

City of Greenleaf

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Memorandum *UTILITY RATE INCREASE*

Date:

25 October 2024

To:

Greenleaf Community (utility billing & posting on website)

cc:

Mayor, Council, P&Z, Staff, Request List

From:

Lee C. Belt, City Clerk

RE:

UTILITY RATE INCREASE

Greetings!

The following utility fees will be in applied with billing at the end of October 2024:

Water Base Rate:	\$55.16	(previous	rate	\$53.55)
Water Use Rate:	\$ 3.24	(previous	rate	\$ 3.15)
Residential Sewer:	\$92.69	(previous	rate	\$89.99)
Residential Garbage:	\$16.76	(previous	rate	\$15.73)
Additional Garbage Tote:	\$ 3.07	(previous	rate	\$ 2.70)
Commercial Garbage:	Vary by	size and	picku	up frequency

City utility services are subject to the same economic factors for inflation and cost increases as are family budgets. The City Council, City Staff and the City's franchisee for garbage service work to improve processes and 'buffer' the community utility fees from increases in operational expenses. The City is usually successful in keeping annual increases to utility fees under 5%, and attempts to keep fee increases flat or under 3% whenever possible.

It has been several years since the City's franchisee for garbage service, Republic Services, has requested a significant rate increase. Their need to address increases in operational expenses, including a new per-ton increase at the Pickles Butte Landfill, has resulted in an increase of over 5% for garbage service. The City's franchise provides a lower service rate for the City than is applied to surrounding County customers.

City Staff estimates that this year's adjustment to utility fees will be less than \$10.00 monthly for the vast majority of utility customers.