

**City Council Regular**

**Date:** 10/09/2023  
**Title:** Public Hearing and Resolution Adopting Parking Rates and Fees and Repealing Resolution 20-10891  
**Presented by:** Tracy Scott, Parking Manager  
**Department:** Parking  
**Presentation:** Yes  
**Legal Review:** Yes  
**Project Number:** N/A

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**RECOMMENDATION**

The Billings Parking Board and City Staff recommend that the City Council adopt the resolution establishing new downtown rates for meters, meter bags, bus bags, permits, garage monthly and hourly parking, parking validations, and lots for FY'24 - FY'26 and repealing Resolution 20-10891. The rates were reviewed by the City Council Budget and Finance Committee.

**BACKGROUND (Consistency with Adopted Plans and Policies, if applicable)**

The Parking Division previously increased rates in FY'20 with an increase of 5% for the next 3 years. In FY'23, the Parking Division opted to not propose any rate increases giving businesses time to rebound from the aftereffects of the Pandemic.

Currently, Parking receives \$130,000 annually from the Downtown TIF to cover the Park 2 Expansion, Light Enhancement Loans.

Later this year, a parking garage condition assessment will be scheduled for Park 1, 1st Ave N Garage, and Park 3, to determine the areas in need of restoration and then prioritizing those needs. The previous restoration project was just under one million dollars financed through TIF. The restoration project was conducted over a three-year time period.

**ALTERNATIVES**

City Council may:

- Approve the recommended changes supported by the Billings Parking Board and Parking Staff.
- Not Approve the rate resolution and leave rates unchanged. This action would result in the immediate need to find other means to cover operations and capital replacement.

**FISCAL EFFECTS**

New rates included in FY'24 Budget:

Revenues - \$2,566,498

Expenses - \$2,057,972

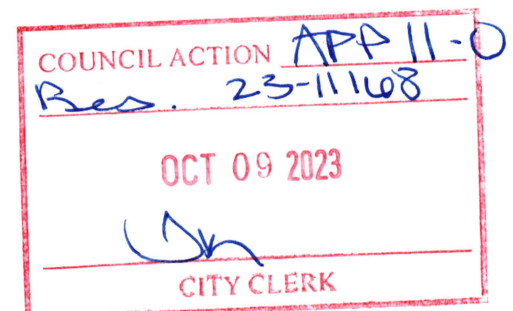
Net Gain - \$508,526

Monthly Permit Parking Fees will increase by 5% in FY'25 and another 5% in FY'26.

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**Attachments**

Parking Rates Resolution



**RESOLUTION 23-\_\_\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION INCREASING PARKING RATES  
AND REPEALING RESOLUTION 20-10891**

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WHEREAS the City Council has duly considered the matter.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BILLINGS, MONTANA, AS FOLLOWS:

1. The monthly reserved parking fees for all City owned parking shall be as follows:

	<u>FY2024</u>	<u>FY2025</u>	<u>FY2026</u>
General Reserved	\$70.00	\$73.50	\$77.00
Basement/Assigned	\$140.00	\$147.00	\$154.00
Roof Reserved	\$35.00	\$36.75	\$38.50

Monthly discount per space for volume renters shall be as follows:

Five or more spaces	5%
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12. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution shall be effective November 1, 2023.

PASSED by the City Council and APPROVED this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

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BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
William A. Cole, Mayor

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