

Many of us take water for granted. There are millions of people around the world who lack access to clean water and basic sanitation, while we simply have to turn on the tap or flush the toilet. We forget that without clean water, OUR HEALTH, and our quality of life is at risk.

We also forget about the vast infrastructure beneath our feet and the tireless dedication of water and wastewater professionals who work day and night to keep our water clean and sanitation services working.

Much of the Country, including federal agencies, cities and counties are far behind in taking care of infrastructure; we do not want to follow this trend.

In 2010, the City had an outside independent company examine our utilities to determine the necessary monthly utility rates to meet all the utility infrastructure needs.

The City did not raise rates as much as needed during the recession in order to help our citizens through that difficult time.

The rate increase will catch us up with what we need to keep our utilities functioning well and ensure that our customers will not be left without these necessary services.

Utility Billing

Contact Information

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Why Are Our Utility Rates Increasing?



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RATE INCREASE CHART

Utility bills will increase by approximately **\$9.74** per month and in return each customer will receive 100 cubic feet of water for that new rate.

There are expensive projects and debt looming our way that cannot be avoided:

- Pressure from Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) requires the City to lower its water mains under state highway to WSDOT Standards and remove the old pipes; 20-year projection to complete the project.
- Orville Road East water main replacement, \$2,000,000. (approx. 40 Million gallons of water is lost due to leaky transmission line each year.)
- North End Reservoir and Booster Pump Station debt, approx. \$3,500,000.
- Well #1 upgrades, \$100,000
- Wingate Springs Main Replacement & Service connections replacement.
- City wide system telemetry installation.
- City-wide daily infrastructure repair due to leaky pipes.
- High Cedars Waste Water Upgrade in 2016, approx. \$1,700,000.

WATER				
Monthly Base Charge				
Meter Size	Existing Rates		2016 Rates	
	Single Family Residence	Commercial	Single Family Residence	Commercial
0.75	\$18.00	\$18.00	\$19.63	\$19.63
1-1.5	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$32.05	\$32.05
2.0-4.0	\$43.00	\$43.00	\$45.51	\$45.51
Senior	\$14.35		\$15.85	
Block Rates per 100 cubic feet of water USED				
Rate Class	Single Family Residence	Commercial	Single Family Residence	Commercial
Commercial		\$2.90		\$2.96
SFR Block 1: 100-600 CU FT	\$2.08		\$2.13	
SFR Block 2: 601-1700 CU FT	\$2.80		\$2.86	
SFR Block 3: 1701 + CU FT	\$4.21		\$4.30	

Senior Block 1: 0 to 600 CU FT	\$1.61		\$1.66	
Senior Block 2: 601 to 1700 CU FT	\$2.22		\$2.28	
Senior Block 3: 1701 + CU FT	\$3.15		\$3.21	

Monthly flat rate + usage will determine final charges SFR=Single Family Residence

SEWER BASE RATE		
Customer Class	2015 Rate	2016 Rate
Single Family Residence (SFR)	\$41.35	\$42.59
SFR - Snowbird	\$30.07	\$30.97
SFR - Senior	\$33.29	\$34.29
High Cedars Residential	\$52.51	\$54.09
Multi-Family Residential	\$28.12	\$28.96

Commercial class customers, please contact City Hall for more information

STORMWATER BASE RATE			
Existing 2015 Rate	\$22.00	2016 Rate (no change)	\$22.00

SFR—Single Family residence

CU FT—Cubic Feet