



*City of Tualatin*

## CITY OF TUALATIN Staff Report

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council  
**THROUGH:** Sherilyn Lombos, City Manager  
**FROM:** Don Hudson, Assistant City Manager/Finance Director  
**DATE:** June 26, 2023

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**SUBJECT:**

Consideration of **Resolution No. 5710-23** Amending Water, Sewer, Stormwater, Road and Parks Utility Fee Rates Inside the City of Tualatin and Rescinding Resolutions 5629-22.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends adopting the attached Resolution.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Water rates are increasing as determined in the Water Master Plan, with the consumption rate increasing from \$3.48 per 100 cubic ft. (CCF) to \$3.90 per CCF, the service charge increasing from \$4.94 per month to \$5.53 per month, and the facilities charge increasing per the schedule in Section 5 of the attached resolution.

The Road Utility Fee was created for the purpose of maintenance of City streets, which includes repairing sidewalks under a sidewalk maintenance program, landscape enhancements along the rights-of-way, street tree replacement, and for paying the operating cost of street lights. The pavement maintenance and street light portion of the fee was created in April 1990, with the sidewalk/street tree portion added in July 1991. New rates were established in July 2017, and an indexing of the rate was updated using a formula utilized by Washington County for the Transportation Development Tax each year. The three-pronged index was recently approved by the Washington County Board of Commissioners at 6.01%. The attached resolution increases the Road Utility and Sidewalk/Street Tree Fees by this index.

Sewer and Stormwater rates are composed of two separate components; a regional rate set by Clean Water Services (CWS) and a local rate adopted by the City Council. The CWS board has adopted an increase changing the regional base rate from \$27.29 per Equivalent Dwelling Unit (EDU) to \$28.38 per EDU, and the sewer usage rate from \$1.81 per CCF to \$1.88 per CCF. The City Council is asked to set the local rate as recommended in the Sewer Master Plan. This increase will raise the local base rate from \$8.19 per EDU to \$8.93 per EDU and the local usage rate from \$0.557 per CCF to \$0.607 per CCF. Stormwater rates increase from \$11.11 per Equivalent Surface Unit (ESU) to \$11.47 per ESU, with a regional rate of \$2.63 per ESU and a local share of \$8.84 per ESU.

Sewer and Stormwater System Development Charges (SDC) were also adopted by Clean Water Services and are included in the attached resolution. The City retains 4% of the Sewer SDC for local capital needs. The Stormwater SDC rate is adopted by CWS and is 100% retained by the City.

On April 26, 2021, the City Council adopted a Parks Utility Fee rate of \$5 per dwelling unit. The rate was effective July 1, 2021 and remains unchanged for fiscal year 2023/2024.

The impact of the rate increases detailed above will increase the average residential utility bill, using 8 CCF per month, for these services by \$8.04.

Also included in the attached resolution is a proposed new fee under Section 9, Temporary Water Services, Bulk Water, and Hydrant Fees. Staff is proposing to add a Temporary Water Service, per fill Fee of \$20, to cover the cost of staff being available to fill the tank of those coming in for temporary water service.

**OUTCOMES OF DECISION:**

Adoption of the attached resolution sets new rates effective July 1, 2023.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

With the new rates, the average monthly Tualatin residential utility bill will increase from \$114.44 to \$122.48.

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**ATTACHMENTS:**

- Resolution No. 5710-23