



# CITY OF CHICAGO HEIGHTS

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December 29, 2023

Village of Homewood  
Attn: Hon. Richard Hofeld  
2020 Chestnut Road  
Homewood, IL 60430

Re: Chicago Heights/Homewood Water Sales Agreement – Annual CPI rate notice.

Dear President Hofeld,

Please accept this correspondence as notice under section 502 (a) & (b) of the above captioned Water Sales Agreement that the City will be applying the annual CPI increase of 2.5% for the preceding twelve months to the current "Total Base Rate" for water sales to the Village of \$4.05. The application of the new CPI will result in a new "Total Base Rate" of \$4.15 per 1000 gallons of water delivered. The new "Total Base Rate" shall be implemented effective February 1, 2024 in order to comply with the Agreements thirty day notice provision.

I have enclosed the Department of Labor statistical printout for the CPI determination for your review. Please contact me with any questions or concerns.

Respectfully,

Tj Somer

cc. Christopher Cummings – Village Attorney  
Napoleon Haney - Village Manager  
Amy Zukowski – Village Finance Director  
Mayor David A. Gonzalez  
Karen Zerante – City Chief of Staff  
Cynthia Smith – City Finance Director  
Maria Kelly – City Director Water Billing



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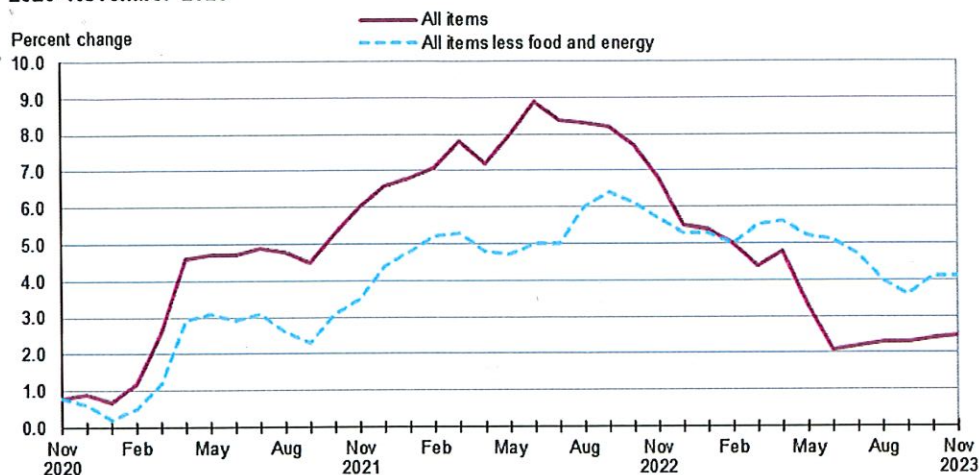
### Consumer Price Index, Chicago-Naperville-Elgin area – November 2023

Area prices were down 0.5 percent over the past month, up 2.5 percent from a year ago

Prices in the Chicago-Naperville-Elgin area, as measured by the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U), declined 0.5 percent in November, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. (See [table A.](#)) Regional Commissioner Jason Palmer noted that the November decrease was due to declines in the indexes for food, energy, and all items less food and energy. Within the all items less food and energy category, prices were lower over the month for household furnishings and operations, apparel, and lodging away from home. The indexes for owners' equivalent rent of residences and medical care services were higher. (Data in this report are not seasonally adjusted. Accordingly, month-to-month changes may reflect seasonal influences.)

Over the last 12 months, the CPI-U advanced 2.5 percent. (See [chart 1](#) and [table A.](#)) The index for all items less food and energy increased 4.1 percent over the year. Food prices rose 2.1 percent. Energy prices decreased 12.7 percent, largely the result of declines in the indexes for utility (piped) gas service and gasoline. (See [table 1.](#))

**Chart 1. Over-the-year percent change in CPI-U, Chicago-Naperville-Elgin, IL-IN-WI, November 2020–November 2023**



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

[View Chart Data](#)

### Food

Food prices decreased 0.6 percent for the month of November. (See [table 1](#).) Prices for food at home (groceries) fell 0.6 percent, and prices for food away from home (restaurant, cafeteria, and vending purchases) decreased 0.7 percent for the same period. Within the food at home group, indexes were lower in November for snacks, chicken, and frozen and freeze-dried prepared foods. In contrast, the indexes for citrus fruits, carbonated drinks, and other meats were higher.

Over the year, food prices rose 2.1 percent. Prices for food at home increased 2.0 percent since a year ago. Four of the six major grocery store food group indexes advanced over the year. Categories increasing were other food at home (+4.0 percent), which includes sugar, sweets, fats, and oils; nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials (+5.4 percent); meats, poultry, fish, and eggs (+2.1 percent); and cereals and bakery products (+2.8 percent). Prices for food away from home increased 2.5 percent from a year ago.

### Energy

The energy index decreased 1.2 percent over the month. The decrease was mainly due to lower prices for gasoline (-3.7 percent). Prices for electricity increased 2.7 percent, while prices for utility (piped) gas service declined 1.1 percent for the same period.

Energy prices decreased 12.7 percent over the year, largely due to lower prices for utility (piped) gas service (-37.0 percent) and gasoline (-15.0 percent). The electricity index rose 23.7 percent during the past year, partially offsetting these declines.

### All items less food and energy

The index for all items less food and energy decreased 0.4 percent in November. Lower prices for household furnishings and operations (-5.3 percent), apparel (-4.7 percent), and lodging away from home were contributing factors. The indexes for owners' equivalent rent of residences (+0.6 percent), new and used motor vehicles (+1.6 percent) and medical care services were higher over the month.

Over the year, the index for all items less food and energy advanced 4.1 percent. Components contributing to the increase included shelter (+5.9 percent) and recreation (+5.0 percent). Partly offsetting the increases was a price decrease in apparel (-1.8 percent).

**Table A. Chicago-Naperville-Elgin, IL-IN-WI, CPI-U 1-month and 12-month percent changes, all items index, not seasonally adjusted**

Month	2019		2020		2021		2022		2023	
	1-month	12-month	1-month	12-month	1-month	12-month	1-month	12-month	1-month	12-month
January	0.6	0.8	0.9	2.6	0.7	0.7	0.9	6.8	0.9	5.4
February	0.6	1.4	0.0	2.0	0.6	1.2	0.8	7.1	0.4	5.0
March	0.1	1.5	-0.7	1.1	0.6	2.6	1.4	7.8	0.8	4.4
April	-0.1	0.8	-0.9	0.3	1.0	4.6	0.4	7.2	0.8	4.8
May	0.8	1.2	1.0	0.4	1.0	4.7	1.8	8.0	0.4	3.3
June	-0.4	1.0	0.3	1.1	0.4	4.7	1.3(t)	8.9(t)	0.1	2.1
July	0.3	1.6	0.2	1.0	0.4	4.9	-0.2(t)	8.4(t)	0.0	2.2
August	0.2	1.6	0.1	1.0	0.1	4.8	0.1(t)	8.3(t)	0.2	2.3
September	0.2	1.4	0.6	1.4	0.3	4.5	0.2(t)	8.2(t)	0.1	2.3
October	0.3	1.8	-0.1	1.0	0.7	5.3	0.1(t)	7.7(t)	0.3	2.4
November	-0.2	2.2	-0.4	0.8	0.2	6.0	-0.6	6.8	-0.5	2.5
December	-0.2	2.2	-0.2	0.9	0.4	6.6	-0.8	5.5		

Footnotes:  
(t) Revised

The December 2023 Consumer Price Index for the Chicago-Naperville-Elgin area is scheduled to be released on January 11, 2024.

### Technical Note

The Consumer Price Index for Chicago is published monthly. The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. The Bureau of Labor Statistics publishes CPIs for two population groups: (1) a CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) which covers approximately 93 percent of the total population and (2) a CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) which covers 29 percent of the total population. The CPI-U includes, in addition to

wage earners and clerical workers, groups such as professional, managerial, and technical workers, the self-employed, short-term workers, the unemployed, and retirees and others not in the labor force.

The CPI is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and the other goods and services that people buy for day-to-day living. Each month, prices are collected in 87 urban areas across the country from about 4,000 housing units and approximately 26,000 retail establishments--department stores, supermarkets, hospitals, filling stations, and other types of stores and service establishments. All taxes directly associated with the purchase and use of items are included in the index.

The index measures price changes from a designated reference date (1982-84) that equals 100.0. An increase of 16.5 percent, for example, is shown as 116.5. This change can also be expressed in dollars as follows: the price of a base period "market basket" of goods and services in the CPI has risen from \$10 in 1982-84 to \$11.65. For further details see the CPI home page on the Internet at [www.bls.gov/cpi](http://www.bls.gov/cpi) and the BLS Handbook of Methods, Chapter 17, The Consumer Price Index, available on the Internet at [www.bls.gov/opub/hom/homch17\\_a.htm](http://www.bls.gov/opub/hom/homch17_a.htm).

In calculating the index, price changes for the various items in each location are averaged together with weights that represent their importance in the spending of the appropriate population group. Local data are then combined to obtain a U.S. city average. Because the sample size of a local area is smaller, the local area index is subject to substantially more sampling and other measurement error than the national index. In addition, local indexes are not adjusted for seasonal influences. As a result, local area indexes show greater volatility than the national index, although their long-term trends are quite similar. **Note: Area indexes do not measure differences in the level of prices between cities; they only measure the average change in prices for each area since the base period.**

The **Chicago-Naperville-Elgin, IL-IN-WI Core Based Statistical Area** consists of Cook, DeKalb, DuPage, Grundy, Kane, Kendall, Lake, McHenry, and Will Counties in Illinois; Jasper, Lake, Newton, and Porter Counties in Indiana; and Kenosha County in Wisconsin.

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**Table 1. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): Indexes and percent changes for selected periods  
Chicago-Naperville-Elgin, IL-IN-WI (1982-84=100 unless otherwise noted)**

Item and Group	Indexes			Percent change from-		
	Sep. 2023	Oct. 2023	Nov. 2023	Nov. 2022	Sep. 2023	Oct. 2023
<b>Expenditure category</b>						
All items	284.375	285.211	283.859	2.5	-0.2	-0.5
All items (1967=100)	849.593	852.093	848.053	-	-	-
<b>Food and beverages</b>	317.701	318.047	316.537	2.3	-0.4	-0.5
<b>Food</b>	318.329	318.540	316.640	2.1	-0.5	-0.6
<b>Food at home</b>	297.247	295.699	294.046	2.0	-1.1	-0.6
Cereals and bakery products	340.483	334.246	336.998	2.8	-1.0	0.8
Meats, poultry, fish and eggs	315.854	317.351	312.080	2.1	-1.2	-1.7
Dairy and related products	264.460	262.947	261.772	-1.8	-1.0	-0.4
Fruits and vegetables	359.059	354.210	359.488	-2.5	0.1	1.5
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials(1)	253.626	245.135	250.275	5.4	-1.3	2.1
Other food at home	245.784	248.484	241.736	4.0	-1.6	-2.7
<b>Food away from home</b>	338.436	341.985	339.732	2.5	0.4	-0.7
Alcoholic beverages	309.046	310.892	313.753	4.8	1.5	0.9
<b>Housing</b>	301.268	303.426	302.005	3.8	0.2	-0.5
Shelter	381.691	383.625	384.193	5.9	0.7	0.1
Rent of primary residence(2)	406.359	409.372	411.605	7.1	1.3	0.5
Owners' equiv. rent of residences(2)(3)	391.261	394.356	396.842	6.1	1.4	0.6
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<b>Fuels and utilities</b>	247.563	245.979	248.121	-7.5	0.2	0.9
Household energy	193.940	192.314	194.591	-10.2	0.3	1.2
Energy services(2)	197.603	196.024	198.565	-10.1	0.5	1.3
Electricity(2)	186.053	183.222	188.157	23.7	1.1	2.7
Utility (piped) gas service(2)	189.708	190.576	188.505	-37.0	-0.6	-1.1
Household furnishings and operations	107.461	110.783	104.901	0.6	-2.4	-5.3
<b>Apparel</b>	90.267	90.533	86.274	-1.8	-4.4	-4.7
<b>Transportation</b>	238.593	236.225	234.693	-0.4	-1.6	-0.6
Private transportation	242.048	239.769	237.762	0.1	-1.8	-0.8
New and used motor vehicles(4)	120.452	119.732	121.596	1.9	0.9	1.6
<b>Footnotes</b>	<p>(1) Index on a December 1977=100 base.  (2) This index series was calculated using a Laspeyres estimator. All other item stratum index series were calculated using a geometric means estimator.  (3) Index on a December 1982=100 base.  (4) Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.  (5) Special index based on a substantially smaller sample.  (6) Index on a December 1993=100 base.</p>					
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Item and Group	Indexes			Percent change from-		
	Sep. 2023	Oct. 2023	Nov. 2023	Nov. 2022	Sep. 2023	Oct. 2023
New vehicles <sup>(1)</sup>	217.428	217.010	216.226	1.5	-0.6	-0.4
Used cars and trucks <sup>(1)</sup>	363.180	358.029	360.457	-3.6	-0.7	0.7
Motor fuel	352.340	321.591	309.869	-15.3	-12.1	-3.6
Gasoline (all types)	350.084	319.078	307.257	-15.0	-12.2	-3.7
Gasoline, unleaded regular <sup>(5)</sup>	338.045	307.387	295.772	-15.4	-12.5	-3.8
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>(5)(6)</sup>	387.331	358.019	346.329	-12.5	-10.6	-3.3
Gasoline, unleaded premium <sup>(5)</sup>	374.935	349.973	339.658	-10.9	-9.4	-2.9
Medical care	542.756	547.056	552.750	2.1	1.8	1.0
Recreation <sup>(4)</sup>	132.297	131.715	131.547	5.0	-0.6	-0.1
Education and communication <sup>(4)</sup>	140.736	140.470	140.318	0.3	-0.3	-0.1
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare <sup>(1)</sup>	1,268.628	1,269.531	1,271.270	1.5	0.2	0.1
Other goods and services	462.244	472.907	473.487	6.3	2.4	0.1
<b>Commodity and service group</b>						
All items	284.375	285.211	283.859	2.5	-0.2	-0.5
Commodities	202.696	202.316	198.720	-0.6	-2.0	-1.8
Commodities less food and beverages	147.628	147.049	143.107	-2.7	-3.1	-2.7
Nondurables less food and beverages	202.571	199.868	194.124	-3.3	-4.2	-2.9
Durables	98.338	99.166	96.753	-2.5	-1.6	-2.4
Services	361.260	363.386	364.534	4.6	0.9	0.3
<b>Special aggregate indexes</b>						
All items less medical care	273.498	274.190	272.541	2.5	-0.3	-0.6
All items less shelter	251.419	251.881	249.870	0.9	-0.6	-0.8
Commodities less food	153.064	152.543	148.743	-2.4	-2.8	-2.5
Nondurables	260.319	258.909	254.900	0.0	-2.1	-1.5
Nondurables less food	209.303	206.870	201.632	-2.6	-3.7	-2.5
Services less rent of shelter <sup>(3)</sup>	357.034	359.467	361.347	3.0	1.2	0.5
Services less medical care services	347.107	349.054	349.742	5.0	0.8	0.2
Energy	254.425	242.000	239.114	-12.7	-6.0	-1.2
All items less energy	289.844	291.708	290.459	3.8	0.2	-0.4
All items less food and energy	285.660	287.793	286.646	4.1	0.3	-0.4
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