

CITY OF SUMAS

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MEMO

To: Sumas City Council
From: Mollie Bost, Finance Director
Date: 11/24/2025
Re: Chapter 3.30 SMC, Fee Schedule with utility rate increases

The Sumas Municipal Code (SMC) has a Chapter, 3.30, which codifies the City of Sumas' Fee Schedule. It has been a goal to develop the fee schedule into a "one stop shop" for all the City's Fees. This provides easy references for residents and customers who are inquiring about charges, fees and rates, as well as providing an easy way for the City to update and adjust multiple-rate types, without having to update multiple sections and chapters throughout the SMC. This does however take time to develop.

With this goal in mind, I propose adding utility rates and associated fees to the Fee Schedule, while simultaneously adjusting and updating fees and charges that are already housed in the fee schedule.

Ordinance No. 1827 addresses these changes. Updates have been made to certain Development and Land Use fees, fingerprinting fees, as well as adding the adjusted water, sewer, storm, and electric rates and fees to Chapter 3.30, Fee Schedule, of the SMC.

The proposed rate adjustments are driven by several factors including a continued rise in operational cost which is primarily driven by inflation, infrastructure maintenance, and capital projects.

A new tiered rate system and new capital facilities fees are being introduced and proposed. Rates will be based on usage tiers, which will ensure that customers who use more pay proportionally for the additional demand placed on the system, and the addition of a capital facilities fee will help fund critical capital projects and build reserves for major, unpredictable events and emergency repairs. This helps to ensure long-term reliability and sustainability of our utility services.

Attached to this memo you will find the draft version of Ordinance No. 1827, tracked changes of chapter 3.30, the Fee Schedule of the SMC, a fees and rates cheat sheet for an easy to read, quick comparison of the current rates to the proposed increases, and lastly a residential utility bill comparison which compares a low, average, and high users utility bill at the current rates and the proposed increased rates.

Proposed Utility Rate Increase:

Water 15%
Sewer 3%
Stormwater 5%
Electric 5%

ORDINANCE NO. 1827

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SUMAS, WASHINGTON, AMENDING SECTION 3.30.010 OF THE SUMAS MUNICIPAL CODE UPDATING CERTAIN FEES AND CHARGES AND ADDING UTILITY RATES AND FEES TO THE CITY FEE SCHEDULE

WHEREAS, the City of Sumas has established a fee schedule codified under section 3.30.010 of the Sumas Municipal Code for purposes of establishing and setting forth certain fees and charges of the City; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sumas owns and operates its own electrical, water, sewer and stormwater utility; and

WHEREAS, the City provides certain services relating to land use and development, and other various city related services; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to have utility rates, and other related fees and charges set forth in the Fee Schedule; and

WHEREAS, the cost to the City of operating, maintaining and providing services within the City continues to increase; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that the City adjust its fees, rates and charges to account for increased costs and continue providing services within the City; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to apply an updated utility rate structure based on usage tiers, ensuring that customers with higher usage pay proportionally for the additional demand placed on all systems; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to create an additional fee to help fund critical capital projects and build reserves for major, unpredictable events such as natural disasters or emergency repairs, and to ensure sufficient capacity, long-term reliability and sustainability of our utility services; and

WHEREAS, the City Council for the City of Sumas may, from time to time, add, adjust or amend certain fees, rates and charges; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that certain fees, rates and charges related to the City's utilities, land use and planning services, and other general services should be adjusted; and

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUMAS, WASHINGTON, DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 3.30.010 of the Sumas Municipal Code is amended to read in its entirety as follows:

3.30.010 Fee Schedule. The schedule of fees, rates and charges for the following permits, applications, petitions, inspections, and other services or reviews is as follows:

Fee and Rate Schedule

A. Development and Land Use.

Fee Name/Description	Current Fee
Permit to Move Building	\$80.00
Shoreline Substantial Development Permit	\$500.00
Includes up to eight (8) hours of staff time; additional billed actual	
Shoreline Conditional Use Permit	\$650.00
Includes up to five (5) hours of staff time; additional billed actual	
Shoreline Variance Permit	\$800.00
Includes up to five (5) hours of staff time; additional billed actual	
Shoreline Exemption	\$100.00
Conditional Use Permit	\$500.00
Includes up to eight (8) hours of staff time; additional billed actual	
Variance - Zoning and/or Development Standards	\$500.00
Includes up to five (5) hours of staff time; additional billed actual	
Zoning Map Amendment	\$500.00
Includes up to eight (8) hours of staff time; additional billed actual	
Zoning Text Amendment	\$500.00
Includes up to eight (8) hours of staff time; additional billed actual	
Short Subdivision Filing and Inspection	\$ 500.00
Plus \$50 per lot	
Preliminary Long Subdivision	\$1,000.00
Plus \$50 per lot. Includes up to twelve (12) hours of staff time;	
additional billed actual	
Final Long Division	\$500.00
Plus \$25.00 per lot	
SEPA Environmental Checklist Review/Threshold Determination	\$350.00
Amendments to Application billed actual	
EIS Preparation & Review (if required)	\$750.00
Includes up to twelve (12) hours of staff time; additional billed actual	
Critical Areas Review	\$250.00
Includes up to three (3) hours of staff time; additional billed actual	
Critical Areas Variance	\$500.00
Includes up to five(5) hours of staff time; additional billed actual	
General Binding Site Plan	\$1,000.00
Includes up to eight (8) hours of staff time; additional billed actual	
Specific Binding Site Plan	\$500.00

Annexation Petition	\$1,500.00
Includes up to twelve (12) hours of staff time; additional billed actual	
Comprehensive Plan Amendment	\$1,000.00
Includes up to twelve (12) hours of staff time; additional billed actual	
Boundary Line Adjustment	\$150.00
Includes up to three (3) hours of staff time; additional billed actual	
Flood Area Development Permit	\$300.00
Flood Plain Development Variance	\$500.00
Includes up to five (5) hours of staff time; additional billed actual	
Home Occupancy Consistency Review	\$100.00
Other Land Use Application Fees:	
Short-Term Rental Use – Permitted Use	\$100.00
Short-Term Rental Use – Conditional Use	\$500.00
Appeal of Administrative Decision	\$250.00
Includes up to three (3) hours of staff time; additional billed actual	
Vacation of Street/Alley	\$500.00
\$500 minimum; maximum of 1/2 appraised value, plus other costs & fees as set forth in Ordinance	
Sewer Inspection	\$25.00
Publications/Notices/Outside Reviews associated with application	
Actual Costs Paid by Applicant	

B. Permits & Licensing

Fee Name/Description	Current Fee
Dog License (annual) – Spayed or Neutered	\$15.00
Dog License (annual) – Non Spayed or Neutered	\$25.00
Business License Fee	\$40.00
Right-of-Way Permit	\$50.00

C. Cemetery

Fee Name/Description	
Headstone setting	\$125.00
Plot purchase – One Interment	\$300.00
Permanent care (one-time fee)	\$75.00
Each Additional Interment	\$100.00

D. Miscellaneous

Fee Name/Description	Current Fee
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Fingerprinting (per card) – Sumas Resident (sales tax included)	\$15.00
Fingerprinting (per card) – Non Residents (sales tax included)	\$25.00

E. Water Utility

Fee Name/Description	Current Fee
Residential Rate	
Tier 1 (First 600 CF)	\$14.00
Tier 2 (601 CF and above)	\$0.0130 per CF
Capital Facilities Fee	\$0.001 per CF
Commercial Rate	
Tier 1 (First 600 CF)	\$14.00
Tier 2 (601 CF to 5,000 CF)	\$0.0130 per CF
Tier 3 (5,001 CF and above)	\$0.0136 per CF
Capital Facilities Fee	\$0.001 per CF
Water Associations & PSE Process	
Tier 1 (First 500,000 CF)	\$0.0063 per CF
Tier 2 (500,001 CF and above)	\$0.0070 per CF
Capital Facilities Fee	\$0.001 per CF
Hydrant/ Bulk Water Sales	
Base Fee	\$21.00
Volume Surcharge	\$0.0141 per CF
Hookup Fee	
¾" (per unit served by its own meter)	\$4,200.00
1" and larger (per unit served by its own meter)	\$4,500.00
Additional units served by the same meter	\$2,100.00
Other Water Fees	
Reconnect Fee (during office hours)	\$36.00
Reconnect Fee (after hours)	\$217.00
Meter Read (outside of bill cycle)	\$18.00

F. Sewer Utility

Fee Name/Description	Current Fee
Residential Rate (subject to summer sewer averages)	
Base Fee	\$12.70

Tier 1 (First 1060 CF)	\$0.0656 per CF
Tier 2 (1061 CF and above)	\$0.0689 per CF
Capital Facilities Fee	\$0.003 per CF
Commercial	
Base Fee	\$12.70
Tier 1 (First 1060 CF)	\$0.0656 per CF
Tier 2 (1061 CF and above)	\$0.0689 per CF
Capital Facilities Fee	\$0.003 per CF
Large Industrial (Contracted User)	
Base Fee	\$12.70
80,000 gallons per day	\$0.0485 per CF
80,001 gallons and above (per day)	\$0.0689 per CF
Capital Facilities Fee	\$0.003 per CF
Hookup Fees	
Residential - First Unit	\$6,500.00
Residential - Additional Units	\$3,500.00
Commercial & Industrial (per ERU)	\$6,500.00

G. Stormwater Utility

Fee Name/Description	Current Fee
Residential Rate	
Single Family Unit	\$3.31
Multi-Family Unit	\$7.72
Commercial Rate	\$7.72
Industrial Rate	\$27.56
Hookup Fees	
Parcels that have an existing stormwater line that is adequately constructed to the property line adjacent to the city's storm sewer main line, as determined by the administrator of the utility.	\$555.00
All other parcels	\$750.00 or actual (whichever is greater)

H. Electric Utility

Fee Name/Description	Current Fee
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Residential Rate	
Base Fee	\$6.50
Tier 1	\$0.0890 per KWH
Capital Facilities Fee	\$0.001 per KWH
Public Authority & Small Commercial	
Base Fee	\$7.00
Tier 1 (First 5,000 KWH)	\$0.0671 per KWH
Tier 2 (5,001 KWH to 10,000 KWH)	\$0.0935 per KWH
Tier 3 (10,001 KWH and above)	\$0.0982 per KWH
Capital Facilities Fee	\$0.001 per KWH
Large Commercial & Industrial	
Demand #1	
Base Fee	\$265.00
Demand Charges (per KW)	\$6.15 per KW
Demand #2	
Tier 1 (First 435,000 KWH)	\$0.0671 per KWH
Tier 2 (435,001 KWH to 870,000 KWH)	\$0.0704 per KWH
Tier 2 (870,001 KWH and above)	\$0.0740 per KWH
Capital Facilities Fee	\$0.001 per KWH
Other Electric Fees	
Residential – Temporary Service Connection	\$200
Commercial/ Industrial – Temporary Service Connection	\$200 or actual cost (whichever is greater)
Reconnect Fee (during office hours)	\$44.00
Reconnect Fee (after hours)	\$265.00
Reconnect Fee (400 amp or larger)	\$265.00
Meter Read (outside of billing cycle)	\$22.00

Section 2 – Application of Adjusted Rates. The adjusted fees, rates and charges set forth in Section 1 of this Ordinance shall apply beginning with the January, 2025 billing period and shall cover all services and all fees, rates and charges included in the that billing period and thereafter.

Section 3 – Savings Clause. The amendment of section 3.30.010 of the Sumas municipal code does not affect any pending or existing litigation, nor does it affect any amount owed for fees, costs or changes incurred prior to the effective date of this ordinance and does not operate as an abatement or bar any action or proceeding under or by virtue of the repealed or amended code section(s).

Section 4 – Severability Clause. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decisions shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

Section 5 – Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take affect from and after the 5th date after the date of its publication.

PASSED by the City Council and approved by the Mayor of the City of Sumas, Washington this ___th day of _____, ____.

CITY OF SUMAS, WASHINGTON

BRUCE BOSCH, Mayor

Attested/Authenticated:

MICHELLE QUINN, City Clerk

Approved as to Form:

JAMES J. WRIGHT, City Attorney

Chapter 3.30
FEE SCHEDULE

Sections:

- 3.30.010 Fee schedule.
- 3.30.020 Additional fees and costs.
- 3.30.030 Availability of schedule.
- 3.30.040 Administrative charge.

3.30.010 Fee schedule.

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Plus \$50 per lot	
Preliminary Long Subdivision	\$500.00 <u>\$1,000.00</u>
Plus \$50 per lot. Includes up to twelve hours of staff time; additional	

Fee Name/Description	Current Fee
billed actual	
Final Long Division	\$500.00
Plus \$25.00 per lot	
SEPA Environmental Checklist Review/Threshold Determination	\$250.00 \$350.00
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EIS Preparation & Review (if required)	\$750.00
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\$500 minimum; maximum of one-half appraised value, plus other costs and fees as set forth in ordinance	

Fee Name/Description	Current Fee
Sewer Inspection	\$25.00
Publications/Notices/Outside Reviews associated with application	
Actual costs paid by applicant	

B. Animals/Permit & Licensing.

Fee Name/Description	Current Fee
Dog License (annual)—Spayed or Neutered	\$15.00
Dog License (annual)—Non-Spayed or Neutered	\$25.00
<u>Business License Fee</u>	<u>\$40.00</u>
<u>Right-of-Way Permit</u>	<u>\$50.00</u>

C. Cemetery.

Fee Name/Description	
Headstone setting	\$125.00
Plot purchase—One interment	\$300.00
Permanent care (one-time fee)	\$75.00
Each additional interment	\$100.00

D. Miscellaneous.

Fee Name/Description	Current Fee
Fingerprinting (per card)—Sumas resident <u>(sales tax included)</u>	\$40.00 <u>15.00</u>
Fingerprinting (per card)—Nonresidents <u>(sales tax included)</u>	\$20.00 <u>25.00</u>

E. Water Utility

<u>Fee Name/Description</u>	<u>Current Fee</u>
<u>Water (per Cubic Feet (CF) of consumption):</u>	
<u>Residential Rate</u>	
<u>Tier 1 (First 600 CF)</u>	<u>\$14.00</u>
<u>Tier 2 (601 CF and above)</u>	<u>\$0.0130 per cf</u>
<u>Capital Facilities Fee</u>	<u>\$0.001 per cf</u>
<u>Commercial</u>	
<u>Tier 1 (First 600 CF)</u>	<u>\$14.00</u>
<u>Tier 2 (601 CF to 5000 CF)</u>	<u>\$0.0130 per cf</u>
<u>Tier 3 (5001 CF and above)</u>	<u>\$0.0136 per cf</u>

<u>Capital Facilities Fee</u>	<u>\$0.001 per cf</u>
<u>Water Associations & PSE Process</u>	
<u>Tier 1 (First 500,000 CF)</u>	<u>\$0.0063 per cf</u>
<u>Tier 2 (500,001 CF and above)</u>	<u>\$0.0070 per cf</u>
<u>Capital Facilities Fee</u>	<u>\$0.001 per cf</u>
<u>Hydrant/ Bulk Water Sales</u>	
<u>Base Fee</u>	<u>\$21.00</u>
<u>Volume Surcharge</u>	<u>\$0.0141 per cf</u>
<u>Hookup Fees</u>	
<u>3/4" (per unit served by its own meter)</u>	<u>\$4,200.00</u>
<u>1" and larger (per unit served by its own meter)</u>	<u>\$4,500.00</u>
<u>Addition unit served by the same meter</u>	<u>\$2,100.00</u>
<u>Other Water Fees</u>	
<u>Reconnect Fee (During Office Hours)</u>	<u>\$36.00</u>
<u>Reconnect Fee (After Hours)</u>	<u>\$217.00</u>
<u>Meter Read (Outside of bill cycle)</u>	<u>\$18.00</u>

F. Sewer Utility

<u>Fee Name/Description</u>	<u>Current Fee</u>
<u>Sewer (per Cubic Foot (CF) of water consumed):</u>	
<u>Residential Rate</u>	
<u>Base Fee</u>	<u>\$12.70</u>
<u>Tier 1 (First 1060 cf)</u>	<u>\$0.0656 per cf</u>
<u>Tier 2 (1061 cf and above)</u>	<u>\$0.0689 per cf</u>
<u>Capital Facilities Fee</u>	<u>\$0.003 per cf</u>
<u>**residential sewer charges are subject to the summer season provisions described in SMC 13.16.020</u>	
<u>Commercial</u>	
<u>Base Fee</u>	<u>\$12.70</u>
<u>Tier 1 (First 1060 cf)</u>	<u>\$0.0656 per cf</u>
<u>Tier 2 (1061 cf and above)</u>	<u>\$0.0689 per cf</u>
<u>Capital Facilities Fee</u>	<u>\$0.003 per cf</u>
<u>Large Industrial (Contracted User)</u>	
<u>Base Fee</u>	<u>\$12.70</u>
<u>80,000 gallons per day</u>	<u>\$0.0485 per cf</u>
<u>80,001 gallons and above (per day)</u>	<u>\$0.0689 per cf</u>
<u>Capital Facilities Fee</u>	<u>\$0.003 per cf</u>
<u>Hookups</u>	
<u>Residential First Unit</u>	<u>\$6,500.00</u>
<u>Residential – Additional Units</u>	<u>\$3,500.00</u>

<u>Commercial & Industrial (per ERU)</u>	<u>\$6,500.00</u>
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G. Stormwater Utility

<u>Fee Name/Description</u>	<u>Current Fee</u>
<u>Stormwater</u>	
<u>Residential Rate</u>	
<u>Single Family Unit</u>	<u>\$3.31</u>
<u>Multi-Family Unit</u>	<u>\$7.72</u>
<u>Commercial</u>	<u>\$7.72</u>
<u>Industrial</u>	<u>\$27.56</u>
<u>Hookups</u>	
<u>Parcels that have an existing storm sewer line that is adequately constructed to the property line adjacent to the city's storm sewer main line, as determined by the administrator of the utility</u>	<u>\$555.00</u>
<u>All other parcels</u>	<u>\$750.00 or actual (whichever is greater)</u>

H. Electric Utility

<u>Fee Name/Description</u>	<u>Current Fee</u>
<u>Residential Rate</u>	
<u>Base Fee</u>	<u>\$6.50</u>
<u>Tier 1</u>	<u>\$0.0890 per kwh</u>
<u>Capital Facilities Fee</u>	<u>\$0.001 per kwh</u>
<u>Public Authority & Small Commercial</u>	
<u>Base Fee</u>	<u>\$7.00</u>
<u>Tier 1 (First 5,000 kwh)</u>	<u>\$0.0890 per kwh</u>
<u>Tier 2 (5,001 to 10,000 kwh)</u>	<u>\$0.0935 per kwh</u>
<u>Tier 3 (10,001 kwh and above)</u>	<u>\$0.0982 per kwh</u>
<u>Capital Facilities Fee</u>	<u>\$0.001 per kwh</u>
<u>Large Commercial & Industrial</u>	
<u>Demand #1</u>	
<u>Base Fee</u>	<u>\$265.00</u>
<u>Demand Charge (per KW)</u>	<u>\$6.15 per KW</u>
<u>Demand #2</u>	
<u>Tier 1 (First 435,000 kwh)</u>	<u>\$0.0671 per kwh</u>
<u>Tier 2 (435,001 kwh to 870,000 kwh)</u>	<u>\$0.0704 per kwh</u>
<u>Tier 3 (870,001 kwh and above)</u>	<u>\$0.0740 per kwh</u>
<u>Capital Facilities Fee</u>	<u>\$0.001 per kwh</u>
<u>Other Electric Fees</u>	
<u>Residential - Temporary Service Connection</u>	<u>\$200</u>

<u>Commercial/ Industrial – Temporary Service Connection</u>	<u>\$200 or actual, whichever is greater</u>
<u>Reconnect Fee (During Office Hours)</u>	<u>\$44.00</u>
<u>Reconnect Fee (After Hours)</u>	<u>\$265.00</u>
<u>Reconnect Fee (400 Amp or larger)</u>	<u>\$265.00</u>
<u>Meter Read (Outside of billing cycle)</u>	<u>\$22.00</u>

(Ord. 1817 § 1, 2024; Ord.1780 § 1, 2021; Ord. 1744 § 3, 2019; Ord. 1672 § 1, 2016; Ord. 1570 § 2 (part), 2011)

3.30.020 Additional fees and costs.

The fees and charges established in this chapter shall not preclude the collection of fees or charges adopted or enacted which have been omitted from this chapter. Additionally, in the event the amount of any fee or charge set forth in this chapter is inconsistent with the amount of any fee or charge set forth in the Sumas Municipal Code, the higher fee or charge shall be applied. (Ord. 1570 § 2 (part), 2011)

3.30.030 Availability of schedule.

The fee schedule established in this chapter shall be posted in a conspicuous place in City Hall and a copy of said schedule shall be made available to persons who request it. (Ord. 1570 § 2 (part), 2011)

3.30.040 Administrative charge.

A charge shall be applied to all fees and charges for the use of city facilities, the use of city equipment in connection with a work order, development and land use fees, utility connections, call outs and other services as an administrative charge, including for processing, monitoring, billing, clerical and other related or similar costs. The administrative charge shall be ten percent of the underlying fee or charge.

In the event that the city clerk/treasurer determines in his or her discretion that a category of fee or charge, other than a category specifically listed above, results in no material processing, monitoring, billing, clerical or other related or similar costs, then the administrative charge shall not be applied to that category of fee or charge. (Ord. 1678 § 1, 2016)

Proposed - Adjusted Fees & Rates Cheat Sheet

Currently on Fee Schedule		
	Current Rate	Proposed Rate
Development and Land Use		
Shoreline Conditional Use Permit	\$ 500.00	\$ 650.00
Shoreline Variance Permit	\$ 500.00	\$ 800.00
Zoning Map Amendment	\$ 300.00	\$ 500.00
Preliminary Long Subdivision	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,000.00
SEPA Environmental Checklist Review/ Threshold Determination	\$ 250.00	\$ 350.00
General Binding Site Plan	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,000.00
Specific Binding Site Plan	\$ 300.00	\$ 500.00
Annexation Petition	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,500.00
Flood Plain Development Variance	\$ 350.00	\$ 500.00
Miscellaneous		
Fingerpringing (per card) - Sumas resident (sales tax included)	\$ 10.00	\$ 15.00
Fingerprinting (per card) - Nonresident (sales tax included)	\$ 20.00	\$ 25.00

Additions to Fee Schedule		
	Current Rate	Proposed Rate
Permit & Licensing (previously titled Animals)		
Business Lincese Fee	\$ 25.00	\$ 40.00
Right-of-Way Permit	\$ 30.00	\$ 50.00
Water Utility		
<u>Residential Rate</u>		
Tier 1 (First 600 CF)	\$ 10.40	\$ 14.00
Tier 2 (601 CF and above)	\$0.0113 per CF	\$0.0130 per CF
NEW - Capital Facilities Fee	N/A	\$0.001 per CF
<u>Commerical Rate</u>		
Tier 1 (First 600 CF)	\$ 10.40	\$ 14.00
Tier 2 (601 CF to 5,000 CF)	\$0.0113 per CF	\$0.0130 per CF
NEW - Tier 3 (5,001 CF and above)	N/A	\$0.0136 per CF
NEW - Capital Facilities Fee	N/A	\$0.001 per CF
<u>Water Associations & PSE Process Rate</u>		
Usage Surcharge	\$0.0055 per CF	N/A
NEW - Tier 1 (First 500,000 CF)		\$0.0063 per CF
NEW - Tier 2 (500,001 CF and above)		\$0.0070 per CF
NEW - Capital Contribution Fee		\$0.001 per CF
<u>Hydrant/ Bulk Water Sales</u>		
Tier 1 (First 1,500 GAL)	\$ 21.00	N/A
Tier 2 (1,501 GAL and above)	\$0.0113 per CF	N/A
NEW - Base Fee		\$21.00
NEW - Volume Surcharge		\$0.0141 per CF
<u>Hookup Fees</u>		
3/4" (per unit served by its own meter)	\$ 2,900.00	\$ 4,200.00
1" and larger (per unit served by its own meter)	\$ 2,950.00	\$ 4,500.00

Additional unit served by the same meter	\$ 1,260.00	\$ 2,100.00
<u>Other Water Utility Fees</u>		
Reconnect Fee (during office hours)	\$ 30.00	\$ 36.00
Reconnect Fee (after hours)	\$ 110.00	\$ 217.00
Meter Read (outside of bill cycle)	\$ 10.00	\$ 18.00
Sewer Utility		
<u>Residential Rate</u>		
Base Fee	\$ 12.70	\$ 12.70
Tier 1 (First 1,060 CF)	\$0.06368 per CF	\$0.0656 per CF
NEW - Tier 2 (1,061 CF and above)		\$0.0689 per CF
NEW - Capital Facilities Fee		\$0.003 per CF
<u>Commercial Rate</u>		
Base Fee	\$ 12.70	\$ 12.70
Tier 1 (First 1,060 CF)	\$0.06368 per CF	\$0.0656 per CF
NEW - Tier 2 (1,061 CF and above)		\$0.0689 per CF
NEW - Capital Facilities Fee		\$0.003 per CF
<u>Large Industrial (Contracted User)</u>		
Base Fee	\$ 12.70	\$ 12.70
80,000 GAL per day	\$0.04708 per CF	\$0.0485 per CF
80,001 GAL and above (per day)	\$0.05019 per CF	\$0.0689 per CF
NEW - Capital Facilities Fee		\$0.003 per CF
<u>Hookup Fees</u>		
Residential - First Unit	\$ 3,125.00	\$ 6,500.00
Residential - Additional Units	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 3,500.00
Commercial & Industrial (per ERU)	*2026 Current JAMES	
JAMES Plant DCC Rate is \$8,827 (CAD) aprox. \$6,298 USD	Plant DCC Rate	\$ 6,500.00
Stormwater Utility		
Single Family Unit	\$ 3.15	\$ 3.31
Multifamily Unit	\$ 7.35	\$ 7.72
Commercial Rate	\$ 7.35	\$ 7.72
Industrial Rate	\$ 26.25	\$ 27.56
<u>Hookup Fees</u>		
Parcels that have an existing storm sewer line that is adequately constructed to the property line adjacent to the city's storm sewer main line, as determined by the administrator of the utility	\$ 555.00	No Change
	\$750.00 or actual (whichever is greater)	
All other parcels		No Change
Electric Utility		
<u>Residential Rate</u>		
Base Fee	\$ 5.50	\$ 6.50
Tier 1 (all usage)	\$0.0848 per KWH	\$0.0890 per KWH
NEW - Capital Facilities Fee		\$0.001 per KWH
<u>Public Authority & Small Commercial Rate</u>		
Base Fee	\$ 5.50	\$ 7.00

Tier 1 (First 5,000 KWH)	\$0.0848 per KWH	\$0.089 per KWH
Tier 2 (5,001 KWH to 10,000 KWH)	\$0.0922 per KWH	\$0.0935 per KWH
NEW - Tier 3 (10,001 KWH and above)	N/A	\$0.0982 per KWH
NEW - Capital Facilities Fee	N/A	\$0.001 per KWH
<u>Large Commercial & Industrial Rate</u>		
Demand #1		
Base Fee	\$ 257.95	\$ 265.00
Demand per KW	\$5.86 per KW	\$6.15 KW
Demand #2		
Tier 1 (First 435,000 KWH)	\$0.0639 per KWH	\$0.0671 per KWH
Tier 2 (435,001 KWH to 870,000 KWH)	\$0.0592 per KWH	\$0.0704 per KWH
NEW - Tier 3 (870,001 KWH and above)	N/A	\$0.0740 per KWH
NEW - Capital Facilities Fee	N/A	\$0.001 per KWH
<u>Other Electric Fees</u>		
Residential - Temporary Service Connection	\$ 110.00	\$ 200.00
	\$110 or actual	\$200 or actual
Commercial/ Industrial - Temporary Service Connection	(whichever is greater)	(whichever is greater)
Reconnect Fee (during office hours)	\$ 30.00	\$ 44.00
Reconnect Fee (after hours)	\$ 110.00	\$ 265.00
Reconnect Fee (400 amp or larger)	\$ 110.00	\$ 265.00
Meter Read (outside of billing cycle)	\$ 10.00	\$ 22.00

Residential Utility Bill Comparison

Water	Current Rate	Proposed Rate	Amount Increased per month
Low User (415 cf)	\$ 10.40	\$ 14.42	\$ 4.02
Average of ALL Residential Users (701 cf)	\$ 11.54	\$ 16.01	\$ 4.47
High User (1193 cf)	\$ 17.10	\$ 22.90	\$ 5.80
Sewer	Current Rate	Proposed Rate	Amount Increased per month
Low user (383 cf)	\$ 37.09	\$ 38.97	\$ 1.88
Average of ALL Residential Users (517 cf)	\$ 45.62	\$ 48.17	\$ 2.54
High User (730 cf)	\$ 59.19	\$ 62.78	\$ 3.59
Storm	Current Rate	Proposed Rate	Amount Increased per month
No Based on usage. Flat Fee.	\$ 3.15	\$ 3.31	\$ 0.16
Electric	Current Rate	Proposed Rate	Amount Increased per month
Low User (473 kwh)	\$ 45.61	\$ 49.07	\$ 3.46
Average of ALL Residential Users (682 kwh)	\$ 63.33	\$ 67.88	\$ 4.55
High User (2747 kwh)	\$ 238.45	\$ 253.73	\$ 15.28
Total Monthly Bill	Current Rate	Proposed Rate	Amount Increased per month
Low User	\$ 96.25	\$ 105.77	\$ 9.52
Average of ALL Residential Users	\$ 123.65	\$ 135.37	\$ 11.72
High User	\$ 317.88	\$ 342.72	\$ 24.83

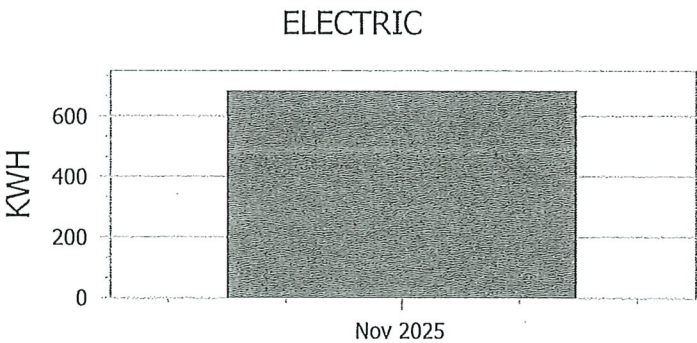
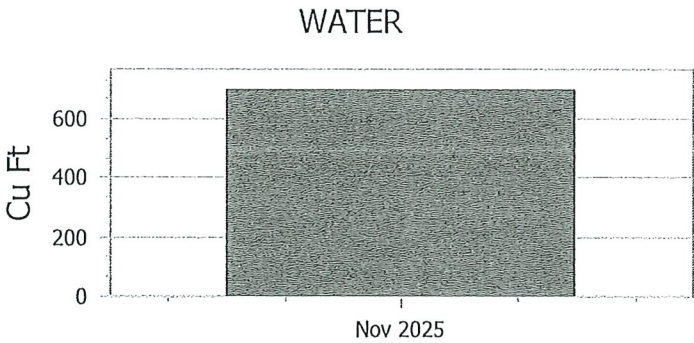
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								Test - Sewer Capital	0.70
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Utility Rate Comparision

Water						
Residential Customer	City of Sumas Current Rate	City of Sumas Proposed Rate	2026 City of Everson	2025 City of Nooksack	2025 City of Lynden	2026 City of Blaine
Low User (415 cf)	\$ 10.40	\$ 14.42	\$ 24.65	\$ 36.89	\$ 55.29	\$ 31.00
Average of ALL Residential Users (701 cf)	\$ 11.54	\$ 16.01	\$ 32.60	\$ 36.89	\$ 62.71	\$ 44.15
High User (1193 cf)	\$ 17.10	\$ 22.90	\$ 46.26	\$ 41.98	\$ 76.39	\$ 72.04

Sewer						
Residential Customer	City of Sumas Current Rate	City of Sumas Proposed Rate	2026 City of Everson	2025 City of Nooksack	2025 City of Lynden	2026 City of Blaine
Low user (383 cf)	\$ 37.09	\$ 38.97	\$ 84.80	\$ 62.41	\$ 67.80	\$ 150.61
Average of ALL Residential Users (517 cf)	\$ 45.62	\$ 48.17	\$ 84.80	\$ 62.41	\$ 67.80	\$ 150.61
High User (730 cf)	\$ 59.19	\$ 62.78	\$ 87.56	\$ 62.41	\$ 67.80	\$ 150.61

Stormwater						
Residential Customer	City of Sumas Current Rate	City of Sumas Proposed Rate	2026 City of Everson	2025 City of Nooksack	2025 City of Lynden	2026 City of Blaine
No Based on usage. Flat Fee.	\$ 3.15	\$ 3.31			\$ 13.68	\$ 13.01

Electric					
Residential Customer	City of Sumas Current Rate	City of Sumas Proposed Rate	PSE Customers		2026 City of Blaine
Low User (473 kwh)	\$ 45.61	\$ 49.07	\$ 79.58		\$ 56.12
Average of ALL Residential Users (682 kwh)	\$ 63.33	\$ 67.88	\$ 111.43		\$ 76.99
High User (2747 kwh)	\$ 238.45	\$ 253.73	\$ 457.37		\$ 283.16

Total Utility Bill						
Residential Customer	City of Sumas Current Rate	City of Sumas Proposed Rate	City of Everson w/ PSE	City of Nooksack w/ PSE	City of Lynden w/ PSE	City of Blaine
Low User	\$ 96.25	\$ 105.77	\$ 189.02	\$ 178.88	\$ 216.36	\$ 250.73
Average of ALL Residential Users	\$ 123.65	\$ 135.37	\$ 228.83	\$ 210.73	\$ 255.62	\$ 284.75
High User	\$ 317.88	\$ 342.72	\$ 591.18	\$ 561.76	\$ 615.25	\$ 518.82