ORDINANCE NO. 2025-03

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE HARDIN CITY CODE AND THE CASH DEPOSIT AMOUNT REQUIRED FOR NEW WATER SERVICE CUSTOMERS

WHEREAS, the City Council (hereinafter "Council") of the City of Hardin (hereinafter "City") desires to modify the Hardin City Code to allow the cash deposit for new customers to be amended from time to time, without an amendment to the ordinance;

WHEREAS, the Hardin City Code currently sets the cash deposit at $150.00 in Rule 18 of Section 3-3A-19;

WHEREAS, the Council finds the deposit amount should be set by resolution, rather than by an amendment to the ordinance.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF HARDIN, MONTANA, Title 3, Chapter 3A, Section 19 is amended by the deletion of certain language (strikethrough) and the insertion of a new language (underlined), as follows:

Rule 18: All new customers and all customers that are being reconnected will be required to pay a cash deposit for water service. The deposit will be returned to the new customer if the customer is also the property owner and if the water bill is continuously maintained in a current status for a twelve (12) month period. The deposit amount will be set by Resolution of the City Council, and amended from time to time, as desired. ~~One hundred fifty dollar ($150.00)~~ The deposit must be paid in full before water and sewer services are provided.

DATE OF EFFECT.
The amendment to this ordinance shall take effect and be in force thirty (30) days from the date of its second reading and passage by the City Council as required by law.

FIRST READING AND PASSAGE By a majority vote of the members present this _19th_ day of November, 2025.

YEAS _6_   NAYS _0_

Joe Purcell
Mayor

ATTEST: _Andrew Lehi_
City Clerk

POSTED AND MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC this _21st_ day of
November , 202_5_ .

Andrew Lehr
City Clerk

SECOND READING AND PASSAGE By a majority vote of the members
present this _2nd_ day of _December_ , 2025.

YEAS _6_   NAYS _0_

Jo Pucell
Mayor

ATTEST:

Andrew Lehr
City Clerk

(CITY OF HARDIN OFFICIAL SEAL — BIG HORN COUNTY, MONTANA)