



FY 2025-26 Utility Rates Increases

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Overview - Utility Rate Increases



Utility CIP Funding Plan

The City is in the process of implementing a \$278.7M CIP Plan for water, wastewater, and stormwater utility infrastructure to address various system failures and improve our unfractured. Without any alternative funding, the plan includes the issuance of utility revenue bonds with a total value of up to \$232.7M.

Multi-phase Utility Rate Study

As part of the bond issuance process, the City engaged an outside consultant to perform a multi-phase utility rate study. This ensures that the rates charged to customers are sufficient to cover the CIP Plan and related debt service. The updated analysis of Phase I to the rate study was adopted by the City Commission on June 21, 2023.

Water, Wastewater & Stormwater study results

Phase I of the study identified the need for rate increases through FY2028. The recommended annual rate increases for FY2026 are 8%, 5.50%, and 10%, respectively, for water, wastewater, and stormwater utilities.

Utility Rates Summary



Recommended Rate Increases from the Phase I Utility Rate Study through FY2028:

	2025	2026	2027	2028	Cumulative Increase
Water	10.00%	8.00%	7.00%	3.75%	28.75%
Wastewater	7.00%	5.50%	5.25%	3.75%	21.50%
Stormwater	10.00%	10.00%	10.00%		30.00%

Rate Tables Comparison



FY25/26 Water and Wastewater Rate Increases

	Adopted FY24/25		Proposed FY25/26	
	Water	Sewer	Water (8%)	Sewer (5.50%)
Base Charge	\$38.91	\$25.33	\$42.02	\$26.72
Rate per 1,000-gallons:				
0 – 2,000	\$2.09	\$5.18	\$2.26	\$5.46
2,001 – 5,000	\$2.26	\$5.36	\$2.44	\$5.65
5,001 – 10,000	\$2.94	\$5.59	\$3.18	\$5.90
10,001 – 25,000	\$4.60	\$6.21	\$4.97	\$6.55
25,001 and over	\$5.03	\$6.53	\$5.43	\$6.89

Rate Tables Comparison (Cont.)



FY25/26 Stormwater Rate Increase

	Adopted FY24/25	Proposed FY25/26
		(10%)
Monthly Charge per Unit/ERU	\$9.81	\$10.79

What is an ERU?

Per City Code of Ordinances, a residential ERU, or equivalent residential unit, is any structure which provides living accommodations for a single family. An ERU is charged a monthly flat rate for stormwater drainage fees.

Understanding the Impact on Utility Bills



Sample Bill – Typical Single Family (*Represents an estimate of over 63% of Customers*)

Customer Name				Service Address					
Bill Number	Bill Date	Account Number - Customer Number						Current Billing Due Date	
123456	08/18/2025	12345-67890						09/08/2025	
Description		Meter	Previous Read Date	Current Read Date	Previous Meter Reading	Current Meter Reading	Read Code	Usage (100 gal.)	Charge
WATER BASE CHARGES									\$38.91
WATER CONSUMPTION		85051177	06/26/2025	07/28/2025	5310	5375	A	65	\$15.37
SEWER BASE CHARGES									\$25.33
SEWER CONSUMPTION									\$34.83
GARBAGE-RESIDENTIAL									\$27.87
RECYCLING-RESIDENTIAL									\$2.00
STORMWATER DRAINAGE									\$9.81
WATER UTILITY TAX									\$5.43
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Understanding the Impact on Utility Bills (Cont.)

Sample Bill Comparison - Single Family

Description	FY 24/25 Bill \$	FY 25/26 Bill \$	Change \$	Change %
WATER BASE CHARGES	\$ 38.91	\$ 42.02		
WATER CONSUMPTION CHARGES	15.37	16.60		
SEWER BASE CHARGES	25.33	26.72		
SEWER CONSUMPTION CHARGES	34.83	36.74		
GARBAGE-RESIDENTIAL	27.87	30.00		
RECYCLING-RESIDENTIAL	2.00	0.00		
STORMWATER DRAINAGE	9.81	10.79		
WATER UTILITY TAX	5.43	5.86		
Total Bill	\$159.55	\$168.73	\$ 9.18	5.75%

Questions

