



City of Westfir

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RE: Water and sewer rate increase / public comment period

Dear Westfir Residents,

At the June 1 meeting the City Council will vote to adopt a new water and sewer rates schedule that will take effect July 1, 2026. You may comment on the rate increase at the June 1 meeting during a public comment period. The City Council meeting starts at 5:30 p.m. And as always, you may send comments in writing prior to the meeting to the email address or post office box above.

Please see the reverse side for the proposed rate information. The water base rate (which includes the zero-usage rate) will increase by \$2 a month (+3.4%), and the sewer base rate for Hemlock neighborhood residents will increase by \$3 a month (+4.8%). All other fees and usage thresholds will remain the same as in the current year.

The rate increases are necessary to cover rising labor costs, deferred maintenance, debt service and aging facilities. The City plans to conduct a water and sewer rate study in the coming year. A rate study will give the City a measure of the fees required to cover operating and maintenance costs and to plan for future capital improvements. The rate study may inform future changes to the rate schedule.

Now is a good time to check for leaks and look for ways to conserve water in order to keep your bill as low as possible.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Nicole Tritten
City Recorder

PROPOSED MONTHLY RATES (EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026)

Water Service

Individual Detached Residential Dwelling:

3/4" line – **Base Rate** for 1 to 7,000 gallons **\$60.00**

Business or Any Combination of Business and Dwelling:

3/4" line – **Base Rate** for 1 to 7,000 gallons **\$70.00**

Individual Detached Residential Dwelling, Business, or Any Combination of Business and Dwelling:

Usage of 7,001 to 12,000 gallons \$5.00 per 1,000 gallons
Usage between 1,000-gal. increments \$0.005 per gallon

Usage of 12,001 gallons and over \$10.00 per 1,000 gallons
Usage between 1,000-gal. increments \$0.010 per gallon

Unoccupied Unit (0 gallons per billing cycle)

Residential Dwelling **\$60.00**

Business or Any Combination of Business and Dwelling **\$70.00**

Sewer Service

Individual Detached Residential Dwelling, Business, or Any Combination of Business and Dwelling:

Base Rate: (All year) **\$66.00**

Additional Winter Flat Rate: (November 1 – May 31)

Usage of 7,001 to 12,000 gallons \$20.00

Usage of 12,001 gallons and over \$50.00

PAYMENT POLICIES

- Bills are processed and mailed by the first day of the month and are due and payable by the 25th of each month. Payment must be received by that date to avoid penalties.
- Accounts not paid by the 25th day of the month are subject to a late fee of 10% of the account balance, and the billing will be printed on colored paper.
- Accounts unpaid by the 10th day of the month following a missed payment are considered delinquent and the City will initiate the shutoff procedure.
- Water shutoff procedures will include duplicate notices from the City, one via mail and one hand delivered by a City employee. The notices will state the action needed to maintain service and will provide at least a 72-hour notice of shut off.
- Accounts that are delinquent twenty dollars or less will receive notice, but will not be shut off. Accounts that are delinquent more than twenty dollars will be shut off.
- Accounts that are shut off will require payment in full of the total account balance plus a \$50.00 reconnect fee before service will be restored.