

Water Utility Service Charges

WATER BI-MONTHLY BASE RATE CHARGES:

5/8" METER \$14.47
 3/4" METER \$14.47
 1" METER \$23.21
 1 1/4" METER \$31.13
 1 1/2" METER \$38.93
 2" METER \$58.92
 3" METER \$97.02
 4" METER \$148.76
 6" METER \$268.68
 8" METER \$411.30

WATER BI-MONTHLY PUBLIC FIRE PROTECTION CHARGES:

5/8" METER \$22.07
 3/4" METER \$22.07
 1" METER \$55.17
 1 1/4" METER \$81.61
 1 1/2" METER \$110.35
 2" METER \$176.55
 3" METER \$331.04
 4" METER \$551.63
 6" METER \$1103.36
 8" METER \$1765.33

WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT CHARGES:

5/8" METER \$3.96
 3/4" METER \$3.96
 1" METER \$9.79
 1 1/4" METER \$14.47
 1 1/2" METER \$19.57
 2" METER \$31.23
 3" METER \$58.61
 4" METER \$97.65
 6" METER \$195.29
 8" METER \$312.40

WATER VOLUME CHARGES: First 3,300 cubic feet (33 cons) - \$3.44 per 100 cubic ft. Next 413,300 cubic feet (4,133 cons) - \$1.59 per 100 cubic ft. Over 416,000 cubic feet (4,166 cons) - \$1.37 per 100 cubic ft. 1 consumption (cons) equals approximately 748 gallons of water.

SEWER BI-MONTHLY BASE RATE CHARGE: \$25.68

SEWER VOLUME CHARGE: \$2.76

STRENGTH CHARGES: BOD - 0.41 per pound; S.S. - 0.60 per pound; TKN - 1.21 per pound; Phosphorus - 2.89 per pound. The charges for BOD, S.S., TKN and Phosphorus will be used for surcharging users that discharge higher than domestic strength wastes.



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RESOLUTION NO. 1411

**RESOLUTION
ADOPTING 2024 STORMWATER UTILITY RATE**

WHEREAS, Chapter 98 of the City of Fort Atkinson Municipal Code provides regulations relating to Municipal Utilities; and

WHEREAS, Article V of Chapter 98 regulates the City's Stormwater Utility (hereinafter "Utility"); and Section 98-604 outlines rates and charges;

WHEREAS, Section 98-604(a) indicates that user charges shall be imposed on all developed property with impervious area in the City to recover all or a portion of the costs of the Utility; that the amount of such charges shall be based on a rate per equivalent runoff unit (ERU); and that the City Council shall establish the rate per ERU through a resolution; and

WHEREAS, all developed property with impervious area shall be assigned ERUs. Each single-family residential property shall be assigned one ERU; each two-family residential property shall be assigned 0.7 ERUs/dwelling unit; each three- and four-family residential property shall be assigned 0.5 ERUs/dwelling unit; and nonresidential property shall be assigned ERUs based upon the amount of impervious area on the property divided by 3,096 square feet, however shall not be less than one ERU.

WHEREAS, the user rate per ERC has remained the same at \$52.50 since 2020 and has failed to meet the needs of the Utility; and

WHEREAS, the City Council commissioned a Utility rate study from Trilogy Consulting, LLC, on August 15, 2023, and that study has been presented to the City Council at the meeting on November 21, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Trilogy Consulting, LLC, through the 25-year projection of user rates, cash flows, debt obligations, and future capital projects, recommends that the Utility implement annual rate increases, starting with a 25% rate increase in 2024, to complete all necessary capital improvement projects and meet all debt requirements while maintaining the financial health of the Utility.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Fort Atkinson, Jefferson County, Wisconsin, that the 2024 Utility rate is \$65.63 per ERU.



Stormwater Rates



BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the rate of \$65.63 per ERU be implemented as of January 1, 2024.

Adopted and effective this 21st day of November 2023.

CITY OF FORT ATKINSON


Eric Schultz, President Pro Tem

ATTEST:


Michelle Ebbert, City Clerk/Treasurer/Finance Director



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Section O – Stormwater Utility Fund (Fund 10)

The City became an MS4 Permitted Community in 2006, which created a mandate to reduce the pollution being discharged from our City boundaries into the Rock and Bark Rivers. The Stormwater Utility Fund was created in 2009 to fund improvements associated with this requirement to reduce said pollution. A plan was developed in 2019, mapping out a series of projects that would allow us to reach pollution reduction goals set by the permit (formally known as the TMDL - Total Maximum Daily Load). No deadline exists for the City to attain these reductions. The City continues to make incremental improvements annually and fund significant project investments as budgets allow. The last significant project was the retrofit of the Larson Lagoon into a stormwater treatment facility, completed in 2019.

Revenues for this fund come from utility rate payers through the bi-monthly water, wastewater, and stormwater utility bill. The rates are based on the based on the impervious area on a parcel. Single family parcels are charged one (1) ERU (equivalent runoff unit) which represents 3,096 square feet of impervious area. Duplexes are billed at 0.7 ERUs/unit/year, and three and four family units are billed at 0.5 ERUs/unit/year. Five family and larger units, commercial, industrial, schools and churches have their impervious areas measured to determine their stormwater fees. Their fees are based on the number of ERUs for each parcel. The fees appear on the utility bill and started in January 2010. The table below shows the Stormwater Utility rates from 2020 through the proposed rates in 2025. As one can see, the City is proposing that rates increase by about 20% in 2025 due to the increase in costs associated with storm water projects and the lack of consistent rate increases over the last five years.

**City of Fort Atkinson
Stormwater Utility
Rate Tables 2020-2025**

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Proposed 2025
ERUs	10333	10438	10440	10440	10624	10624
Annual Cost per ERU	\$52.50	\$52.50	\$52.50	\$52.50	\$65.63	\$78.75
Bi-Monthly Utility Charge	\$8.75	\$8.75	\$8.75	\$8.75	\$10.94	\$13.13

Expenditures for this fund are committed to long-term debt and interest, salaries and benefits for those City employees who work within the Stormwater Utility, including a percentage of the salaries and benefits associated with the City Manager, PR/Executive Assistant, Public Works Director, Clerk/Treasurer/Finance Director, City Engineer, Utility Billing Specialist, and certain Public Works Operations staff who sweep streets, collect loose leaves, and maintain stormwater basins. Other expenditures include property and workers compensation insurance, storm sewer repair and maintenance, and capital equipment and projects.

Note that the City's utility rate consultants from Trilogry will be presenting information about the proposed 2025 rates, along with future financial planning for the Utility to the City Council in November 2024.