

February 2, 2026

Update on City of Bozeman/Riverside Properties Annexation Agreement

Dear Resident,

As part of executing the annexation agreement between Riverside properties and the City of Bozeman, we have some updates to share with you. As early as March 1, the sewer lift station, the pump station that is helping to move the wastewater from the Riverside neighborhood to the City of Bozeman Water Reclamation Facility, will be completed. Once this milestone is complete, you will become City sewer customers. We currently anticipate beginning billing for sewer services this March. These services include operations and maintenance of the sewer collection and treatment systems.

The sewer bill at first will be based on a flat rate and will change once we can install individual water meters on your property. The individual meters will help us determine how much sewage volume is being generated from your home and will allow us to bill your sewer service just like all other sewer customers in the city. This process of connecting meters will take approximately 2 years to complete and will start within the next few months. The City or the City's contractor will need access to your property to install the meter, and we will reach out to you to schedule that work. Additionally, as part of the annexation agreement, homeowners are responsible for paying the meter's installation cost.

Another element of the annexation agreement includes charges associated with treating discharge from individual sump pumps to the sanitary sewer system. This is different from the metered sewer charge. Eventually, these sump pumps will need to be disconnected from the sanitary sewer system. The charge associated with treating discharge from individual sump pumps will be eliminated when sump pumps are removed.

One other charge to be aware of is the Special Improvement District (SID) payment, which is billed twice a year in November and May. The SID covers the cost of the construction of the sewer lift station.

Finally, as part of the agreement, homeowners may not connect roof downspouts, foundation drains, areaway drains, or other sources of surface runoff or

groundwater into the City's wastewater system. If there are any existing connections, they will need to be disconnected by the property owner.

Please note that you will continue to receive potable water service and billing for that service from the Riverside Water & Sewer District.

City staff are here to answer any questions throughout this process. We will host an open virtual Q&A for anyone interested on:

Riverside Sewer Q&A

Monday, February 23 | 6 PM

Hosted on Zoom. Receive the meeting link at the link or QR code below:
bit.ly/riversideannexation

Additionally, if you can't make the event and still have questions, please feel free to reach out to Nick Pericich at npericich@Bozeman.net or 406-582-3216. More information, including the full annexation agreement, is available at bit.ly/riversideannexation or the QR code below.

Sincerely,

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City of Bozeman

