

# 2025 Utility Rate Adjustments

## Coburg Utility Bills

At its December meeting, the Coburg City Council unanimously approved adjustments to the current water, sewer and transportation utility fees (TUF), in order to maintain necessary funding levels for increased operations, maintenance and capital costs to the community’s utility systems.

Utility rates will be increasing on February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025, however you will not see those increases until the February billing goes out in March.

### What will this mean for my bill?

The February rate increase includes a 4% water rate increase, a 6% wastewater rate increase, and a 4.9% transportation utility fee (TUF) increase. For a typical, low to moderate water use residential customer, the total increase amounts to just over eight dollars (\$8.02).

	Previous Rate	New Rate
<b>Water</b>	\$59.36	\$61.73
<b>Wastewater</b>	\$88.43	\$93.74
<b>Transportation Fee</b>	\$7.00	\$7.34
Tree Fee (no change)	\$2.00	\$2.00
<b>New Total:</b>	\$156.79	\$164.81

City Council and Staff are fully aware of the increasing costs Coburg utility customers experience in their household and business budgets. Municipal services are impacted by these same economic conditions and the price (rates) charged for City utility services must be adjusted to maintain, repair and improve/replace the community’s utility systems.

Each utility the City owns and operates for the community is managed as a separate “business unit” with revenues and expenses for each (water, sewer, streets) independently tracked and not able to be moved from one to the other.

Property taxes do not fund utility operations as they are legally required to fund general services like Public Safety (police), Parks, Planning & Building, Municipal Court, Finance, etc.

Both Council and City staff place a high priority on meeting and exceeding both regulatory requirements and the community’s expectations in the following:

- Producing and delivering clean water to the community
- Collecting, treating and safely returning wastewater to the environment
- Maintaining a safe pedestrian and vehicle transportation system (streets, sidewalks and storm drainage)

