



*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 28, 2021

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### **SUBJECT:**

Consideration of **Resolution No. 5557-21** Amending Water, Sewer, Stormwater, and Road Utility Fee Rates Inside the City of Tualatin and Rescinding Resolutions 5505-20 and 5512-20

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends adopting the attached Resolution.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Water rates are increasing as determined in the adopted Water Master Plan, with the consumption rate increasing from \$3.20 per 100 cubic ft. (CCF) to \$3.34 per CCF, the service charge increasing from \$4.55 per month to \$4.74 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 3.824%. 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. Rates for both of these utilities were not raised during fiscal year 2020/2021. The CWS board has adopted a 4.5% increase changing the regional base rate from \$25.11 per Equivalent Dwelling Unit (EDU) to \$26.24 per EDU, and the sewer usage rate from \$1.66 per CCF to \$1.74 per CCF. The City Council is asked to set the local rate as recommended in the recently adopted Sewer Master Plan. This increase will raise the local base rate from \$6.53 per EDU to \$7.51 per EDU and the local usage rate from \$0.444 per CCF to \$0.511 per CCF. Stormwater rates increase from \$10.24 per Equivalent Surface Unit (ESU) to \$10.68 per ESU, with a regional rate of \$2.43 per ESU and the local share being \$8.25 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, broken down between Water Quality and Water Quantity, and is 100% retained by the City.

The impact of the rate increases detailed above will increase the average residential utility bill, using 8 CCF per month, for these services by \$5.36.

**OUTCOMES OF DECISION:**

Adoption of the attached resolution sets new rates effective July 1, 2021.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

With the new rates, and the recently approved Parks Utility Fee, the average monthly Tualatin residential utility bill will increase from \$99.14 to \$109.50.

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**ATTACHMENTS:**

- Resolution No. 5557-21