



*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 22, 2020

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**SUBJECT:**

Consideration of **Resolution No. 5505-20** Amending Water, Sewer, Stormwater, and Road Utility Fee Rates Inside the City of Tualatin and Rescinding Resolution 5442-19

**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 \$3.07 per 100 cubic ft. (CCF) to \$3.20 per CCF, the service charge increasing from \$4.36 per month to \$4.55 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 3.36%. The attached resolution increases the Road Utility and Sidewalk/Street Tree Fees by this index.

Due to the current environment, Clean Water Services (CWS) has decided to hold their rates constant for Sewer and Stormwater monthly services, as well as System Development Charges. The economic situation will be reviewed by CWS in the Fall, with the potential for rates to increase effective January 1, 2021. Since sewer and stormwater monthly rates are split, with a regional rate set by CWS and a local rate set by the City of Tualatin, the City has decided to hold the local rate constant, as well.

**OUTCOMES OF DECISION:**

Adoption of the attached resolution sets new rates effective July 1, 2020.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

With the new rates, the average monthly Tualatin residential water, sewer, surface water management, and road utility fee bill will increase from \$97.53 to \$99.13, an increase of \$1.60/month.

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**ATTACHMENTS:**

- Resolution No. 5505-20