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To: [City Recorder](#)
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Hello,

I am a resident of the City of Lebanon, and I strongly believe this utility rate increase is unnecessary. Lebanon already has the highest utilities out of the entire state of Oregon, which based on population is absolutely absurd. Speaking personally, my family can barely afford our current water bill, let alone our other utilities combined. To propose yet another increase is ridiculous. To what end? To put more money in the pockets of the people running our City into the ground?

I moved out of Portland, Oregon to move down here to be with my now husband, and it's astonishing the price differences between moving from a bigger city to a significantly smaller town. I cannot wrap my head around the utility prices this city has. I could afford my utilities in Portland much easier than I can in Lebanon. It's becoming very hard to not feel that the leadership running our city is misusing the funds that they pull from Lebanon's residents.

I object to this increase and hope that the Leadership of Lebanon can find it in their hearts to set it aside and see that it is not what's best for this community. I think that the City of Lebanon should look into why all of our utilities are so high in the first place. If the prices keep increasing my family may have no choice but to move to a different town. Many of our friends and family are considering doing the same if something doesn't change.

Thank you for your time,
Sarah Fry