

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
REGARDING ADJUSTMENT TO
CURRENT WATER SERVICE RATES**

NOTICE is hereby given that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Westminster will conduct a public hearing on Wednesday, February 24, 2021, at 7:00 pm, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard to consider changes to current water rates. In an effort to protect public health and prevent the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19), the City of Westminster encourages the public to view this City Council meeting on television or online. The Council Chambers will be closed to adhere to guidelines for practicing safe social distancing and within the CDC guidelines for gatherings. If you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the City Clerk's office at (714) 548-3237. Notification of two hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this meeting.

An independent analysis determined water rate adjustments (both increases and decreases) are necessary for continued financial stability and to comply with legal requirements. The proposed adjustments are described in this notice. The last rate adjustment was approved by the Mayor and City Council in 2017 followed by limited pass-through costs for the past three years.

The 2017 approval included a resolution which authorized automatic future rate adjustments for pass through costs. The city would again authorize automatic adjustments for pass-through costs; as needed be in addition to the water rate adjustments being proposed in this notice.

Your Water Bill

The City of Westminster water rates consist of two parts: the Total Fixed Charge and the

Commodity Charge. The Total Fixed Charge consists of each customer's meter size charge and a charge that is uniformly applied to all water accounts. These charges recover the fixed costs of operating the water system which do not vary with the volume of water used by a customer. Examples of these costs are meter reading and customer billing. The Commodity Charge, on the other hand, is levied to recover the variable costs based on the amount of water used by water system customers.

The proposed rate changes affect both the Total Fixed Charge and the Commodity Charge.

Proposed Rate Adjustments

The City collects water charges to fund the City's costs of providing clean, reliable water service to its water customers. Proceeds of water charges cannot be used by the City for any other purpose, and the rates have been designed so that no customer is charged for more than his or her proportional share of the cost of providing water service.

During the past few years, the cost of purchasing water from the Municipal Water District of Orange County and the Orange County Water District has increased significantly. The cost to operate the system has also increased, particularly power costs. To meet these costs and ensure the continued provision of safe and reliable water to our water customers, the City is proposing rates be adjusted as stated in the attached table. For a typical residential customer using 20 units of water in 8 weeks, this equates to a bill increase of about \$1.73 per 8 weeks in 2021. If approved, the new rates will be reflected on bills starting April 20th 2021.

The proposed water rates were calculated by the City staff and its rate consultant to allocate applicable costs among water customers

according to the cost of providing service to each customer. Customer class characteristics such as meter size and water use patterns are factored into this calculation to help ensure that rates represent the demands, and associated costs, placed on the water system by each customer class.

Property owners and customers served may protest the proposed increase in fees by addressing the Mayor and City Council at the public hearing or by submitting a written protest to the Westminster City Clerk at 8200 Westminster Blvd., Westminster, California 92683, prior to the conclusion of the public hearing on February 24, 2021. Anyone at the public hearing will be entitled to speak or give written testimony. Any written protest must identify the parcel served by address or APN (Assessor's Parcel Number) and be actually received by the City Clerk (not merely postmarked), before or during the public hearing. Only one protest per parcel shall be counted for purposes of establishing a majority protest to the proposed fee increase.

If a majority of the parcels that receive water service submit written protests, the Mayor and City Council may not adopt the proposed increase.

If you have any questions or require further information regarding the proposed increases, please contact Scott Miller, Water Superintendent, at smiller@westminster-ca.gov or (714) 548-3693, Monday through Thursday, from 6:30 am to 5:00 pm.



Proposed Fixed Customer Charge Per Billing Cycle (8 Weeks)

Meter Size	Current	Effective February 25, 2021	Difference
5/8" & 3/4"	\$15.51	\$16.24	\$0.73
1"	\$24.98	\$23.82	(\$1.16)
1.5"	\$47.09	\$42.80	(\$4.29)
2"	\$69.20	\$65.56	(\$3.64)
3"	\$127.62	\$169.88	\$42.26
4"	\$198.67	\$289.39	\$90.72
6"	\$388.15	\$611.87	\$223.72
8"	\$624.99	\$1,067.12	\$442.13
10"	\$893.42	\$1,598.26	\$704.84
12"	N/A	\$2,015.58	\$2015.58

Private Fire Service Fixed Charge Per Billing Cycle (8 Weeks)

Meter Size	Current	Effective February 25, 2021	Difference
2"	\$9.50	\$7.62	(\$1.88)
4"	\$29.70	\$21.99	(\$7.71)
6"	\$59.40	\$54.61	(\$4.79)
8"	\$95.04	\$110.89	\$15.85
10"	\$136.62	\$195.55	\$58.93
12	\$184.14	\$195.55	\$11.41

Commodity Rates

Single Family Dwellings:	Current	Effective February 25, 2021	Difference
Tier 1 (0-24ccf)	\$3.16	\$3.21	\$0.05
Tier 2 (25+ccf)	\$3.76	\$3.99	\$0.23
Multi-Unit Dwellings:			
Tier 1 (0-16ccf)	\$3.17	\$3.33	\$0.16
Tier 2 (17+ccf)	\$3.79	\$4.31	\$0.52
Hotel/Motel:			
Tier 1 (0-7ccf)	\$3.49	\$3.74	\$0.25
Tier 2 (8+ccf)	\$4.11	\$5.00	\$0.89
Commercial/Industrial:			
Tier 1	\$3.32	\$3.52	\$0.20
Tier 2	\$3.94	\$3.93	(\$0.01)
Irrigation:			
Tier 1	\$3.74	\$3.33	(\$0.41)
Tier 2	\$4.35	\$3.70	(\$0.65)
Fire Protection:	\$5.32	\$1.87	(\$3.45)

* One unit (ccf) = 100 cubic ft of water or 748 gallons.