

Water and Sewer Proposed Rate Increases

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Water and sewer rates provide for the following

- Operations and maintenance of the water and wastewater systems, including emergency repairs
- Debt requirements
 - Principal and interest payments
 - Reserve requirements (dependent on funding agency)
- Capital improvements

Operations and maintenance costs (proposed 2023 budget)

- Water \$1,670,364
- Wastewater \$839,775

Debt amounts (principal only)

- Water system
 - As of 12/31/2021 total debt \$5,148,902
 - PWTF loan draw (2022) \$358,714
 - USDA loan (2023) \$2,333,000
 - PWTF loans (2023) \$3,797,900
 - Total \$11,639,516
- Sewer System
 - WS share of Bingen DOE loans \$2,153,095

Water system capital improvements

- Planned improvements (0-5 years) \$21,917,000
- Proposed improvements (6-11 years) \$11,126,000
- Future improvements (>10 years) \$11,581,000
- Total cost of improvements \$44,624,000

Wastewater system capital improvements

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| • Jewett manhole repairs/replacement | \$244,420 |
| • Future manhole repairs/replacement | Unknown |
| • Future main line improvements | Unknown |
| • Future Bingen main line improvements | Unknown |
| • Future Bingen plant improvements | Unknown |

Note: White Salmon shares in costs associated with Bingen main line improvements that carry primarily White Salmon waste and also shares in costs associated with the treatment plant. In 2022, the city participated in a shared project on the basis of 79% White Salmon/21% Bingen

Proposed rate increases

- Water 2023 – 10%

2024-2027 – 8% each year

Increase of \$225,134 for 2023 (over 2022 budget)

Engineer proposal: 2023 – 12%, 2024-2025 – 10%,
2026-2027 – 8%

- Wastewater 2023-2027 5% each year

Increase of \$101,109 for 2023 (over 2022 budget)

Rate comparison

	Base Fee		
Water Rate Comparison - Residential	Base Fee*	Proposed	Percentage
	2022	2023	Increase
City of Goldendale	50.30	62.88	25.00%
City of Hood River	54.15	55.77	3.00%
City of The Dalles	55.30	55.30	0.00%
City of North Bonneville	60.13	60.13	NA
City of Cascade Locks	69.63	69.63	0.00%
City of White Salmon	71.91	78.48	10.00%
City of Bingen	75.23	82.75	10.00%
City of Stevenson	85.91	90.21	5.00%

	Base Fee		
Sewer Rate Comparison - Residential	Base Fee	Proposed	Percentage
	2022	2023	Increase
City of Cascade Locks	45.40	45.40	0.00%
City of The Dalles	46.32	46.32	0.00%
City of Goldendale	46.50	58.13	25.00%
City of North Bonneville	51.79	51.79	NA
City of White Salmon	55.15	57.91	5.00%
City of Bingen	56.00	58.80	5.00%
City of Hood River	62.39	65.51	5.00%
City of Stevenson	95.47	109.79	15.00%

*Notes: Water rates are adjusted to provide for 10,000 gallons of water usage (based on The Dalles includes 10,000 gallons of water in its base fee). Goldendale charges residential customers additional sewer charges based on water consumption (no adjustment in base fee is provided in the sewer rates).