



CITY OF
LONG LAKE

City Council Agenda Report

City of Long Lake

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MEETING DATE / November 18, 2025

SUBJECT: Adoption of 2026 City Utilities/Recycling Rates

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Recommended City Council Action

Staff recommends the following:

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2025-40 establishing water, sewer, and storm sewer utility rates; and establishing curbside residential recycling and residential organics recycling rates.

Overview / Background

In 2025, we received notification from the Metropolitan Council that our 2026 treatment costs were increasing another 23.75% from \$351,225 per year to \$434,626 per year. In addition to this increase, the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) connection fee will be going up to \$15.22 per year, per connection.

Staff recommends the following utility rate increases to cover these unforeseen expenses:

Proposed Rate Changes

Water Rates

- Pre-approved base rate increase of 1.75%.
- Adjust apartment “per unit” base rate from 80% of residential down to 75% of residential.
- Increase the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) water testing fee from \$0.81 to \$1.27.
- Increase the Manual Meter Read/Entry Fee charge by \$5.00.

Sewer Rates

- Decrease the base rate by \$0.10.
- Remove the \$4.48 “per unit” apartment base rate to help offset the Metropolitan Council Environmental Services (MCES) Treatment Fee increase.
- Increase the MCES Treatment Fee to \$39.20 in order to reflect the 2026 Metropolitan Council treatment charge.
- Adjust the multi-family/apartment complex “per unit” MCES Treatment Fee to \$29.40 (75% of residential) to help cover the 2026 Metropolitan Council treatment costs.
- Add the MCES Treatment Fee of \$39.20 to all unmetered residential properties.

Surface Water Management Rates

- Increase residential base rate by \$0.35 (7.5%) to \$4.95.
- Increase base rate for Commercial, Industrial, and Green Space by 7.5%.

Recycling Service Rate

- No rate changes to the recycling services.

Supporting Information

- Resolution No. 2025-40 (includes rate schedule on Exhibit A)
- Rate Adjustment Bill Scenarios