



Utility Rates

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Notice of Utility Rate changes:

The Council approved utility rate changes at their June 20, 2022, Council meeting. Rate changes go into effect July 1, 2022. The increase in rates is necessary to keep up with rising costs and is raised in accordance with the Consumer Price Index (CPI) which is 8.7% for storm and sanitary sewer. Water rates increased 13.7% (8.7% CPI + 5% to allow the rates to catch up for lack of sufficient and necessary rate increases in the past).

For the average residential home, these increases to water, sewer and storm rates equate to approximately \$8.34 per month in the base fees.

There was no increase to the Transportation Street Maintenance fee. The information below reflects the new fees and rates.

MONTHLY UTILITY BILL

The monthly utility bill from the City of Stayton includes fees for the City's four utilities:

- Water
- Sanitary Sewer
- Transportation
- Storm Drainage

The bill will vary each month depending on the amount of water you use. This information sheet provides an overview of the charges and fees that will show on your monthly bill.

WATER FEES

RESIDENTIAL:

The total residential water base rate is \$31.67 per month, plus \$1.55 per 1,000 gallons.

The fee for standard **residential** water service is comprised of four items:

- A base fee of \$16.91 per dwelling unit
- A meter equivalent charge of \$8.53 for a 3/4" meter
- A fire standby charge of \$6.23
- A commodity charge of \$1.55 per 1,000 gallons of water used

COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL:

Water service charge is comprised of four items, which includes:

- A base fee charge is dependent on meter size
- A meter equivalent charge based on meter size
- A fire standby charge based on the square footage of building served by the meter
- A commodity charge of \$1.55 per 1,000 gallons of water used

Meter Size	Starting Base Rate
3/4"	\$31.67
1"	\$66.39
1½"	\$89.21
2"	\$116.59
3"	\$332.70
6"	\$652.89
10"	\$1,899.77

SEWER FEES

All residential sewer customers pay a flat rate of \$66.85 per residential unit.

Commercial and Industrial rates are based on the average monthly water usage from October through March. These months are chosen because less water usage going into the City’s sewer facilities, is registered. The following rate schedule is used:

Average Monthly Use	Charge
Up to 3,999 gallons	\$49.95
4,000 to 5,999 gallons	\$66.85
6,000 to 9,999 gallons	\$124.78
Above 10,000 gallons	\$12.48 / 1,000 gallons

TRANSPORTATION MAINTENANCE FEE

The Transportation 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.

Transportation Maintenance Fees by Type of Residence

	Type of Residential Use	Monthly Fee
1	Single Family Dwelling	\$2.00
2	MH in a Mobile Home Park	\$1.04
3	Apartment (per unit)	\$1.12
4	Assisted Living Center (per unit)	\$0.50

STORM DRAINAGE MAINTENANCE 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.

Storm Drainage Maintenance Fees by Type of Residence

	<i>Type of Residential Use</i>	<i>Monthly Fee</i>
1	Single Family Dwelling	\$6.45
3	Mobile Home Park (per unit)	\$6.45
4	Apartment (per unit)	\$3.87
5	Assisted Living Center (per unit)	\$3.87

UTILITY SERVICES ENROLLMENT

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

DEPOSIT

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

- Owner-occupied residents will have the deposit applied to their bill after twelve 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.

Commercial and Industrial Accounts are required to pay a \$200 deposit or an amount equal to one month of service, whichever is greater, plus a \$40 non-refundable service fee.

DELINQUENT ACCOUNT PROCEDURES

- A \$35 late fee is assessed after the last day of the month if the delinquent amount is not paid.
- The water will be shut-off if the delinquent balance is not paid by the 9th of the month. A \$50 processing fee will be applied to your account after the 9th. In order to have the water turned back on, you must pay the delinquent balance plus the processing fee of \$50. There is a \$350 fine for turning on your own water meter.
- Extensions must be approved by the Finance Director or appointee before the end of the month. You are allowed up to 4 extensions per fiscal year. To request an extension, you can download the form at http://www.staytonoregon.gov/page/finance_utilitybilling or the form can be requested by emailing us at finance@staytonoregon.gov