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Memorandum UTILITY RATE INCREASE

Date: 22 September 2025
To: Greenleaf Community (utility billing & posting on website)
cc:
From: Lee C. Belt, City Clerk
RE: UTILITY RATE INCREASE

Greetings!

The following residential utility fees will be in effect as of 01 October 2025.

Service	FY2026 Rate	FY2025 Rate	Percentage Change
Water Base Rate	\$56.25	\$55.16	2%
Water Use Rate	\$3.40	\$3.24	5%
Sewer Base Rate	\$95.01	\$92.69	2.5%
Residential Garbage	\$17.27	\$16.76	3%
Additional 96/gal Tote	\$3.17	\$3.07	3%

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 the City attempts to keep fee increases under 3% whenever possible.

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.

One factor in operational expense increase is inflation rate. Health insurance, liability insurance, and chemical expenses typically increase at higher rate than inflation. <https://www.usinflationcalculator.com/inflation/current-inflation-rates/> (accessed 22 Aug 2025 10:05a mtn) showed US annual inflation rates with an increase of 7% in 2021, 6.5% in 2022, an increase of 3.4% in 2023, and an increase of 2.9% in 2024, and an increase of 2.7% for Jan-Jul 2025 for a *cumulative U.S inflation increase to goods and services of 22.5%* over this approximately 5 year period.

5-year Rate Comparison:

Service	FY2026 Rate	FY2021 Rate	5-yr % Change	5-yr US inflation
Water Base Rate	\$56.25	\$53.02	6.10%	22.5%
Water Use Rate	\$3.40	\$3.09	10.00%	22.5%
Sewer Base Rate	\$95.01	\$91.34	4.02%	22.5%
Residential Garbage	\$17.27	\$14.55	18.79%	22.5%
Add'l 96/gal Tote	\$3.17	\$2.85	11.30%	22.5%

For detail on fees for city services, please see the Consolidated Fee Schedule posted on the City's website (<http://www.greenleaf-idaho.us/>).

Direct link: [http://greenleaf-idaho.us/var/m_2/24/248/50723/1015797-Res_223_\(adjusting_consolidated_fee_schedule\)_bw_20250902-e4da3.pdf?download](http://greenleaf-idaho.us/var/m_2/24/248/50723/1015797-Res_223_(adjusting_consolidated_fee_schedule)_bw_20250902-e4da3.pdf?download)