



# Utility Rates

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## Notice of Utility Rate Changes

This notice provides an explanation of the fees on your monthly utility bill. Your bill will vary depending on the amount of water you use. Your bill includes fees for Stayton's four utilities:

- Water
- Sewer
- Storm Drainage
- Transportation

The Stayton City Council approved utility rate changes at their June 19, 2023 meeting that go into effect July 1, 2023. The 6.25% increase for water and sewer and 40% increase for stormwater is based on an outside utility rate study that is underway. The increases are necessary to ensure that the revenues are sufficient to operate and maintain the infrastructure both now and into the future. The transportation fees have increased by 100% (no more than a \$2 increase for residential). The new rates are as follows:

### WATER FEES

#### **RESIDENTIAL:**

The total residential water rate is **\$1.65 per 1,000 gallons used plus a monthly base fee of \$33.64** which includes three things:

- A fee of \$17.96 per dwelling unit
- A fire standby fee of \$6.62
- A meter equivalent fee of \$9.06 for a 3/4" meter

#### **COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL:**

The total commercial water rate is **\$1.65 per 1,000 gallons used plus a monthly base fee** based on the meter size as follows:

Meter Size	Monthly Fee
3/4"	\$33.64
1"	\$70.53
1½"	\$94.78
2"	\$123.87
3"	\$353.49
6"	\$693.69
10"	\$2,018.50

## **SEWER FEES**

### **RESIDENTIAL:**

All residential sewer customers pay a flat rate of \$71.02 per residential unit.

### **COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL:**

Rates are based on the average monthly water usage from October to March. These months are chosen because less water is registered going into the City's sewer facilities. The following rate schedule is used:

<b>Average Monthly Use</b>	<b>Monthly Fee</b>
Up to 4,000 gallons	\$53.07
4,001 to 6,000 gallons	\$71.02
6,001 to 10,000 gallons	\$132.57
Above 10,000 gallons	\$13.26 / 1,000 gallons

## **STORM WATER DRAINAGE FEE**

The Storm drainage maintenance fee is based on the amount of impervious surface on a property. Impervious surfaces include roofs, sidewalks, driveways, patios, and other hard surfaces where water cannot penetrate the hard surface. These surfaces generate runoff which is collected and discharged into the City's storm drainage system and waterways (Salem Ditch, Stayton Ditch and Mill Creek). A typical single-family home has approximately 2,500 square feet of impervious surface. The City charges a flat monthly fee for each type of residence. Businesses and industries with larger parking lots and roof surfaces pay a higher monthly storm drainage maintenance fee. These funds are the only source of revenue the City has to maintain the storm drainage system. The following rate schedule is used:

<b>Type of Residence</b>	<b>Monthly Fee</b>
Single Family Dwelling/Duplex	\$9.03
Mobile Home Park (per unit)	\$9.03
Apartment (per unit)	\$5.41
Assisted Living Center (per unit)	\$5.41

## **TRANSPORTATION FEE**

The Transportation Street Maintenance Fee is based on the amount of peak hour vehicle trips in and out of a residence, business, or industry. The City charges a flat monthly fee. Businesses and industries which generate more traffic pay a higher monthly transportation maintenance fee. These funds go into the Street Fund and are used with state gas tax revenues to maintain and improve the 30+ miles of City streets and sidewalks. The following rate schedule is used:

Type of Residence	Monthly Fee
Single Family Dwelling	\$4.00
Mobile Home in a MH Park	\$2.08
Apartment (per unit)	\$2.24
Assisted Living Center (per unit)	\$1.00

### **UTILITY SERVICES ENROLLMENT**

To sign-up for Utility Services, call City Hall at (503) 769-3425 or email [finance@staytonoregon.gov](mailto:finance@staytonoregon.gov). You can also find additional information at: [http://www.staytonoregon.gov/page/finance\\_utilitybilling](http://www.staytonoregon.gov/page/finance_utilitybilling).

### **DEPOSIT**

All new **residential** water and sewer customers are required to pay a \$200 refundable deposit and a \$40 service activation fee. New customers must also provide a copy of their rental agreement or buyers title page with their address.

- Owner-occupied residents will have the deposit applied to their bill after 24 on-time payments.
- Rental deposits will remain on the account until the renter moves out of the property. At that time, the deposit will be applied to the final bill and/or refunded.

All new **commercial and industrial** water and sewer customers are required to pay a \$200 refundable deposit or an amount equal to one month of service, whichever is greater, plus a \$40 service activation fee.

### **DELINQUENT ACCOUNT PROCEDURES**

- A \$35 late fee is charged if the bill is not paid by the end of the month.
- If the delinquent balance is not paid by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the following month your water will be shut off and a \$50 processing fee will be charged. To have the water turned back on, you must pay the delinquent balance plus all fees. There is a \$350 fine for tampering with any City water meters.
- Extensions to pay must be approved by the Finance Director or appointee by the end of the month. You are allowed up to four extensions per fiscal year (July through June). To request an extension, you can download the form at [http://www.staytonoregon.gov/page/finance\\_utilitybilling](http://www.staytonoregon.gov/page/finance_utilitybilling) or the form can be requested by emailing [finance@staytonoregon.gov](mailto:finance@staytonoregon.gov).

For more information on all City fees, please visit <https://www.staytonoregon.gov/> and at the Main Menu click on Document Center and then click on Stayton 2023-24 Fee Schedule.

For **financial assistance** to pay your water and sewer bills, there are new programs available based on your household income and size. To apply or to get more information, contact your local Community Action Agency. [Northwest Human Services](#) can be reached at 503-588-9016 Monday-Friday 8-5.