



# Utility Rates and Fees Review

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### SUMMARY AND REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION

Staff is presenting an overview of utility ratemaking methodology for water and wastewater, as well as a recap of existing rates and fees that are charged to residents and businesses within Coburg each month.

#### Suggested Motions

*N/A – Presentation only*

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### BACKGROUND

The City completed a rate study for water and wastewater (sewer) utility rates in March of 2023 and has had subsequent rate increases based on the rate study in 2024 and 2025. In preparation for a utility rate increase presentation and proposed rate resolution at the January 13, 2026 Council meeting, staff would like to re-visit the rate study and step through the components that are utilized in setting rates, which are:

- Operations and Maintenance
- Upcoming Capital Improvements
- Existing Debt (prior capital improvements)
- Fund balance requirements

Staff will also present a snapshot of the existing revenue streams (rates and SDC's), the prior five year trend of these revenues and a forecast of upcoming revenue needs.

Additionally, staff will provide a quick overview of the other rates and fees currently charged on the City's utility bills including:

- Transportation Utility Fee (TUF)
- Tree Fee
- Parks and Open Space Fee

**RECOMMENDATION**

N/A – Presentation only

**BUDGET / FINANCIAL IMPACT**

Rates and fees are the primary revenue streams funding the City’s operation of the water, wastewater and transportation(streets) utility systems and are critical to continued regulatory compliance, the ability to maintain capacity as the community grows and re-investment in infrastructure to ensure high quality water, wastewater and transportation services for the community on an ongoing basis.

No specific recommendations or decisions are planned or expected with this presentation and discussion and will be more specifically addressed at the January 13, 2026 Council meeting.

**RELEVANT COUNCIL GOAL, CITY POLICY OR COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

FY26 Council Framework

IV. Our Utility Systems

V. Our Financial Resources

**PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT**

Significant public involvement has been done with prior utility rate and fee increases in 2025 (February for utility rates and July for Parks Fee) and will be done in conjunction with Council direction and decision making on upcoming rate adjustment proposals.

**NEXT STEPS**

Council will be presented with a Utility Rates Adjustment Draft Resolution at its January 13, 2026 Council meeting and can approve a rate increase at that time or provide direction to staff for more information or other course of action.

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Water and Wastewater Rate Methodology Presentation – March 2023
2. Utility Rate Information Sheet – Community Outreach – February 2025
3. Utility Rate Sheet – February 2025