

SUBJECT: 2025 UTILITY RATE INCREASE

- i. **ORDINANCE NO. 1894, SERIES 2025 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A LOAN FROM THE WATER UTILITY FUND TO THE WASTEWATER UTILITY FUND FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM AND AN INITIAL INTEREST RATE OF 4.8 PERCENT – 1ST READING, SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR 04/15/2025**
- ii. **RESOLUTION NO. 23, SERIES 2025 – A RESOLUTION SETTING CERTAIN WATER, WASTEWATER, STORMWATER AND OTHER FEES, RATES AND CHARGES FOR THE CITY OF LOUISVILLE, COLORADO**

DATE: APRIL 1, 2025

PRESENTED BY: KURT KOWAR, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

SUMMARY:

Staff recommends increasing utility rates for the 2025 calendar year in the amount of 6% for water, 16% for wastewater and 14% for stormwater.

In 2024, City staff completed a rate assessment for the water, wastewater, and stormwater funds. This annual process ensures the rates and fees continue to generate sufficient revenue to sustain utility operations and facilitate future planning and budgeting. This process of analysis, findings, and recommendations was discussed at the Finance Committee on July 18, October 17 and January 16. Rates are currently influenced by Capital Improvement Projects with planned upgrades to water supply infrastructure, wastewater plant solids handling process and future stormwater floodplain improvements.

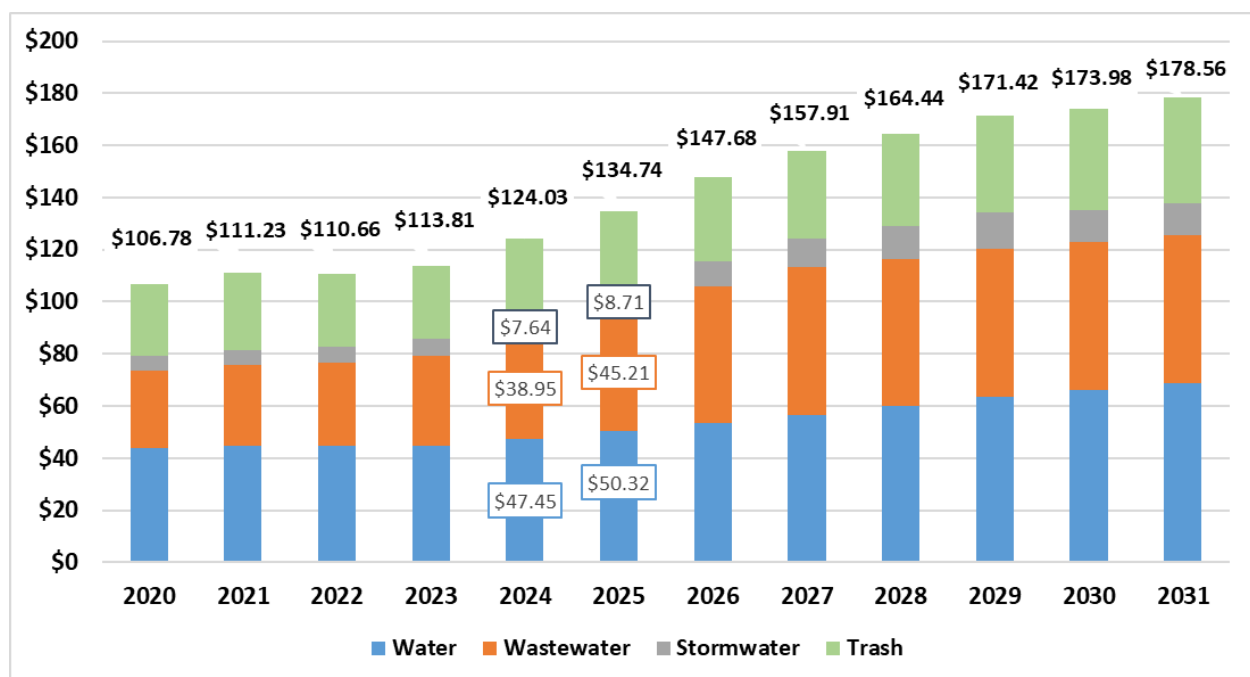
The earlier rate analysis called for a wastewater increase of upwards of 32%. In efforts to reduce this impact, an infrequent method is proposed to utilize an interfund loan from the water fund to the wastewater fund. The loan will act as a financial bridge for wastewater and allow for more gradual wastewater rate increases over the next 3-year period. The recommended ordinance authorized this loan including a required interest component ensuring equity.

Similar to the prior rate analysis, adjustments were presented with two options, a “Just-in-Time” scenario where required increases are initiated in the year they are needed regardless of amount, and a “Smoothing” scenario where required increases are averaged out to minimize large jumps in increases which distributes increases over time. The City has historically utilized rate smoothing. The Finance Committee has recommended that the smoothing scenario continue to be utilized. The table below shows

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the 5-year increases based upon financially modeling with the strike through text representing the proposed increases from last year's March 19, 2024 council meeting.

Table 1 Summary of "Smoothing" Financial Plan Scenario Indicated Rate Revenue Increase						
Utility	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
Water	6% 6.5%	6% 6.5%	6% 6.5%	6% 6.5%	6% 4%	4%
Wastewater	16% 12.1%	16% 12.1%	9% 2%	0% 2%	0% 2%	0%
Stormwater	14% 14%	13% 13%	13% 13%	13% 13%	13% 13%	-7%

**FISCAL IMPACT**

The recommended increases will continue the process of matching Utility revenue with projected expenses for operations and capital improvement needs. The average water, wastewater, stormwater, and trash utility bill will see an anticipated increase from \$124.03 per month to \$134.74 per month.

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The program goal for Utilities is to ensure safe, reliable, great tasting water; properly treated wastewater; effective stormwater control; successfully managed solid waste; and competitive prices for all services. These annual utility rate evaluations and adjustments are essential in the administration of reasonable and justifiable prices and the responsible management of the utility system.

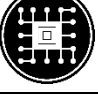
RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of Ordinance No. 1894, Series 2025 and Resolution No. 23, Series 2025 to increase utility rates for the 2025 calendar year in the amount of 6% for water, 16% for wastewater and 14% for stormwater and to authorize an interfund loan of \$900,000 from the water fund to the wastewater fund.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Ordinance No. 1894, Series 2025
2. Resolution No. 23, Series 2025
3. Rate Tables
4. Draft Public Notice
5. Presentation

STRATEGIC PLAN IMPACT:

☐	 Financial Stewardship & Asset Management	☒	 Reliable Core Services
☐	 Vibrant Economic Climate	☐	 Quality Programs & Amenities
☐	 Engaged Community	☐	 Healthy Workforce
☐	 Supportive Technology	☐	 Collaborative Regional Partner

**ORDINANCE NO. 1894
SERIES 2025**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A LOAN FROM THE WATER UTILITY FUND TO
THE WASTEWATER UTILITY FUND FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM AND AN INITIAL
INTEREST RATE OF 4.8 PERCENT**

WHEREAS, the City of Louisville ("City") is a municipal corporation duly organized and existing as a home rule city pursuant to Article XX of the Constitution of the State of Colorado and the City's Home Rule Charter ("Charter"); and

WHEREAS, Section 13-3(b) of the Charter authorizes a City-owned utility to loan money to another City-owned utility by ordinance; and

WHEREAS, Section 13-3(b) further provides: "The motion approving the loan shall specify the term of the loan and the interest rate. The interest rate shall be adjusted annually to a rate equal to the average return of City investments for the preceding twelve (12) months;" and

WHEREAS, the City's Wastewater Utility Fund is in need of additional monies to pay for capital projects and to fund ongoing maintenance and operation costs; and

WHEREAS, the City plans to increase the wastewater utility rates in 2025, but it desires to moderate the impact of such increase on residents; and

WHEREAS, the City's Water Utility Fund has sufficient fund balances to make a loan to the Wastewater Utility Fund; and

WHEREAS, estimates of future revenue streams and net income of the Wastewater Utility Fund are sufficient to repay the Water Utility Fund for a loan in addition to meeting other financial obligations of the fund; and

WHEREAS, City Council desires to loan monies from the Water Utility Fund to the Wastewater Utility Fund and to establish the terms of repayment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOUISVILLE, COLORADO:

Section 1. The City Council hereby authorizes a loan from the Water Utility Fund to the Wastewater Utility Fund of up to six hundred thousand dollars (\$600,000) in fiscal year 2025 and up to three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) in fiscal year 2026, for a total principal amount not to exceed nine hundred thousand dollars (\$900,000.00) (hereinafter, the "Loan").

Section 2. The Loan shall have a term of three (3) years. All principal and interest loaned shall be repaid in full by no later than December 31, 2028, unless such

term and maturity are extended by subsequent ordinance. Annual payments, of interest only or interest and principal, will commence on or before December 31, 2026 and will continue through December 31, 2028. Advance repayment may be made at any time without penalty.

Section 3. The initial interest rate applied to the Loan proceeds shall be 4.8% based on the average rate of return for City investments for 2024. The interest rate shall be adjusted annually to a rate equal to the average rate of return on the City's investments for the preceding twelve months. The City Manager and City staff are authorized to do all things necessary to effectuate Loan, including calculating the interest on an annual basis.

Section 4. The Loan is subject to any necessary budgetary amendments, transfers, or supplementary budgets and appropriations in accordance with State law. The City Council declares its intention to make annual appropriations in the Wastewater Utility Fund budget from available Wastewater Utility Fund revenues to meet the financial obligations of the Wastewater Utility Fund, including repayment of the Loan to the Water Utility Fund.

Section 5. The Loan shall be subordinate to any outstanding debt of the Wastewater Utility Fund.

Section 6. If any portion of this ordinance is held to be invalid for any reason, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance. The City Council hereby declares that it would have passed this ordinance and each part hereof irrespective of the fact that any one part be declared invalid.

INTRODUCED, READ, PASSED ON FIRST READING AND ORDERED PUBLISHED this 1st day of April 2025.

Christopher M. Leh, Mayor

ATTEST:

Genny Kline, Interim City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Kelly PC, City Attorney

PASSED AND ADOPTED ON SECOND AND FINAL READING, this ____ day of _____, 2025.

Christopher M. Leh, Mayor

ATTEST:

Genny Kline, Interim City Clerk

**RESOLUTION NO. 23
SERIES 2025**

**A RESOLUTION SETTING CERTAIN WATER, WASTEWATER, STORMWATER AND
OTHER FEES, RATES, AND CHARGES FOR THE CITY OF LOUISVILLE,
COLORADO.**

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Louisville Municipal Code, the City Council is authorized to establish certain fees, rates, and charges by resolution; and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to establish by this resolution the amounts of certain fees, rates, and charges commencing with the effective date of this resolution.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF LOUISVILLE, COLORADO:**

1. Pursuant to authorization in the Louisville Municipal Code, the Louisville City Council hereby establishes certain water, wastewater, stormwater and other fees, rates, and charges in accordance with the schedules and tables attached and made a part hereof.

2. The fees, rates, and charges set by this resolution shall be effective on the date of the resolution, except for the water, wastewater and stormwater user charges, which will be effective on May 1, 2025, and may thereafter be amended from time to time by resolution of the City Council.

3. The fees, rates, and charges set by this resolution shall supersede and replace any fees, rates, or charges previously set or adopted by the City Council for the same purpose. However, the same shall not be deemed to release, extinguish, alter, modify, or change in whole or in part any liability which shall have been previously incurred, and the superseded or replaced provision shall be treated and held as still remaining in force for the purpose of sustaining any judgment, decree, or order.

4. If any portion of this resolution is held to be invalid for any reason, such decisions shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions hereof.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 1st day of April 2025.

Christopher M. Leh, Mayor

ATTEST:

Genny Kline, Interim City Clerk

**WATER RATES**

Effective May 1, 2025, water rates for all accounts inside city limits are as follows (outside city limits = double these rates):

May 1, 2025 RESIDENTIAL WATER RATES - 3/4" METER

GALLONS	RATE
Zero - 5,000	\$21.87 (minimum monthly charge)
5,001 - 20,000	\$21.87 for the first 5,000 gallons, plus \$6.31 for each additional 1,000 gallons (or fraction thereof)
20,001 - 30,000	\$116.52 for the first 20,000 gallons, plus \$15.69 for each additional 1,000 gallons (or fraction thereof)
30,001 - 40,000	\$273.42 for the first 30,000 gallons, plus \$16.94 for each additional 1,000 gallons (or fraction thereof)
40,001 - 50,000	\$442.82 for the first 40,000 gallons, plus \$18.11 for each additional 1,000 gallons (or fraction thereof)
50,001 and over	\$623.92 for the first 50,000 gallons, plus \$19.33 for each additional 1,000 gallons (or fraction thereof)

May 1, 2025 RESIDENTIAL WATER RATES - 1" METER

GALLONS	RATE
Zero - 5,000	\$21.87 (minimum monthly charge)
5,001 - 20,000	\$21.87 for the first 5,000 gallons, plus \$6.31 for each additional 1,000 gallons (or fraction thereof)
20,001 - 30,000	\$116.52 for the first 20,000 gallons, plus \$15.69 for each additional 1,000 gallons (or fraction thereof)
30,001 - 40,000	\$273.42 for the first 30,000 gallons, plus \$16.94 for each additional 1,000 gallons (or fraction thereof)
40,001 - 50,000	\$442.82 for the first 40,000 gallons, plus \$18.11 for each additional 1,000 gallons (or fraction thereof)
50,001 and over	\$623.92 for the first 50,000 gallons, plus \$19.33 for each additional 1,000 gallons (or fraction thereof)

May 1, 2025 COMMERCIAL, IRRIGATION, AND MULTIFAMILY WATER RATES - 3/4" METER	
GALLONS	RATE
Zero - 20,000	\$12.05 (minimum monthly charge), plus \$3.49 for each 1,000 gallons (or fraction thereof)
20,001 - 30,000	\$81.85 for the first 20,000 gallons, plus \$8.64 for each additional 1,000 gallons (or fraction thereof)
30,001 - 40,000	\$168.25 for the first 30,000 gallons, plus \$9.33 for each additional 1,000 gallons (or fraction thereof)
40,001 - 50,000	\$261.55 for the first 40,000 gallons, plus \$9.98 for each additional 1,000 gallons (or fraction thereof)
50,001 and over	\$361.35 for the first 50,000 gallons, plus \$10.64 for each additional 1,000 gallons (or fraction thereof)

**May 1, 2025 COMMERCIAL, IRRIGATION, AND MULTIFAMILY
WATER RATES - 1" METER**

GALLONS	RATE
Zero - 40,000	\$24.08 (minimum monthly charge), plus \$3.49 for each 1,000 gallons (or fraction thereof)
40,001 - 60,000	\$163.68 for the first 40,000 gallons, plus \$8.64 for each additional 1,000 gallons (or fraction thereof)
60,001 - 80,000	\$336.48 for the first 60,000 gallons, plus \$9.33 for each additional 1,000 gallons (or fraction thereof)
80,001 - 100,000	\$523.08 for the first 80,000 gallons, plus \$9.98 for each additional 1,000 gallons (or fraction thereof)
100,001 and over	\$722.68 for the first 100,000 gallons, plus \$10.64 for each additional 1,000 gallons (or fraction thereof)

**May 1, 2025 COMMERCIAL, IRRIGATION, AND MULTIFAMILY
WATER RATES - 1-1/2" METER**

GALLONS	RATE
Zero - 80,000	\$36.11 (minimum monthly charge), plus \$3.49 for each 1,000 gallons (or fraction thereof)
80,001 - 120,000	\$315.31 for the first 80,000 gallons, plus \$8.64 for each additional 1,000 gallons (or fraction thereof)
120,001 - 160,000	\$660.91 for the first 120,000 gallons, plus \$9.33 for each additional 1,000 gallons (or fraction thereof)
160,001 - 200,000	\$1034.11 for the first 160,000 gallons, plus \$9.98 for each additional 1,000 gallons (or fraction thereof)
200,001 and over	\$1,433.31 for the first 200,000 gallons, plus \$10.64 for each additional 1,000 gallons (or fraction thereof)

**May 1, 2025 COMMERCIAL, IRRIGATION, AND MULTIFAMILY
WATER RATES - 2" METER**

GALLONS	RATE
Zero - 160,000	\$48.09 (minimum monthly charge), plus \$3.49 for each 1,000 gallons (or fraction thereof)
160,001 - 240,000	\$606.49 for the first 160,000 gallons, plus \$8.64 for each additional 1,000 gallons (or fraction thereof)
240,001 - 320,000	\$1,297.69 for the first 240,000 gallons, plus \$9.33 for each additional 1,000 gallons (or fraction thereof)
320,001 - 400,000	\$2,044.09 for the first 320,000 gallons, plus \$9.98 for each additional 1,000 gallons (or fraction thereof)
400,001 and over	\$2,842.49 for the first 400,000 gallons, plus \$10.64 for each additional 1,000 gallons (or fraction thereof)

**May 1, 2025 COMMERCIAL, IRRIGATION, AND MULTIFAMILY
WATER RATES - 3" METER**

GALLONS	RATE
Zero - 320,000	\$96.31 (minimum monthly charge), plus \$3.49 for each 1,000 gallons (or fraction thereof)
320,001 - 480,000	\$1,213.11 for the first 320,000 gallons, plus \$8.64 for each additional 1,000 gallons (or fraction thereof)
480,001 - 640,000	\$2,595.51 for the first 480,000 gallons, plus \$9.33 for each additional 1,000 gallons (or fraction thereof)
640,001 - 800,000	\$4,088.31 for the first 640,000 gallons, plus \$9.98 for each additional 1,000 gallons (or fraction thereof)
800,001 and over	\$5,685.11 for the first 800,000 gallons, plus \$10.64 for each additional 1,000 gallons (or fraction thereof)

**May 1, 2025 COMMERCIAL, IRRIGATION, AND MULTIFAMILY
WATER RATES - 4" METER**

GALLONS	RATE
Zero - 640,000	\$192.58 (minimum monthly charge), plus \$3.49 for each 1,000 gallons (or fraction thereof)
640,001 - 960,000	\$2,426.18 for the first 640,000 gallons, plus \$8.64 for each additional 1,000 gallons (or fraction thereof)
960,001 - 1,280,000	\$5,190.98 for the first 960,000 gallons, plus \$9.33 for each additional 1,000 gallons (or fraction thereof)
1,280,001 - 1,600,000	\$8,176.58 for the first 1,280,000 gallons, plus \$9.98 for each additional 1,000 gallons (or fraction thereof)
1,600,001 and over	\$11,370.18 for the first 1,600,000 gallons, plus \$10.64 for each additional 1,000 gallons (or fraction thereof)

**May 1, 2025 COMMERCIAL, IRRIGATION, AND MULTIFAMILY
WATER RATES - 6" METER**

GALLONS	RATE
Zero - 1,280,000	\$385.18 (minimum monthly charge), plus \$3.49 for each 1,000 gallons (or fraction thereof)
1,280,001 - 1,920,000	\$4,852.38 for the first 1,280,000 gallons, plus \$8.64 for each additional 1,000 gallons (or fraction thereof)
1,920,001 - 2,560,000	\$10,381.98 for the first 1,920,000 gallons, plus \$9.33 for each additional 1,000 gallons (or fraction thereof)
2,560,001 - 3,200,000	\$16,353.18 for the first 2,560,000 gallons, plus \$9.98 for each additional 1,000 gallons (or fraction thereof)
3,200,001 and over	\$22,740.38 for the first 3,200,000 gallons, plus \$10.64 for each additional 1,000 gallons (or fraction thereof)



SEWER RATES

Effective May 1, 2025, sewer rates for all accounts inside city limits are as follows (outside city limits = double these rates):

May 1, 2025 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL SEWER RATES	
RATE	DESCRIPTION
\$7.29	Monthly Volume Charge, \$ per 1,000 gallons of Average Winter Consumption (AWC). AWC =
\$4.19	Monthly Billing Charge, \$ per Bill
\$9.92	Monthly Readiness to Serve Charge, \$ per Bill

May 1, 2025 MULTI FAMILY RESIDENTIAL SEWER RATES	
RATE	DESCRIPTION
\$7.29	Monthly Volume Charge, \$ per 1,000 gallons of Average Winter Consumption (AWC). AWC =
\$4.19	Monthly Billing Charge, \$ per Bill
\$9.92	Monthly Readiness to Serve Charge, \$ per Dwelling Unit

APRIL 1, 2025 ADOPTED WATER, SEWER AND STORMWATER RATES

May 1, 2025 COMMERCIAL SEWER RATES	
RATE	DESCRIPTION
\$7.29	Monthly Volume Charge, \$ per 1,000 gallons
\$4.19	Monthly Billing Charge, \$ per Bill
	Monthly Readiness to Serve Charge, \$ per Bill
\$9.92	3/4" Meter
\$17.29	1" Meter
\$37.88	1-1/2" Meter
\$67.05	2" Meter
\$149.70	3" Meter
\$265.31	4" Meter
\$388.36	6" Meter

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Louisville** **STORMWATER RATES**

Effective May 1, 2025, stormwater rates for all accounts inside city limits are as follows (outside city limits = double these rates):

May 1, 2025 STORMWATER UTILITY RATES

RATE	DESCRIPTION
\$8.71	Monthly Billing Charge, \$ per Bill



REUSE RATES

Effective May 1, 2025, reuse water rates for all accounts inside city limits are as follows (outside city limits = double these rates):

May 1, 2025 REUSE WATER UTILITY RATES

<u>RATE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
75% of Residential Rate (\$4.73)	All Non-City Customer Classes - Monthly Volume Charge, \$ per 1,000 gallons
\$0.99	City Customer Class - Monthly Volume Charge, \$ per 1,000 gallons



BULK RATES

Effective May 1, 2025, bulk water rates for all permits are as follows:

May 1, 2025 BULK WATER UTILITY RATES

<u>GALLONS</u>	<u>RATE</u>
Zero - 10,000	(included in rental rate)
10,001 and over	\$10.64 for each additional 1,000 gallons (or fraction thereof)

New water, wastewater, and stormwater rates

The City Council recently approved rate adjustments for water, wastewater, and stormwater utility service. The new rates are needed primarily to continue to fund major reconstruction projects, to ensure the City can properly maintain our utility systems, and to meet all clean water regulations. If you have questions, please contact Utility Billing at **303.335.4501** or **CustomerService@LouisvilleCO.gov**.

What does this mean for my utility bill?

Service	2024	2025
Water	\$47.45	\$50.32
Wastewater	\$38.95	\$45.21
Stormwater	\$7.64	\$8.71
Combined	\$94.04	\$104.24
\$ Increase		\$10.20
% Increase		10.8%

The new rates will be effective in May, so you'll see the new charges on your June bill. The table to the left reflects the anticipated monthly impact for an average residential customer. This is just an example based on average water use — the exact impact to your bill will depend on how much water your household uses.

This table does not include monthly charges for refuse, recycling and compost, which varies by home based on the sizes of your containers.

How do Louisville's rates compare?

Because Louisville's neighboring communities are dealing with many of the same cost pressures, they are also experiencing adjustments to utility rates this year.

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Even after this rate adjustment, Louisville's average single family residential household will still enjoy some of the lowest combined monthly water, wastewater & stormwater rates in the region.

What is the basis for these rate adjustments?

We've all experienced inflation in the form of increased costs for the goods and services we buy. Similarly, the City of Louisville has also experienced significant increases in our costs to provide and maintain service as well as the cost of constructing capital improvements. In many cases, these increases have outpaced estimates, necessitating a rate adjustment.



How are rate adjustments determined?

We don't take rate adjustments lightly. While City staff is always working to contain and reduce costs, we utilize a Utility Financial Model during the annual budget process to determine the rates necessary to collect enough revenue to meet each of the respective services' operations, maintenance, debt obligations, and improvements expenses.

Convenient ways to receive and pay your bill

RECEIVE YOUR BILL:

- 1 **By mail** (default)
- 2 **By email** — Log into your online account to sign up to receive bills by email. Help the City save paper and reduce postage, printing, and labor costs!

PAY YOUR BILL:

- 1 **Online** — Log into your online account to pay by credit card
- 2 **By electronic funds transfer** — Set up automatic, recurring monthly payments directly from your bank account or a credit/debit card
- 3 **By mail** — send to City of Louisville, PO Box 173883, Denver, CO 80217-3883
- 4 **By phone** — Call 303.335.4500
- 5 **Drop off** — City of Louisville, 749 Main Street in Downtown Louisville

Visit LouisvilleCO.gov/UtilityBilling for more information or to log into your account.

Do you need help paying your utility bill?

We understand — financial hardships can happen to anyone. If you're having difficulty paying your City of Louisville utility bill, there may be assistance available.

City of Louisville Payment Extension Plans

Customers with a satisfactory payment history who are experiencing a financial hardship may be eligible for a payment extension plan. Contact the City of Louisville Utility Billing at **303.335.4501** to discuss.

Sister Carmen Community Center Financial Assistance

For Louisville residents experiencing financial hardships, Sister Carmen may be able to help with emergency financial assistance for rent or mortgage, utility bills, and other essential expenses. Contact **303.665.4342** for more info.

Ways to save on your water bill

In partnership with Resource Central, the City offers several programs to help you save on your bill by reducing water usage, including the Lawn Replacement Program, Slow the Flow sprinkler assessments, Waterwise Yard Seminars, and more. To learn more about these programs, visit LouisvilleCO.gov/Sustainability.

Nuevas tarifas de agua, agua residual y agua pluvial

El Consejo Municipal recientemente aprobó aumentos a las tarifas del servicio público de agua, agua residual y agua pluvial. Las nuevas tarifas son necesarias principalmente para seguir financiando proyectos importantes de reconstrucción, para garantizar que la Ciudad pueda mantener adecuadamente nuestros sistemas de servicios públicos y para cubrir todas las normativas de agua limpia. Si tiene preguntas sobre estos cambios tarifarios, comuníquese con Facturación de Servicios Públicos llamando al **303.335.4501** o escriba a **CustomerService@LouisvilleCO.gov**.

¿Qué supone esto para mi factura de servicios públicos?

Servicio	2024	2025
Agua	\$47.45	\$50.32
Agua residual	\$38.95	\$45.21
Agua pluvial	\$7.64	\$8.71
Combinado	\$94.04	\$104.24
aumento en \$		\$10.20
aumento en %		10.8%

Las nuevas tarifas entrarán en vigencia en mayo, de modo que verá los nuevos cargos en su factura de junio. El siguiente cuadro refleja el impacto mensual previsto para un cliente residencial típico.

Esto es solo un ejemplo; el impacto en su factura depende de cuánta agua usa su grupo familiar.

Este cuadro no incluye cobros mensuales por desecho, reciclaje y compostaje, que varían según la vivienda en función de los tamaños de sus contenedores.

¿Cómo se sitúan las tarifas de Louisville en comparación con otras?

Dado que las comunidades vecinas de Louisville se enfrentan a muchas de las mismas presiones de costos, también se están realizando ajustes en sus tarifas de los servicios públicos este año.

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Incluso después de este ajuste de tarifas, el hogar unifamiliar promedio de Louisville seguirá disfrutando de unas de las tarifas mensuales combinadas de agua, aguas residuales y aguas pluviales más bajas de la región.

¿Cuál es el motivo de estos ajustes?

Todos hemos notado la inflación en el aumento de los costos de los bienes y servicios que compramos. Del mismo modo, la Ciudad de Louisville también ha enfrentado aumentos significativos en sus costos de prestación y mantenimiento del servicio, así como en el costo de construcción de mejoras de infraestructura. En muchos casos, estos aumentos han superado las estimaciones, lo que ha hecho necesario un ajuste de las tarifas.



¿Cómo se determinan los ajustes de las tarifas?

No nos tomamos la cuestión de los aumentos tarifarios a la ligera. Mientras el personal de la Ciudad siempre está trabajando para contener y reducir costos, utilizamos un Modelo Financiero de Servicios Públicos durante el proceso presupuestario anual para determinar las tarifas necesarias para recaudar ingresos suficientes para cubrir cada una de las operaciones, el mantenimiento, las obligaciones de deuda y los gastos de mejoras de los respectivos servicios.

Opciones convenientes para recibir y pagar su factura

RECIBA SU FACTURA:

- ❶ **Por correspondencia** (predeterminado)
- ❷ **Por correo electrónico:** Ingrese a su cuenta por internet para inscribirse para recibir facturas por correo electrónico. Ayude a la Ciudad a ahorrar papel y reducir costos de franqueo, impresiones y mano de obra.

PAGUE SU FACTURA:

- ❶ **Por internet:** Ingrese a su cuenta por internet para pagar con tarjeta de crédito
- ❷ **Por transferencia electrónica de fondos:** Programe sus pagos mensuales recurrentes y automáticos directamente desde su cuenta bancaria o tarjeta de crédito/débito
- ❸ **Por correspondencia:** diríjalo a City of Louisville, PO Box 173883, Denver, CO 80217-3883
- ❹ **Por teléfono:** Llame al 303.335.4500
- ❺ **Buzón:** City of Louisville, 749 Main Street en el centro de Louisville

Visite LouisvilleCO.gov/UtilityBilling para obtener más información o ingrese a su cuenta.

¿Necesita ayuda para pagar su factura de servicios públicos?

Lo entendemos, cualquiera puede atravesar problemas económicos. Si tiene dificultades para pagar su factura de servicios públicos de la Ciudad de Louisville, es posible que haya asistencia disponible.

Planes de extensión de pagos de la Ciudad de Louisville

Los clientes con un historial de pagos satisfactorio que atraviesan una dificultad económica quizá cumplan con los requisitos para conseguir un plan de extensión de pagos. Comuníquese con Facturación de Servicios Públicos de la Ciudad de Louisville al **303.335.4501** para hablarlo.

Asistencia financiera en el Sister Carmen Community Center

Para los residentes de Louisville que atraviesan problemas económicos, es posible que Sister Carmen los ayude con asistencia financiera para pagar el alquiler o la hipoteca, las facturas de servicios públicos y otros gastos esenciales. Si desea más información, llame al **303.665.4342**.

Formas de ahorrar en su factura de agua

En colaboración con Resource Central, la Ciudad ofrece varios programas para ayudarle a ahorrar en su factura reduciendo el consumo de agua, como el programa de sustitución de césped, las evaluaciones de aspersores Slow the Flow, los seminarios Waterwise Yard y mucho más. Para obtener más información sobre estos programas, visite LouisvilleCO.gov/Sustainability.



2025 Recommended Utility Rates City Council

April 1, 2025



2024 Review:

- **2024 Water Revenue \$726,000 above estimate (10%)**
 - Related to the dry weather
(Future revenue projections are based on average water use)
- **2024 Water Tap Fees \$1.8 Million above estimate (250%)**
- **2024 Stormwater Revenue \$167,000 above estimate (15%)**
- **Wastewater not weather dependent matched projections**



Past and Proposed Utility Rate

Utility	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Water	13%	0%	3%	0%	0%	2%	0%	0%	6.5%	6%
Wastewater	13%	7%	7%	7%	0%	4%	4%	8%	12.1%	16%
Stormwater	0%	4%	7%	18.5%	0%	5%	5%	9%	14%	14%

Average⁽¹⁾ Monthly Residential Bill:

	Current 2024	Proposed 2025	Difference	Percent Increase
Water	\$47.45	\$50.32	\$2.87	6%
Wastewater	\$38.95 ⁽²⁾	\$45.21	\$6.26	16%
Stormwater	\$7.64	\$8.71	\$1.07	14%
Total	\$94.04	\$104.24	\$10.20	10.8%

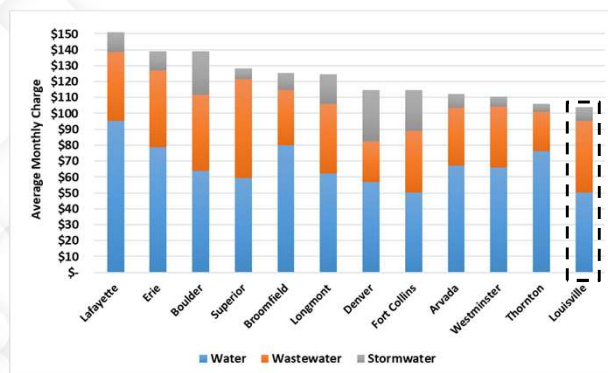
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Overview

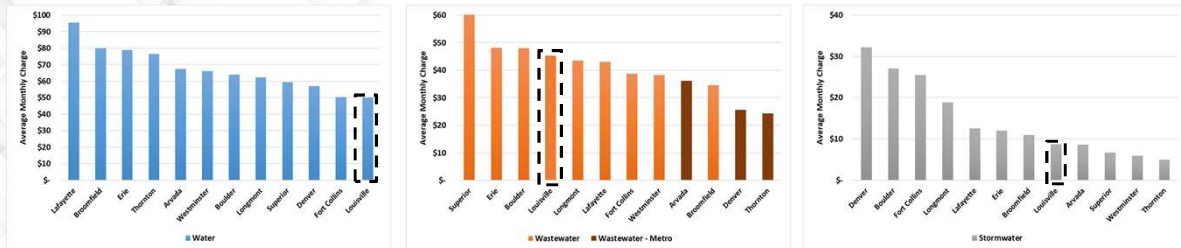
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- Background
 1. Financial Rate Modeling & Timeline
 2. Rate Planning Approaches
 3. Debt Service
 4. Cash Reserve Policy
 5. O&M Turnback Policy (All Funds)
 6. Capital Cash Flow (Wastewater)
 7. Interfund Loan (Water to Wastewater)
- Recommended Rates

Average 2025 Monthly Water, Wastewater & Storm Rates (Louisville Single Family Residential)



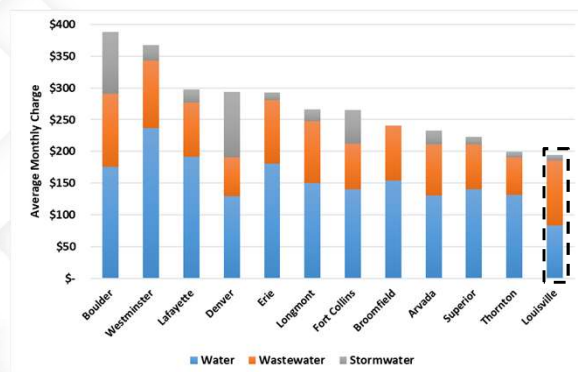
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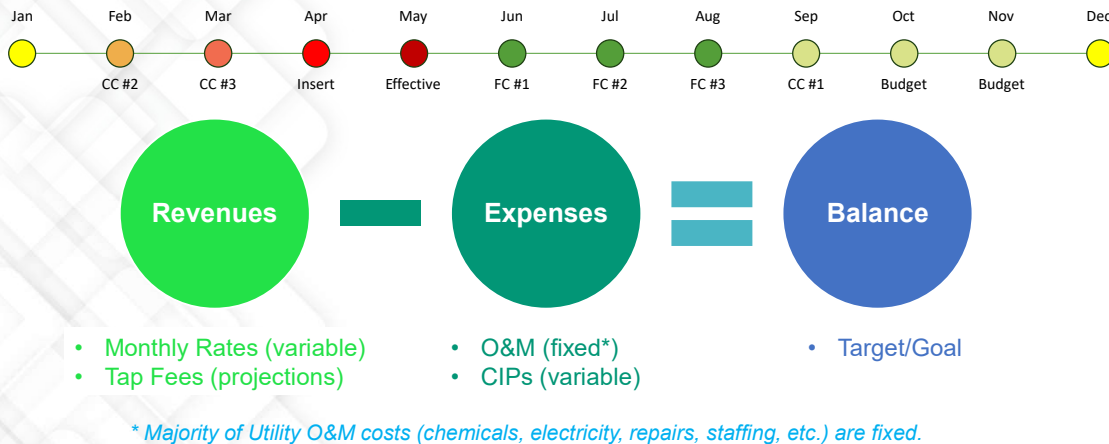
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Monthly Water, Wastewater & Storm Rates (1-inch Commercial User 280,000 gallons/yr)



- There is a greater variety of factors that impact rates for Commercial Users, the above is a single representation

1. Financial Rate Modeling & Timeline



2. Rate Planning Approaches

1. Just in Time

- Revenue increases are aligned for each utility fund to maintain immediate financial self-sufficiency in the year when the expense is budgeted.

2. Smoothing

- Revenue increases are gradually imposed over several years to establish reserves to fund expenses.
- Used since 2013 and recommended.

3A. Debt Service Requirements

1. Debt Service Coverage (DSC):

- Ratio of net revenues (operating revenue less operating expense) to annual debt service payment.

2. Industry Target DCS Philosophy

- Ensure legal DSC minimums are met even if revenue forecasts are not achieved.
- Maintain credit ratings.

3B. Debt Service Coverage

Minimum target represented by the combination of all three Utility Funds

Required DSC Ratio

Colorado Water Resources and Power Development Authority	1.10 (retires 2035)
2013 Water and Wastewater Enterprise Revenue Bonds	1.15 (retired 2025)

Dual Target DSC Ratio

Fund	w/o Tap Fees	with Tap Fees
Water	1.2	1.4
Wastewater	1.2	1.3
Storm	1.3	1.3 ⁽¹⁾

(1) A tap fee for the Stormwater utility has not been established, therefore the dual target is not used

3C. City Utility Debt

Utility	Debt Service Payment (\$million)						
	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031
Water	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Wastewater	\$2.0M	\$2.0M	\$2.0M	\$2.0M	\$2.0M	\$2.0M	\$2.0M
Stormwater	\$0.4M	\$0.4M	\$0.4M	\$0.4M	\$0.4M	\$0.4M	\$0.4M
Total	\$2.4M	\$2.4M	\$2.4M	\$2.4M	\$2.4M	\$2.4M	\$2.4M

4A. Cash Reserves Policy

1. Current Modeled Cash Reserves

- 90 Days Cash or 25% of Total O&M

2. Working Capital Reserves Policy (Section 2.4)

- 25% of Current Operating Expenses
- Additional 2% Fixed Capital Assets (approved 2024)

5A. O&M Turnback

▪ Prior Policy: 10%

Utility Turnback	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Water	16.1%	33.1%	21.4%	20.4%	4.2%	-1.7%	-24.5%	6.5%
Wastewater	10.9%	7.6%	12.6%	15.4%	3.5%	5.3%	-11.1%	3.5%
Stormwater	11.3%	19.4%	21.4%	7.8%	11%	2%	-9.7%	11%

Utility Turnback	8-year Average (2016-2023)	5-year Average (2019-2023)	3-year Average (2020, 2021 & 2023)	2024 Projection
Water	9.4%	1.0%	3.0%	2%
Wastewater	6.0%	3.3%	4.1%	4%
Stormwater	9.3%	4.4%	8.0%	5%

5B. O&M Turnback

Policy Options	Estimating	Rate Adjustment	Added Rate Impacts for 2025	Future Risk	
10% (prior)	Savings - <u>over</u> estimated Expenditures - <u>under</u> estimated	Reactive	None	Higher	
0% (2025+)	Savings - <u>under</u> estimated Expenditures - align with budget	Proactive	Minor to Moderate	Lower	Recommended

6. Wastewater CIP Adjustment

WWTP Solids Handling Upgrades CIP	2024	2025	2026	
July - Forecast	\$3,450,000	\$1,000,000		
Sept - Revision	\$2,500,000	\$1,200,000	\$750,000	
2025 Estimate	\$800,000	\$2,700,000	\$950,000	Recommended

- Redtail Wastewater Plant Upgrades alignment
- Equipment and material lead times

7. Wastewater Loan from Water

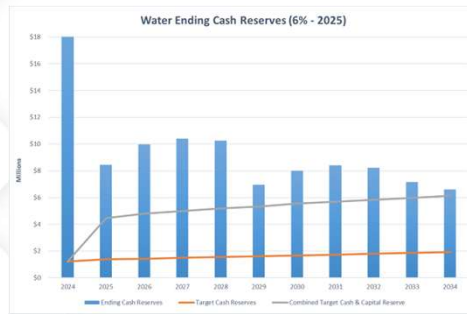
Water	Debit	Credit	Net	Wastewater	Debit	Credit	Net
2025	\$600,000		-\$600,000	2025		\$600,000	\$600,000
2026	\$300,000	\$28,800	-\$871,200	2026	\$28,800	\$300,000	\$871,200
2027		\$43,200	-\$828,000	2027	\$43,200		\$828,000
2028		\$943,200	\$115,200	2028	\$943,200		-\$115,200
TOTAL	\$900,000	\$1,015,200	\$115,200	TOTAL	\$1,015,200	\$900,000	-\$115,200

- Authorized by the accompanying ordinance
- \$900,000 from Water to Wastewater
- Paid back over 3 years at an estimated* 4.8% interest (\$115,200)

*Estimate is based on 2024 actual.

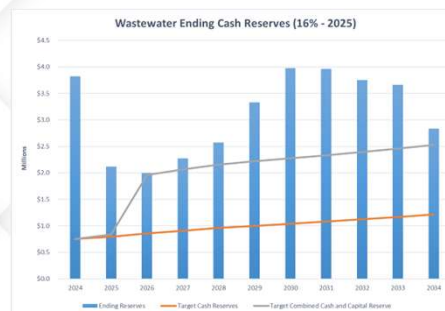
WATER

	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034
2024 Rates (Approved 02/07/24 Council Meeting)										
	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%	4%	4%	4%	2%	2%	
Preliminary Rates (10/17/24 Finance Committee)										
	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%	4%	4%	2%	2%	2%
2025 Recommended Rates										
	6%	6%	6%	6%	6%	4%	4%	2%	2%	2%



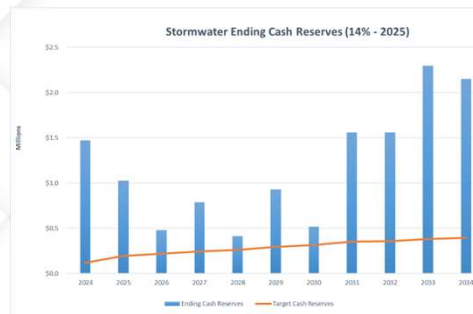
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	12.1%	12.1%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	
Preliminary Rates (10/17/24 Finance Committee)										
	17.5%	17.5%	6%	0%	0%	0%	0%	3%	3%	3%
2025 Recommended Rates										
	16%	16%	9%	0%	0%	0%	0%	3%	3%	3%



STORMWATER

	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034
2024 Rates (Approved 02/07/24 Council Meeting)										
	14%	13%	13%	13%	13%	0%	0%	0%	0%	
Preliminary Rates (10/17/24 Finance Committee)										
	15%	16%	16%	16%	15%	-7%	0%	0%	0%	0%
2025 Recommended Rates										
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