners of the parcels in the District and the new assessment for each parcel in the District is available in the Clerk & Recorder's Office with Resolution 26-02 of Intent to Increase Fees for Yellowstone County Solid Waste Disposal District.

Passed and Adopted on the 6th day of January 2026.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
YELLOWSTONE COUNTY, MONTANA

Mark Morse, Chairman

Michael J. Waters, Member

Chris White, Member

Attest:

Jeff Martin
Yellowstone County Clerk and Recorder