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Consumer Price Index Rate (CPI-U) Water/Sewer Rate Increase for 2024

Lakeview, Oregon, November 16, 2023 - Notice of January 1, 2024, rate increase. This increase was approved by the Town of Lakeview Council on the 23rd day of February 2021, allowing the Town of Lakeview to increase water and wastewater rates annually. Any rate or fee adjustments will be based on the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U).

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers rose 3.2 percent for the 12 months ending October 2023. The Consumer Price Index (CPI) measures the change in prices paid by consumers for goods and services. The Town of Lakeview will increase water and wastewater rates by 3.2 percent, starting January 1, 2024. Your February 1, 2024, bill will reflect this rate increase. It is necessary that the Town of Lakeview maintains adequate operating funds and capital reserves. A variety of factors are behind the increase, inflation, aging water, and sewer systems that require maintenance; environmental compliance; and large new infrastructure projects, including the water treatment facility. We are still well below the average in the state of Oregon.

Total Per Month Base Water/Wastewater Rates

	2021	2022	2023 – 8.3%	2024 – 3.2%
In Town Residential	\$42.80	\$45.07	\$48.81	\$50.37
In Town Commercial	\$47.36	\$49.87	\$54.01	\$55.74
Out of Town Residential	\$51.62	\$54.36	\$58.88	\$60.76
Out of Town Commercial	\$56.19	\$59.17	\$64.09	\$66.14
Suburban Water District/No Sewer	\$5.70	\$6.00	\$6.50	\$6.71

**This is calculated at the base fee per month, the dollar amount may vary depending on your personal usage.*

CPI-U Source: <https://www.bls.gov/news.release/cpi.nr0.htm>

In comparison to the rest of Oregon (2021 Survey)

- Average water bill in Oregon – \$44.17 / in Lakeview \$17.93
- Average sewer bill in Oregon – \$55.15 / in Lakeview \$32.45

Source: <https://www.orcities.org/application/files/9116/3976/8125/2021WaterRatesSurveyReport12-17-21.pdf>, League of Oregon Cities (LOC) Water Rates Survey Report

For questions regarding the rate increase, please contact the Town of Lakeview at (541) 947-2020.

Town of Lakeview (“Town”) is home to approximately 2,300 persons and is in Lake County, Oregon. The Town is managed by a Town Manager. The Town Manager oversees the public works department, fire department, 9-1-1 dispatch, and town hall administration. The public works department oversees the Town’s municipal utilities (water and wastewater) and transportation system (streets). The public works crew operates and maintains the public facilities and utilities that are provided by Town. Town Council meets every second and fourth Tuesday of the month.

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