

Notice of Intent to Increase Water and Wastewater Rates

Pursuant to A.R.S. 9-511.01, notice is hereby given that the Cottonwood City Council will consider increasing water and wastewater rates, fees and charges as set forth below beginning October 1, 2013. The terms “inside” and “outside” are used in reference to the corporate limits of the City.

The City Council will hold a public hearing on the proposed increases at its regular meeting on Tuesday, August 6, 2013, at 5:00 p.m. in the Cottonwood Recreation Center, 150 South 6th Street, Cottonwood, Arizona. The Council will also accept public comment on the proposed increases at its meeting on August 20, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 826 North Main Street, Cottonwood, Arizona.

A written report supporting the increased rates, fees, and charges will be filed with the City Clerk at least 30 days prior to the public hearing.

Citizens are also welcome to provide written comments regarding the proposed increases. These comments may be sent to:

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 816 North Main Street
 Cottonwood, Arizona 86326
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PROPOSED WATER RATES:

Base Charge	CURRENT RATES	Base Charge	PROPOSED NEW RATES	
			INSIDE	OUTSIDE
5/8"	\$18.36	5/8"	\$23.36	\$30.37
1"	\$30.24	1"	\$37.80	\$49.14
1 1/2"	\$61.56	1 1/2"	\$76.95	\$100.04
2"	\$97.20	2"	\$121.50	\$157.95
3"	\$194.40	3"	\$243.00	\$315.90
4"	\$302.40	4"	\$378.00	\$491.40
6"	\$615.60	6"	\$769.50	\$1,000.35
Volume Charge (per 1,000 gal)				
0 – 1,000	\$0.00	0 – 1,000	\$0.00	\$0.00
1,001 – 4,000	\$2.90	1,001 – 5,000	\$2.90	\$3.77
4,001 - 10, 000	\$3.19	5,001 - 10, 000	\$3.99	\$5.19
10,001 – 20,000	\$4.55	10,001 – 15,000	\$5.69	\$7.40
20,000 +	\$6.48	15,000 +	\$8.10	\$10.53
Water Resource Development Fee				
Water Resource Development	\$4.32	Water Resource Development	\$4.32	\$4.32
Water Source Assurance	\$0.35	Water Source Assurance	\$0.35	\$0.35
Gila River Adjudication	\$0.44	Gila River Adjudication	\$0.44	\$0.44
Water Conservation	\$0.27	Water Conservation	\$0.27	\$0.27
Total Development Fee	\$5.38	Total Development Fee	\$5.38	\$5.38

PROPOSED - OTHER WATER FEE CHARGES:

Water Meter Charge:

Water Meter Size (inches)	Current Charge	Proposed New Charge
5/8"	\$275	\$400
1"	\$400	\$475
1 1/2"	\$850	\$970
2"	\$1,150	\$1,250
3"	\$1,700	\$2,000
4"	\$2,500	\$3,000
6"	\$4,850	\$6,000
8"	\$9,400	\$12,000

Account Fees:

Deposits:

	Deposit Amount 1		
	Current Fee	Proposed New Fee - Owner	Proposed New Fee - Tenant
5/8"	\$100	\$100	\$125
1"	\$125	\$125	\$150
1 1/2"	\$150	\$150	\$200
2"	\$200	\$200	\$300
3"	\$300	\$300	\$500
4"	\$350	\$350	\$650
6"	\$400	\$400	\$800
8"	\$600	\$600	\$1,000

1 - If an account is turned off for non-pay, there will be an additional \$25.00 deposit charge per occurrence.

Water Service Establishment Fees

Current Fee	Proposed New Fee - Inside	Proposed New Fee - Outside
\$25	\$35	\$45

Emergency and Construction Turn-On/Turn Off

	Current Charge	Proposed New Charge - Inside	Proposed New Charge - Outside
Regular Business Hours	\$25	\$35	\$45
Non-Business Hours	\$75	\$95	\$105

Non-metered Fire Sprinkler Line Monthly Standby Fee

Line Size	Current Fee	Proposed New Fee
4" line	\$20	\$25
6" line	\$35	\$40
8" line	\$50	\$60

Reconnections (Per Disconnection For Non-Payment)

Current Charge	Proposed New Charge - Inside	Proposed New Charge - Outside
\$25	\$35	\$45

Meter Re-Reading/Test

Determined by cost of test and shipping

Account Delinquencies

	Current Charge	Proposed New Charge
On 11th day past-due	\$5	\$10
Subsequent past-due (per month)	0.833% mo.	

PROPOSED WASTEWATER RATES:

Current Rates	Proposed New Rates
Administrative Rate	\$3.75 \$6.60
Depreciation Rate (per 1,000)	0.35 5.95
O&M Rate (per 1,000)	12.65 13.70
DS Rate	0.00 0.00
Total Monthly Residential Rate	<u>\$16.75 \$26.25</u>